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OPTION A

ITALIANO? “NEIN”: A PART OF ITALY WANTS OUT

1 In Italy's Alps, at the border with Austria, there's a land where people speak in German and dream of independence. Once part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, it was annexed by Italy at the end of World War I. But even today, not a single drop of Italian blood runs through the veins of its more than 500,000 inhabitants. They feel and simply
5 are still Austro-German. If a Napolitan or Roman, but even a Florentine, pops up asking for directions, they'll look at him in a funny way trying to grasp what he's saying and might reluctantly reply in Italian with a pronounced German accent.

In honor of bilingualism, all roads, locations, villages and peaks bear both German and Italian names. Citizens' ID cards are different from the rest of Italy's -they are green and written in both languages. Children go to separate schools according to their mother
10 tongue, and there's even a third linguistic group: Ladin, an alpine version of Vulgar Latin.

Real Italians here are in a minority. Those coming from other parts of the boot will
14 feel like fish out of water, while foreigners might think they've inadvertently stepped across the border into Austria.

QUESTIONS

**[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C.
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).**

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

Why do people in a certain Italian region speak in German?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each).

- B1. There are no Italians whose mother tongue is German.
- B2. In Italy's Alps citizens' ID cards are written exclusively in German.
- B3. In Italy's Alps people coming from other parts of Italy always feel at home.

C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct (0.5 points as a whole).

In Italy's Alps locations have ...

- a) German and Italian names.
- b) Italian names.
- c) Ladin names.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

- a) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:**
90 percent of taxes raised in Alto Adige remains within the territory.
- b) **Transform into reported speech:** Several mountain huts have had their original German names restored. **Begin with:** *They stated that ...*
- c) **Transform into the active voice:** It was annexed by Italy at the end of World War I.
- d) **Complete:** If I lived in the north of Italy I ...

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- **Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:**
 - a) group of countries or states under a single ruler
 - b) a very small quantity of liquid
- **Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:**
 - c) understand
 - d) type
 - e) unintentionally

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living in a bilingual region.



OPTION B

WHY ARE SMART APPLIANCES SO STUPID?

1 Every year at the Consumer Electronics Show, the world’s gadget makers unveil a slate of refrigerators, ovens, and washer-dryers that they insist have been infused with superior intelligence. And every year, everyone mocks. That’s because smart appliances’ “abilities” are usually pretty stupid and never worth the price. This year Samsung showed off a \$4,000 fridge called the T9000. It’s got an LCD touch screen and a wireless connection to the Internet. That’s the *sine qua non* of intelligence according to gadget makers—slap a touch screen and Wi-Fi on a fridge and voilà, you’ve got yourself an icebox with an IQ to rival Einstein’s! Why do you need a touch screen and

10 Wi-Fi on your fridge? Is it better for your cucumbers? That’s where the whole argument breaks down. The T9000 will show you a clock, news headlines, and let you use apps like Evernote right on the door. Apparently you can add an item to your grocery list by tapping it into the fridge then have it available to you on your phone later on. Why wouldn’t you just type it into your phone

15 in the first place? Or on one of the four iPads you’ve likely got lying around, considering that you’re rich enough to drop \$4,000 on a fridge?

QUESTIONS

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C (3 POINTS AS A WHOLE).

A. Answer the following question using your own words (10 to 20 words) (1 point).

What are, apparently, the advantages of having a touch screen and Wi-Fi on your fridge?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice (2 points as a whole: 0.5 each).

- B1. New refrigerators have been infused with superior intelligence.
- B2. The T9000 is almost \$ 4,000.
- B3. Cucumbers keep better in smart refrigerators.
- B4. If you have a T9000 you probably can afford four iPads.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN (2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH).

a) Put into the passive: You can add an item to your grocery list.

b) Complete:

If I were rich enough to drop \$ 4,000 on a fridge...

c) Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:

He just wants a fridge that keeps food cooled and makes good ice.

d) Fill in with the correct verb forms:

Nowadays some critics (argue) that the self-evident stupidity of these smart gadgets (show) that the entire pursuit of intelligence in our appliances is misguided.

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH).

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a person who purchases goods and services for personal use
- b) the amount of money expected, required, or given in payment for something

- Find synonyms in the text for each of the words below:

- c) reveal
- d) ridicules
- e) employ

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 100-120 WORDS (4 POINTS).

How would your life be without smart devices around?