



## ITALIAN

### Pearson Edexcel

This motivating course of study will enable students to develop an advanced level knowledge and understanding of the Italian language, the culture of Italy and other Italian countries and communities, as well as practical and valuable language and transferable study skills. The specification will help prepare students for higher education and enhance their employability profile.

The Italian Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level course consists of two externally-examined written exams and one non-examined speaking assessment. The first written exam comprises listening, reading, translation and writing skills, using vocabulary and structures based on themes relating to Italian society and culture. The second written paper draws on the study of either an Italian book or film. The speaking assessment is externally set and conducted by a teacher-examiner. All assessments are marked by Pearson. Students are required to respond to set themes and to show knowledge and understanding about Italian-speaking culture and society.

The Italian Advanced Level course consists of two externally-examined written exams, which further develop the skills of listening, reading, translation and writing and one non-examined speaking assessment, which has an emphasis on independent research and involves a presentation and discussion. The speaking assessment is externally set and conducted by a teacher-examiner. All assessments are marked by Pearson.

#### **AS themes:**

**Theme 1: I cambiamenti della società italiana.** This theme covers social issues and trends in Italy.

**Theme 2: La cultura politica ed artistica nei paesi di lingua italiana.** This theme covers artistic culture (through music, festivals and traditions) and political and artistic culture (through media) in Italian-speaking countries and communities.

#### **Advanced Level themes:**

**Theme 1: I cambiamenti della società italiana.** This theme covers social issues and trends in Italy.

**Theme 2: La cultura politica ed artistica nei paesi di lingua italiana.** This theme covers artistic culture (through music, festivals and traditions) and political and artistic culture (through media) in Italian-speaking countries and communities.

**Theme 3: L'Italia: una società in evoluzione.** This theme covers social issues and trends in Italy.

**Theme 4: Dal fascismo ai giorni nostri.** This theme covers political culture in Italy, from Fascism to Italy today.

## Assessment Overview:

### Italian AS Level

**Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation****Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes****40% of the qualification****64 marks**

Section A: Listening (24 marks)

Section B: Reading (28 marks)

Section C: Translation into English (12 marks)

**Paper 2: Written response to works and translation****Written examination: 1 hour and 40 minutes****30% of the qualification****60 marks**

Section A: Translation from English into Italian (20 marks)

Section B: Written response to works (literary texts) (40 marks)

**OR**

Section C: Written response to works (films) (40 marks)

**Paper 3: Speaking****Internally conducted and externally assessed****Total assessment time: between 27 and 30 minutes, which includes a single period of 15 minutes' formal preparation time****30% of the qualification****72 marks**

Task 1: Responding to written language and discussion based on Theme 1 (42 marks)

Task 2: Discussion on Theme 2 (30 marks)

### Italian Advanced Level

**Paper 1: Listening, reading and translation****Written examination: 2 hours****40% of the qualification****80 marks**

Section A: Listening (30 marks)

Section B: Reading (30 marks)

Section C: Translation into English (20 marks)

**Paper 2: Written response to works and translation****Written examination: 2 hours and 40 minutes****30% of the qualification****120 marks**

Section A: Translation from English into Italian (20 marks)

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

Section C: Written response to works (films) (50 marks)

**Paper 3: Speaking****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: Discussion on a theme (30 marks)

Task 2: Part 1 (independent research presentation) and Part 2 (discussion on independent research) (42 marks)