



**HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**

**1995**

**ITALIAN**

**2/3 UNIT (COMMON)**

**SPEAKING SKILLS**

*(20 Marks)*

**DIRECTIONS TO TEACHER/EXAMINER**

- This paper must NOT be made available to candidates.
- The Situations, Reading examination, and Conversation examination will be recorded on cassette. The cassette recorder should not be stopped until the whole examination is completed.
- Candidates have 15 minutes' preparation time before recording begins.
- Candidates are NOT permitted to make written notes.
- Candidates should state the number of each question.
- Candidates should attempt ALL questions in the Situations.
- The Conversation examination will immediately follow the Reading examination.

**TEACHER/EXAMINER'S COPY**

**SITUATIONS**

(8 Marks)

1. You are talking with a vendor at a Florentine gift shop.
  - Tell her that you want to buy a present typical of this region.
  - Say that it should be small, because you don't have much room in your suitcase.
  - Say that it is for an older person who spends a lot of time at home.
  - Say that you would like to spend between 20,000 and 30,000 lire.
  
2. You have been elected as class representative in the school council.
  - Thank the students who voted for you.
  - Say that the first meeting will be in a week's time.
  - Say that you will all discuss how to improve the school.
  - Say that you are always available if they have any problems.
  
3. You are talking to your coach.
  - Say that on Saturday you start working in a record shop.
  - Say that you found the advertisement in the local newspaper.
  - Say that you are happy because you had been looking for months.
  - Say that the only disadvantage is that you will no longer be able to be part of the volleyball team.
  
4. You are talking to an Italian friend about where you lived in Australia.
  - Say that you grew up in a suburb a few kilometres from the city centre.
  - Say that it was pleasant living there, because there were many young people of different cultures.
  - Say that unfortunately traffic pollution is worse now.
  - Say that when he/she comes to Australia you will show him/her your favourite places.

**READING AND CONVERSATION EXAMINATION****READING EXAMINATION PASSAGE**

(4 Marks)

Una scuola di Centocelle, alla periferia di Roma, fino a poco tempo fa considerata «a rischio», è stata completamente trasformata dagli studenti. Le pareti erano scrostate o coperte da scritte razziste. Così gli studenti si sono rivolti al preside che ha dato il permesso di realizzare la loro idea. Per quindici giorni ragazzi e ragazze hanno lavorato ripulendo le pareti, che hanno poi ridipinto e ricoperto di coloratissimi disegni murali, ispirati ai fumetti. Il risultato è stato stupefacente. Ora nessuno si azzarda più a sporcare i muri. Ha detto un genitore: «Mio figlio adesso va a scuola volentieri».

**CONVERSATION QUESTIONS**

(8 Marks)

1. Descrivi un po' l'ambiente in cui tu preferisci studiare.
2. Studiare una lingua straniera è necessario in Australia?
3. Che cosa hai trovato di più interessante nella tua vita scolastica?
4. Parla del lavoro che vuoi fare e perché?
5. Cosa fai tu per proteggere la natura?
6. Se hai un problema con chi ti confidi? Perché?
7. Secondo te, è un vantaggio o uno svantaggio essere figli unici?
8. In che modo il computer ha cambiato la nostra vita?

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