

AP[®] Italian Language and Culture

Sample Student Responses and Scoring Commentary

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Question 2: Argumentative Essay

5 points

General Scoring Note

When applying the scoring guidelines, the response does not need to meet every single criterion in a column. You should award the score according to the preponderance of evidence.

	1	2		3		4		5
	Poor	Weak		Fair		Good		Strong
•	Almost no treatment of topic within the context of the task	Unsuitable treatment of topic within the context of the task	•	Suitable treatment of topic within the context of the task	•	Generally effective treatment of topic within the context of the task	•	Effective treatment of topic within the context of the task
•	Demonstrates poor comprehension of the sources' viewpoints; includes frequent and significant inaccuracies	 Demonstrates a low degree of comprehension of the sources' viewpoints; information may be limited or inaccurate 		Demonstrates a moderate degree of comprehension of the sources' viewpoints; includes some inaccuracies	•	Demonstrates comprehension of the sources' viewpoints; may include a few inaccuracies	•	Demonstrates a high degree of comprehension of the sources' viewpoints, with very few minor inaccuracies
•	Mostly repeats statements from sources or may not refer to any sources	 Summarizes content from one or two sources; may not support an argument 		Summarizes content from at least two sources in support of an argument	•	Summarizes, with limited integration, content from all three sources in support of an argument	•	Integrates content from all three sources in support of an argument
•	Minimally suggests the student's own position on the topic; argument is undeveloped or incoherent	 Presents, or at least suggests, the student's own position on the topic; develops an argument somewhat incoherently 		Presents and defends the student's own position on the topic; develops an argument with some coherence	•	Presents and defends the student's own position on the topic with clarity; develops an argument with coherence	•	Presents and defends the student's own position on the topic with a high degree of clarity; develops an argument with coherence and detail
•	Little or no organization; absence of transitional elements and cohesive devices	Limited organization; ineffective use of transitional elements or cohesive devices		Some organization; limited use of transitional elements or cohesive devices	•	Organized essay; some effective use of transitional elements or cohesive devices	•	Organized essay; effective use of transitional elements or cohesive devices
•	Barely understandable, with frequent or significant errors that impede comprehensibility	 Partially understandable, with errors that force interpretation and cause confusion for the reader 		Generally understandable, with errors that may impede comprehensibility	•	Fully understandable, with some errors that do not impede comprehensibility	•	Fully understandable, with ease and clarity of expression; occasional errors do not impede comprehensibility
•	Very few vocabulary resources	Limited vocabulary and idiomatic language		Appropriate but basic vocabulary and idiomatic language	•	Varied and generally appropriate vocabulary and idiomatic language	•	Varied and appropriate vocabulary and idiomatic language
•	Little or no control of grammar, syntax, and usage	Limited control of grammar, syntax, and usage		Some control of grammar, syntax, and usage	•	General control of grammar, syntax, and usage	•	Accuracy and variety in grammar, syntax, and usage, with few errors
•	Very simple sentences or fragments	Uses strings of simple sentences and phrases		Uses strings of mostly simple sentences, with a few compound sentences	•	Develops mostly paragraph- length discourse with simple, compound, and a few complex sentences	•	Develops paragraph-length discourse with a variety of simple and compound sentences, and some complex sentences

Score of 0: UNACCEPTABLE

- Mere restatement of language from the prompt
- Clearly does not respond to the prompt; completely irrelevant to the topic
- "I don't know," "I don't understand," or equivalent in any language
- Not in the language of the exam

NR: no response, pages are blank

Clarification Note:

There is no single expected format or style for referring to and identifying sources appropriately. For example, test takers may opt to: directly cite content in quotation marks; paraphrase content and indicate that it is "according to Source 1" or "according to the audio file"; refer to the content and indicate the source in parentheses "(Source 2)"; refer to the content and indicate the source using the author's name "(Smith)"; etc.

Task 1: Email Reply

Task 2: Argumentative Essay

Begin your response to each task at the top of a new page. Do not skip lines.

La dieta mediteranea é postosionarios me una delle diete piu Famose al mondo. Questo non é solo à causa del gusto eccezionale dei piatti mediterranei, ma anche à causa degli effeti salutari. Visto che tadieta mediteranea é una delle diete piu salutarie é importante per la salute en seguirla pianeta, la gente dovrebbe seguirla

Per cominciare bisogna definite la dieta mediterranea. Come caratterizzata nella Fonte numero I, la dieta "da elevato apporto di verdure, legumi, frutta fresca e secca e cereali mopmoa... consumo di olio d'oliva di come principale fonte di lipidi, moderato consumo di pesse ... e prodotti lattiero cassari, basso apporto di came e pollane, e una regolare, ma moderata, di vino rosso". Questa dieta é anche "un style di vita" (Fonte numero 3) che momento rispetta la stagionalita é la trodizione di mangiare in sieme i due abitudini essenziali per la salute é le relazioni, especialmente quelle Maragiara Famigliari.

