



HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

1995

ITALIAN

2 UNIT 2

SPEAKING SKILLS

(25 Marks)

DIRECTIONS 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.
- You have 15 minutes' preparation time before recording begins.
- You are NOT permitted to make written notes.
- State the number of each question.
- Attempt ALL questions in the Situations.
- The Conversation examination will immediately follow the Reading examination.

CANDIDATE'S COPY

SITUATIONS

(10 Marks)

1. You are talking to a friend.
 - Say that you have just finished an interesting book.
 - Say that it is the diary of two young Australians in Florence.
 - Say that he/she must read it, if he/she has time.
 - Say that there is a copy in the library.

2. A friend asks you out.
 - Say that you do not want to go out this evening.
 - Say that you prefer to stay home and go to bed early.
 - Say that you will meet him/her at another time.
 - Say that you will phone him/her during the week.

3. You are in a language class in Siena.
 - Tell the teacher that you don't understand and ask him/her to repeat the question.
 - Say that you have studied Italian at school for a year and a half.
 - Say that you are living with an Italian family.
 - Say that they are helping you a lot with the language.

4. At the post office.
 - Tell the employee that you want to send a parcel to Australia.
 - Say that it is a Christmas present.
 - Ask how much it costs by airmail.
 - Ask him/her how long it will take to get there.

5. Talking to your employer.
 - Say that you are sorry but you cannot work on Saturday.
 - Say that you are going to your brother's wedding.
 - Say that it is a very special day for your family.
 - Say that you will bring some photos when they are ready.

READING AND CONVERSATION EXAMINATION**READING EXAMINATION PASSAGE**

(5 Marks)

VIVERE IN AUSTRALIA

Trasferirsi in Australia vuol dire vivere in un ambiente sano dove la giornata si svolge in gran parte all'aria aperta. Grande quasi come gli Stati Uniti, l'Australia ha circa un quarto degli abitanti dell'Italia. Nell'ultimo anno la crescita economica è stata superiore al 5 per cento. I prezzi sono più bassi che in Italia, circa la metà, e lo stile di vita molto informale.

La presenza di una numerosa comunità italiana rende più facile l'inserimento. Appena arrivati si possono affittare appartamenti anche per poche settimane. Le località dov'è possibile trovare un lavoro sono le grandi città, particolarmente nel settore del turismo che è in piena espansione.

The Conversation Examination (10 Marks) will follow the Reading Examination.

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