

M.A. FIRST LEVEL EXAMINATION

**IT1006: ITALIAN RENAISSANCE BOOK OF MANNERS**

May 2005 - Time allowed: 1 hour

Candidates should answer **both** Section A **and** Section B  
Answer in English

**Section A (worth 80%)**

Answer **ONE** of the following questions:

- EITHER a) What are the underlying principles in the *Galateo*? Why does Della Casa prefer to begin with examples rather than with general rules?
- OR b) What type of dialogue form is used by Castiglione in *Il libro del cortegiano*? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this form?
- OR c) Do the books of Della Casa and Castiglione have anything to say about the contemporary political situation in Italy, or do they simply ignore it completely?

Section B/

**Section B (worth 20%)**

Write a brief explanatory note (no more than 4 lines) on each of the following:

1. *cirimonie*

2. *sprezzatura*

3. *affettazione*

4. *Teofrasto*

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