In altre, la dieta mediterranea é stata studiate varie volte confermando a che ha malti aspetti positivi sul corpo humano.

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La Fonte numero 3 discute nel MASSELLAS Siduce il rischio di contro il rischio di contratare. Tra le malatie listate c'é il diabete, la demeria, le malatie caridiovascolarine neurodegenerativi. Riduce pure il rischio di tumori e non ingrassa. Come già menzionato, la dieta aiuta à MANA ridurce l'inquinamento perche segue la stagionalita di Frutta e verdure. Nonostante tutto, certa gente non sta piu potovima valorizando la dieta mediterranea. The Conte numero I spiega che mun recente studio realizzato initalia! ha mostrato un associazione tra lo stato Socioeconomico, identificato dal livello di redito edi instruzione, [e] l'aderenza alla dieta mediterranea". Purtroppo "i soggetti nella Fascia più alta di nia ofilidadora il olist li a olista li anna otibar piana di gora posizionarsi nella Fascia di alta adesione alle dieta mediterrania mostrando que la dieta mediterranea é piu sus Ostasa da mantienere, un ostacolo alto per la gente meno forturata economicamente parlando.

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Alla Fine del giorno, la Fonte numero 2 dimostra che gli italiani sano consaperali degla aspetti positivi della dieta perche i cibi piu present nella dieta mediterranea sono predetti a salire in tendenza nei prossimi la Cinque anni. Per esempio la Frutta dourcibbe salire 37º10 e la verdura al 38º10. È utile anche notare che i prodotti l'attiero-cassari perpenta scenderamo in consumazione, per esempio il latte scendera dal 10º10. La carne rossoni biancha, e i formoggii che non appartengono Fatemente alle dieta diminueranno.

Per Concludere, la gente douvebbe seguire la dieta meditaranea di piu perche é salutarea.

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Nel Mondo di OFFI, cun buen idea di cambiare la Sua dicter Per quella medeteranier. Quesses dieta fa Bene Per tutto il corpo. Si prenele tutti groupe del CiBo.

Per Esempio, In forte uno loro descrivi una dicta medeterana. E hanno verdure, frutta, Pasta, Carne a Tutti Clesti Sono Cosi Per un Buon cena. Anche Sono Cipi Puliti. Non henno tuta la roba extra che mettoro nel Cibo.

In fonte tre loro Parlano della dieta medotoronia, ecome Pulita come fonte uno, Ma loro anche dicoro che in italia fanno ricerca e honno trovalto che reduce il diabette Alshimors e altri Indiatie. tanto della gesta dieta e puono Per il corlo e il cervello.

In fonte due un grouppo Che Genno giistudi in italia ha Gelto una torbella Per dimostrare i pensicri quando compra il cibo in italia, aesto demostra che loro pensain ramio Piu verdure e frutte, e mero ciana ausso e Salumio.

In Conclusione la diéta mediterranea L'fer bene Perte e tant: lo Sa, tenti communo diktary te cose, Altri No.

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Task 2: **Argumentative Essay**

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Penso che la dieta mediterranon e multi benific en vita. La dieta e sustainable e verde. Non at cibs e credere. La dieta e non difficile. La cibo e multo diversico. & Penso che degli individu; punti e differentante. In Italia la dieta mediferannea e non multi differente to the modern L'infogration devi elaborar la cibo mangera. La gibo e verdura fresca o cotta, fruta, Legumi, pesce, e carnio. Non posta, latte, Sormaggi, salumi e affettati, e carni rose. "Pieta Mediterranea, nutrissi bene Le difficile) ai tempa della crisi" integrare i diversi punti. E publiche L'articolo den elaborare la economi da diversi futtori en la direto. Italian il modello alimentore mediterraneo. Penso che la dieta mediterianea e multi benific, e non difficile. In ha particolare la nutrizionale benific. L'articolo "Dieta mediteranea, nutrisi bene (e diffile) ai tempa della crisi' devi duborare la visula. È multi verde e

bene en la vita.

Question 2

Note: Student samples are quoted verbatim and may contain spelling and grammatical errors.

Overview

The question overviews can be found in the "Chief Reader Report on Student Responses" on AP Central.

