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CERTIFICATE IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE (2 years)

Paper I: Translation(a) from Italian into English, (b) From English into Italian; Composition; Comprehension; Elements of civilisation

Objectives: The objective of this course is to make the students aware of the basics of Italian language and its common usage. The course also aims to provide the opportunity to develop independent skills to facilitate translation to and from Italian.

Outcome: The outcome from this course is to have early access to the Italian language as a creative tool. The students can effectively develop their own usage of the language for various purposes. This paper also helps to understand the Italian culture and civilisation through a proper exposure to the texts and exercises.

Paper II: Grammar exercises

Objectives: This course aims to create a strong knowledge of the basic grammar of Italian and its usages in order to be able to use the language as flawless tool of communication.

Outcome: The outcome from this course is a working knowledge of basic Italian grammar, to be able to formulate complete sentences using correct tenses and to understand the notions of grammar.

Paper III: Oral examination

- a) Dictation, of an unseen passage in Italian which would be easily understandable to the students.
- b) Reading of an unseen Italian passage and answering basic questions from it.
- c) Reading of a known passage/text in Italian and answering questions from it.
- d) Describing a situation or narrating a story based on visuals from photos or pictures.
- e) Simple conversations.

Objectives: This paper aims to develop the speaking skills of the student in the foreign language through constant practice. Aspects of pronunciation as well as though memorisation the colloquial usage of the language is grasped. Various applications as well as online courses follow a similar approach to help travellers and students learn faster. However, a complete paper focusing on the essentials of pronunciation, sentence formation and mannerism, as well as possessing proper speaking etiquette in a foreign language is important to grasp the complete potential of the language in communications.

Outcome: The outcome of the course to attain a working knowledge of the language: to be able to independently converse in Italian and engage in basic conversations.