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General Comments

The general performance in Reading has continued to show that students can read, understand and respond to a range of written texts in a perceptive and discerning way with many students achieving good results.

Students did well in answering multiple choice questions on Text 1. As with other series, Text 4, about a trip to an art gallery, presented the greatest level of difficulty.

Students were better able to pinpoint the statement which best described the whole article or one paragraph than in some other series.

In some cases, students wrote a lot in answers which required them to provide specific information with some copying large chunks of the text rather than only presenting the detail which was relevant. In particular, when listing information, students need to read the question carefully and ensure that their answers are as precise as they can make them in terms of appropriate expression and that they only include relevant information.

Text 1

Students generally achieved very well on all six questions with question 6 being the least well answered with 87% of students gaining the maximum mark. Over 99% of students chose the correct answer for questions 1 and 2.

Text 2

Question 7

This question was correctly answered by 95% of students.

Question 8

This question was well answered with 96% of students giving a correct answer for one mark.

Question 9

97% of students gained two marks for listing two examples of fruit or vegetables recommended in the article.

Question 10

This was a well answered multiple choice question with 97% of students listing a correct response.

Question 11

This was a challenging question with 6% of students gaining a full two marks. While many students were able to explain the verb 'apply' accurately, some found the adverb 'moderately' more difficult to explain. 41% of students gained two marks.

Question 12

89% of students gained the full two marks for this question.

Question 13

98% gained both marks for this multiple-choice question.

Question 14

98% of students chose the correct answer in identifying the main purpose of the text.

Text 3

Question 15

97% of students answered this multiple-choice question correctly.

Question 16

98% of students answered this question correctly identifying the temperature increase.

Question 17

This question presented some level of challenge with 26% gaining one mark in correctly managing to explain the phrase 'encased in'.

Question 18

57% of students correctly listed three things that can happen to tennis players in the heat using an appropriate verb. Some students did not understand the concept of feeling like they have weights on their shoulders.

Question 19

This question proved challenging with 29% of students gaining the full two marks in explaining 'Water sports offered no relief' accurately in their own words.

Question 20

This was a well answered question with 83% of students gained the full four marks for this multiple-choice question.

Question 21

28% of students accurately explained the idea that the tennis tournament had been 'disrupted' by the bush fires.

Question 22

This was a well-answered question with 79% of students gaining the full two marks.

Question 23

This question proved a good differentiator. 11% of students explained both ideas accurately and gained the full two marks.

Question 24

94% of students answered this correctly by identifying the main point of the whole article.

Text 4

Question 25

This question acted as a good discriminator. There were 2% of students who managed to explain all three ideas accurately and 23% managing to explain at least two of these ideas.

Question 26

An encouraging 57% gained the full four marks in listing what the writer says about the students.

Question 27

This question presented some challenge with 14% of students gaining the full two marks and 36% of students gaining one mark.

Question 28

This question also presented some challenge with 12% of students gaining the full three marks.

Question 29

This question was well answered with 95% of students choosing correctly in identifying the main point of paragraph 4.

Question 30

32% of students answered correctly explaining what 'less intricate' meant and gaining one mark.

Question 31 and Question 32

These two multiple-choice questions presented students with the challenge of identifying the meaning of some sophisticated vocabulary and were broadly well answered with 66% answering question 31 correctly for the full two marks and 73% question 32 correctly for one mark.

Question 33

This was a challenging question with 5% of students gaining the full 4 marks and 44% gaining three marks.

Question 34

This was a well-answered question with 76% gaining the full four marks.

Question 35

An encouraging 76% of students chose the correct answer.

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