Sample: 2A Score: 5

This response constitutes a strong performance in Presentational Writing, demonstrating an effective treatment of the topic in a well-developed argumentative essay. The response clearly and coherently argues that the Mediterranean diet is a healthy and more sustainable diet that should be followed more often ("Visto che la dieta mediteranea é é importante per la salute umana e del pianeta, la gente dovrebbe seguirla di piu."). Moreover, the response demonstrates a high degree of comprehension of all three sources and integrates them effectively throughout the essay in support of the argument. The essay cites Source 1 to offer a definition of the Mediterranean diet. Source 3 is then integrated as evidence to support the position ("Questa dieta é anche 'un style di vita' (Fonte numero 3) che rispetta la stagionalita é la tradizione di mangiare in sieme, due abitudini essenziali per la salute é le relazioni, especialmente quelle famigliari"). Source 1 is then used to indicate the costly nature of adopting the Mediterranean diet ("mostrando que la dieta mediterranea é piu costosa da mantienere, un ostacolo alto per la gente meno fortunata economicamente parlando."). Finally, the response accurately summarizes Source 2 by capturing that the infographic is a five-year projection of dietary trends in Italy that favors the consumption of fruits and vegetables over red meats and cheese. Regarding the organization and language, the essay utilizes transitional elements well ("Per cominciare"; "In oltre"; "Nonostante tutto"; "Alla fine del giorno"; "Per concludere"). While there are occasional minor errors in the language ("tra le malatie listate"), the use of complex sentences ("Nonostante tutto, certa gente non sta piu valorizando") and appropriate vocabulary ("gusto eccezionale"; "stagionalita") make this response fully understandable with ease and clarity. Overall, this is a strong response that earned a score of 5.

Sample: 2B Score: 3

This response constitutes a fair performance in Presentational Writing. It demonstrates a suitable treatment of the topic within the context of developing an argumentative essay. The response argues that adopting a Mediterranean-style diet is beneficial for the body, as it is inherently balanced ("Qesta dieta fa Bene per tutto il corpo. Si prende tutti grouppi del ciBo"). The essay is organized well, including an introduction ("Nel mondo di oggi, eun buon idea di cambiare la Sua dieta per qella Medeterania"), a very short paragraph for each source, and a conclusion that repeats the essay's position ("In conclusione la dieta mediterranea ti fa bene per te e tannti lo sa. tanti comprano differente cose, Altri No."). The response demonstrates a moderate degree of comprehension of the sources with some inaccuracies and limited elaboration. Other than a minimal transition to the first source ("Per esempio"), information is presented in unconnected, separate paragraphs devoted to each respective source. Source 1 is cited as describing the Mediterranean diet ("loro descrivi una dieta medeterania. e hanno verdure, frutta, pasta, carne"; "Anche sono cibi puliti") and is further summarized in vague terms ("Sono cosi per un Buon cena").

Question 2 (continued)

Information from Source 2 is used to reiterate that the Mediterranean diet is based on vegetables and fruits and less on red meat and deli meats. Source 3 provides further evidence in support of the Mediterranean diet by underscoring its health benefits ("e hanno trovato che reduce il diabette, Alshimers e altri malatie..."). Although all three sources are included in the essay, there is a lack of integration and therefore only a weak connection between the sources and the thesis. The essay shows some organization with limited use of transitional elements ("Per Esempio"; "In conclusione"). Despite errors and a moderate control of grammar ("loro descrivi una dieta medeterania"; "e tannti lo sa. tanti comprano differente cose, Altri No"), the essay is generally understandable; the vocabulary is appropriate but basic ("Per dimostrare i pensieri quando compra il cibo in italia"). Overall, this is a fair response that earned a score of 3.

Sample: 2C Score: 2

This response demonstrates a weak performance in Presentational Writing. It offers an unsuitable treatment of the topic within the context of the task of developing an argumentative essay. While the first paragraph presents a position statement, it initially reutilizes the wording from the prompt itself. The information that follows is unclear because of errors in the language and lacks elaboration ("Si, la gente dovrebbe seguire la dieta mediterannea. Penso che la dieta mediterranea e multi benific en vita."). The essay contains a string of simple sentences that exhibit limited grammar ("Non cibo e credere"; "La cibo e multo diversico."). There is an unsuccessful attempt to integrate information from two sources. In citing Source 2, the response demonstrates limited understanding from the infographic, recycling vocabulary from the legend ("la cibo e verdura fresca o cotta, fruta, Legumi, pesce, e carni. Non pasta, latte, formaggi, salumi e affettati, e carni rose."). Information from Source 1 is limited and inaccurate, as it repeats the title of the article and includes language from the task prompt instructions ("L'articolo devi elaborare da diversi fattori en la dieta."). There is no reference made to Source 3. The essay has limited organization and is only partially understandable, as it includes terms in Spanish that cause confusion for the reader ("E multi verde e bene en la vita."). Overall, the response is weak and thus earned a score of 2.