

ITALIAN

B2

Inform oneself about an aid project

Description of Test Task*

The task described here was provided by the renowned test institution telc (Germany). Telc test tasks have been subject to the ALTE auditing procedures. In the MERLIN project, all written learner productions were re-rated by especially trained telc raters who used the MERLIN rating grid. It should be noted that the descriptions below refer to these post hoc rating procedures, not to the original marking inside the test institutions.

Report on analysis of	Writing
Target language of this test	Italian
Target level (CEFR) of this test	B2
Task number/name	Espressione scritta (lettera) 1325-S10-030300 (option 1)

General Information - the whole original test

1	Total test time	Ca. 155 minutes + a 20 minute break
2	Purpose	General proficiency

3 Examination background

High stakes test developed by telc.

4 Candidature

Adult language learners

5 Structure of the test

Language Elements, Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking

*The original template for this grid was developed by ALTE members. www.alte.org

General Information - the writing component

6	Number of tasks in the writing paper	1
7	Total component time	30 minutes
8	Integration of skills	Reading and writing
9	Channel	Handwritten
10	CEFR level of this component	B2

11 The writing component format

Open writing task

12 Specific Information - example task

Candidates choose between two contextualised communicative tasks such as writing a formal letter to apply for a position with a charitable association. Four additional points help the candidates to structure their text. Candidates are reminded to organize their ideas appropriately and to compose an appropriate introduction and conclusion. They are also reminded not to forget to write their own and the addressee's address and the date.

13 Mark distribution in MERLIN

n.a.

14 Task rating in MERLIN

The test was rated on the basis of the MERLIN rating grid which is directly related to the CEFR levels. The grid is available on the MERLIN platform.

15 Effective level

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16 Sample task:

4 **Espressione scritta**

Leggete su un giornale questo annuncio:

Lavoro, studio e contatto con il territorio sono gli ingredienti fondamentali dei campi estivi di Solidarietà Viva che durano, in media, dieci giorni. Il lavoro consiste nel recupero sia di materiale riciclabile sia di oggetti da vendere nei mercatini dell'usato. Il denaro guadagnato serve a finanziare progetti di sviluppo che Solidarietà Viva realizza in Africa, Asia e America latina. Lo studio invece serve a riflettere insieme su aspetti particolari dei problemi legati al sottosviluppo. Come ogni anno i campi di Solidarietà Viva sono organizzati per varie fasce d'età: dai 18 ai 30 anni, dai 30 ai 55, dai 55 in poi. Il primo campo inizia il 3 luglio, l'ultimo si conclude il 18 settembre.

**Per informazioni rivolgersi a:
Solidarietà Viva
Viale Bruzzi 117
21023 Milano**

Scrivete a "Solidarietà Viva" trattando

a) o almeno tre dei seguenti punti

b) oppure due dei seguenti punti ed un ulteriore argomento a vostra scelta:

- offrendo il vostro aiuto
- dando qualche informazione sulla vostra persona
- dicendo in che periodo sareste liberi
- parlando di una vostra (eventuale) esperienza in un campo di lavoro

Prima di cominciare a scrivere la lettera, pensate in che ordine volete trattare gli argomenti e quali potrebbero essere una introduzione e una conclusione appropriate. Non dimenticate il vostro indirizzo, l'indirizzo del destinatario, la data, le formule di apertura e di chiusura.

Scrivete almeno 150 parole.

i) Task input/prompt		
17	Language of input/prompt	Italian
18	CEFR level of input/prompt	B2
19	Time permitted or suggested for this task	30 minutes
20	Control/guidance	Semi-controlled
21	Content	Specified
22	Genre	Formal letter
23	Rhetorical function(s) of input	Describing, explaining, expositing, suggesting
24	Imagined audience	Committee of a charitable association
25	Mode of input/prompt	Written
26	Topic or theme of input	Work / education
27	Integration of skills for input	Reading

ii) Response (description of written response elicited by the prompt(s)/input)		
28	Number of words expected	n.a.
29	Rhetorical function(s) expected	Describing, expositing, suggesting, expressing probability
30	Text purpose	Referential, conative, phatic
31	Register	Formal
32	Domain	Educational / occupational
33	Grammatical competence expected	(B1) B2
34	Lexical competence expected	(B1) B2
35	Discoursal competence expected	(B1) B2
36	Authenticity: situational	High
37	Authenticity: interactional	High
38	Cognitive processing	Reproduction of known ideas
39	Content knowledge required	General / non-specialised knowledge areas

iii) Rating of Task in the MERLIN project		
40	Known criteria	MERLIN rating grid
41	Task rating method	Analytical scale
42	Assessment criteria	Grammatical accuracy, lexical range & accuracy, coherence/cohesion, orthography, sociolinguistic appropriateness, task fulfilment
43	Number and combination of raters	Each test was rated by a trained rater; 10% of the tests were double-rated. The double-ratings serve as a link to calculate a fair average, i.e. to adjust test results to rater severity/lenience. Please note that telc generally provides double-ratings.