



B O A R D O F S T U D I E S
NEW SOUTH WALES

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

1999

MODERN GREEK

2 UNIT Z

READING

(10 Marks)

AND

SPEAKING SKILLS

(10 Marks)

*Time allowed—Approximately 15 minutes
(Plus 15 minutes preparation time)*

DIRECTIONS TO TEACHER/EXAMINER AND CANDIDATES

- Candidates are allowed 15 minutes preparation time before the examination begins.
- After the Teacher/Examiner has started the cassette recorder, candidates should state their Centre Number and Student Number, then say, 'The examination now begins'.
- In the Speaking Skills, candidates must state the number of each item and then proceed with the speaking examination.

TEACHER/EXAMINER AND CANDIDATE'S COPY

SECTION I

Read the following passage aloud.

Οι Ολυμπιακοί Αγώνες γεννήθηκαν στην Ελλάδα. Πήραν το όνομά τους από την Αρχαία Ολυμπία όπου γίνονταν κάθε τέσσερα χρόνια προς τιμή του Δία.

Ήταν η μεγαλύτερη αθλητική γιορτή των Ελλήνων. Όσο διαρκούσαν οι Αγώνες σταματούσε κάθε πόλεμος.

Ύστερα από δεκαπέντε αιώνες ο Γάλλος βαρόνος, Πιερ ντε Κουμπερταίν, αναβίωσε τους Ολυμπιακούς Αγώνες που έγιναν το 1896 στην Αθήνα. Από τότε γίνονται κάθε τέσσερα χρόνια σε διάφορες μεγάλες πόλεις του κόσμου.

Η Ολυμπιακή φλόγα μεταφέρεται από την Ολυμπία στην πόλη όπου τελούνται οι Αγώνες κάθε φορά. Ο Έλληνας ποιητής Κωστής Παλαμάς έγραψε τον Ολυμπιακό Ύμνο που μελοποιήθηκε από τον συνθέτη Σπύρο Σαμαρά.

SECTION II

Respond to the following cues in GREEK.

SITUATION 1 At a Greek taverna

- Ask if you can sit near the door.
- Order some appetizers and some Greek wine.
- Ask what time the music starts.

SITUATION 2 At the Post Office

- Say that you would like to send a parcel to Sparta.
- Say that you would also like to send some postcards to Australia.
- Ask how much it all costs.
- Repeat the cost: 1,560 drachmas.

SITUATION 3 You are in a clothing store

- Tell the salesperson you like the blue jumper.
- Ask for a size 46.
- Say that it is a present for your brother.
- Ask if it can be exchanged if he does not like it.

SITUATION 4 You are discussing your holiday plans with a friend

- Say that you will be going to Italy in summer.
- Say that you will rent a house in the mountains.
- Say that it is 20 km from the sea.
- Mention some of the activities you will be involved in.

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SITUATION 5 You have just bought a new house

- Tell your friends that you like your new house very much.
- Say that it is a big house with a beautiful garden.
- Say that it is in a quiet street, close to parks and shops.
- Invite your friends around for a coffee.

SITUATION 6 At the travel agency

- Say that you have come to collect your plane tickets to America.
- Confirm that you will be travelling on 26 June.
- Say that you are returning on 18 August.
- Ask the travel agent to book your hotel.

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