

# Italian

## Examination board – Edexcel

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The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Italian consists of two externally examined papers assessing listening, reading and writing and a speaking assessment. The speaking assessment is externally set and conducted by a teacher-examiner. All assessments are marked by Pearson. Students must complete their speaking assessment during a timetabled assessment window in April/May and all other assessments in May/June in any single year. It is usual for teachers to conduct the speaking assessment with their students during a timetabled assessment window in April/May.

### Edexcel A Level Content

#### **Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Translation** **(\*Paper code: 91N0/01)**

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 40% of the qualification
- 80 marks

Themes are based on the society and culture of the language being studied.

#### **Section A: Listening (30 marks)**

A listening assessment based on a recording that features male and female Italian speakers.

Students will respond to comprehension questions based on a variety of contexts and sources.

#### **Section B: Reading (30 marks)**

A reading assessment based on a variety of text types and genres where students must respond to comprehension questions.

#### **Section C: Translation into English (20 marks)**

An unseen passage to be translated from Italian into English.

#### **Paper 2: Written Response to Works and Translation** **(\*Paper code: 91N0/02)**

- Written examination: 2 hours and 40 minutes
- 30% of the qualification
- 120 marks

This paper draws on the study of two discrete Italian works: either two literary texts or one literary text and one film. The literary texts listed include novels, a play and short stories. The six films are all feature length.

#### **Section A: Translation (20 marks)**

Students translate an unseen passage from English into Italian.

#### **Section B: Written response to works (literary texts) (50 marks)**

Students must write an extended response on either one or two of the literary texts listed in Appendix 2: Prescribed literary texts and films. Students select one question from a choice of two for each of their chosen literary text(s).

#### **Section C: Written Response to Works (Films) (50 marks)**

Students who answer only one question from a literary text in Section B must now write an extended response on one of the films listed. Students select one question from a choice of two for their chosen film.

#### **Paper 3: Speaking** **(\*Paper code: 91N0/03)**

- Internally conducted and externally assessed. Total assessment time: between 21 and 23 minutes, which includes a single period of 5 minutes' formal preparation time

- 30% of the qualification
- 72 marks

Task 1 draws on vocabulary and structures across all four themes. Task 2 is based on independent research selected and carried out by the student. The research may be based on one of the themes or on the student's own subject of interest related to Italian-speaking society and culture. Students will be assessed on their ability to use a range of language accurately, communicate and interact effectively, summarise and analyse findings from written sources relating to their research subject, and show knowledge and understanding about Italian speaking culture and society.

### **GCSE Entry Requirements**

We would like students to have achieved grade 7 – 9 at GCSE.