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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  
10 and written in both languages. Children go to separate schools according to their mother  
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.