



A Level Italian



A level Italian – themes and sub-themes

Theme 1: *I cambiamenti della società italiana*

Theme 1 is set in the context of Italy only. This theme covers social issues and trends.

L'evoluzione della famiglia italiana

Cambiamenti nell'atteggiamento verso il matrimonio, la coppia e la famiglia; i mammoni

L'istruzione

Il sistema scolastico e i problemi degli studenti; la fuga dei cervelli

Il mondo del lavoro

La parità tra i sessi; la disoccupazione; le imprese familiari; i nuovi modelli di lavoro

Theme 2: *La cultura politica e artistica nei Paesi di lingua italiana*

Theme 2 is set in the context of Italian-speaking countries and communities. This theme covers artistic culture (through music and festivals and traditions) and political and artistic culture (through media).

La musica

Cambiamenti e sviluppi; impatto sulla cultura popolare

I Media

La libertà di espressione; la stampa cartacea e online; l'impatto sulla società e la politica

Il patrimonio culturale

Feste, usi e costumi

Theme 3: *L'Italia: una società in evoluzione*

Theme 3 is set in the context of Italy only. This theme covers social issues and trends.

L'impatto positivo dell'immigrazione in Italia

Il contributo di immigrati e migranti all'economia e alla cultura

I problemi della migrazione in Italia

Marginalizzazione e alienazione; integrazione; impatto dell'emigrazione

Il divario Nord/Sud

Spostamenti tra Nord e Sud; il ruolo delle industrie italiane; le differenze socio-culturali; la criminalità

Theme 4: *Dal Fascismo ai giorni nostri*

Theme 4 is set in the context of Italy only. This theme covers political culture.

L'ascesa di Mussolini al potere

La nascita del Partito Fascista

Il Fascismo durante la Seconda Guerra Mondiale

Il governo di Mussolini e la dittatura; la vita sotto Mussolini durante la Seconda Guerra Mondiale

Dalla dittatura alla democrazia

La caduta di Mussolini; la Liberazione; le 6 nazioni

A novel in the original language : ***Io non ho paura*** written by N. Ammaniti

A film in the original language: ***La vita è bella*** directed by R. Benigni

Compulsory tasks

GRAMMAR revision: you need to be confident using the following tenses and grammar structures.

- Present tenses
- Past tenses (passato prossimo e imperfetto)
- Future simple Modal verbs (dovere/potere/volere/sapere)
- Conditional (present)
- Prepositions
- Pronouns
- Subjunctive present and imperfect

Explore these websites, find the ones that work for you. Create a table of tenses with examples.

<https://www.almaedizioni.it/it/almatv/grammatica-caffe/>

http://www.oneworlditaliano.com/grammatica-italiana/pronomi_combinati.htm

<http://www.zanichellibenvenuti.it/wordpress/?p=1717>

<http://www.impariamoitaliano.com/index.htm>

https://www.iluss.it/schede_gram_free.html

<http://www.speakitalian.org/exercises--esercizi.html>

LISTENING

<https://www.newsinslowitalian.com/>

Choose a piece of news, listen and summarize it in English. Listen again, summarize it in Italian.

READING

- Familiarize yourself with the content of the course, explore the Pearson Edexcel website for useful resources.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/italian-2017.html>

- Start reading authentic texts. Read the following article about changes in the Italian family. Make some bullet points to help describe current trends and changes and justify these with data.

<https://www.repubblica.it/cronaca/2019/12/30/news/>

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WRITING

- If you can write a good essay in your own language you will in a foreign language too. Go over some essay writing skills to help.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education-development/essay-and-report-writing-skills/content-section-0>

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education-development/essay-and-report-writing-skills/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

- Familiarize yourself with the vocabulary for writing on film and literature

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Italian/2017/teaching-learning-materials/Italian-Essay-vocabulary-AS-and-AL.pdf>

FILM and LITERATURE *La Vita è Bella*

- Watch the trailer and read the film synopsis. Make notes of the main characters, the setting and the plot. Do some research about the main events in Italian history between 1939 and 1945 and create a timeline.

Recommended tasks

- Think about an aspect of Italian culture and society you would personally like to research and justify your choice.
- Read the first chapter of the novel *Io non ho paura* by N. Ammaniti.
- Read or watch a video about Mussolini and Fascism, who was Mussolini and how did the fascist party come into power?
- Read an article about the North and South divide.