ITALIAN	
B1	
Answer to an wedding invitation	

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	**B1**
Task number/name	**Espressione scritta**
	1365-S10-020300

General Information - the whole original test

1	Total test time	Ca. 165 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

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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	B1

11 The writing component format

Open writing task

12 Specific Information - example task

Candidates receive a short description of a contextualised communicative task such as replying to a wedding invitation, congratulating and thanking someone for the invitation, RSVPing, and asking about desired wedding gifts. Four additional points help candidates structure their texts.

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 la seguente partecipazione

BEATRICE E STEFANO

SARANNO LIETI DI INCONTRARE PARENTI ED AMICI,
DOPO LA CERIMONIA,
AL RISTORANTE "DA CIRO"

R. S. V. P.
080 - 55.01.53.29.

GIANNI RUSSO ED EMMA RUSSO
SARACCHI ANNUNCIANO IL MATRIMONIO
DELLA FIGLIA BEATRICE CON

MARCELLO CAPURRO E HURIEH CAPURRO
BAHARLU ANNUNCIANO IL MATRIMONIO
DEL FIGLIO STEFANO CON

STEFANO TITTARELLI

BEATRICE RUSSO

NAPOLI, 20 NOVEMBRE
CHIESA DI SANTA CHIARA ORE 17.30

NAPOLI
VIA FRIULI, 72

NAPOLI
VIA FRIULI, 72

NAPOLI
VIA OSMA, 2

e rispondete

- facendo le vostre congratulazioni

- ringraziando dell'invito

- dicendo se potete andare o no

- chiedendo cosa potete regalare.

	i) Task input/prompt	
17	Language of input/prompt	Italian
18	CEFR level of input/prompt	B1
19	Time permitted or suggested for this task	30 minutes
20	Control/guidance	Semi-controlled
21	Content	Specified
22	Genre	Letter (personal)
23	Rhetorical function(s) of input	Announcing and inviting to an event
24	Imagined audience	Friend/acquaintance
25	Mode of input/prompt	Written
26	Topic or theme of input	Invitation to marriage
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	Congratulating, thanking, expressing possibility, asking for an advice, greeting
30	Text purpose	Emotive, phatic, metalingual
31	Register	Unmarked to formal
32	Domain	Private
33	Grammatical competence expected	B1
34	Lexical competence expected	B1
35	Discoursal competence expected	B1
36	Authenticity: situational	High
37	Authenticity: interactional	High

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38	Cognitive processing	Reproduction of known ideas
39	Content knowledge required	Personal/everyday life 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.

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