

## THE CLA-UNIBS ITALIAN B1 LEVEL CERTIFICATE

The CLA- Unibs Italian B1 level certificate consists of a written part and an oral part, to which only students who pass the written part are admitted. The written test (lasting 90 minutes) assesses knowledge of grammar and vocabulary, listening and oral comprehension and written production at B1 level. The test structure consists of audio and/or video listening with related questions, listening comprehension with related questions, grammar and vocabulary exercises and a short written production. All parts consist of closed-response exercises, with the exception of the free short written production. The oral interview (lasting 10 minutes) assesses oral interaction and communication skills at B1 level in the manner outlined in the syllabus below.

### OBJECTIVES AND CONTENTS

The objective of the Italian language exercises provided by CLA is to reach level B1 as defined by the 'European Language Reference Framework'. At the end of the course, the student will be able to

- understand the main ideas of texts (oral and written) on everyday topics or related to their field of study
- produce, in a reasonably fluent manner, a simple description of topics within their field of interest
- communicate and exchange information, with reasonable confidence, on topics that are familiar or related to his/her field of study
- in oral interaction, cope with less frequent communicative situations by expressing and justifying own opinions

### GRAMMATICAL SYLLABUS

#### NAMES

Double plural nouns (e.g. body parts)

Diminutives

#### PRONOUN

Resumption of clitics in compound tenses

Resumption of *ne* with partitive value; Other uses of the pronominal particle *ne*, e.g. *Ne ho bisogno*; *ne ho voglia*; *che ne pensi?*

Resumption of *ci*

Resumption of direct and indirect pronouns

Combined pronouns

Paired form of the pronominal particle *ci* with direct atonal pronouns and the verb *avere*, e.g. *Ce l'ho*.

Relative pronouns: repetition of *che*; difference between *che* and *chi*

Invariable relative pronoun *cui* preceded by preposition

## **ADJECTIVES**

The three degrees of the adjective

Indefinite adjectives

## **VERBS**

### **Indicative:**

Resumption and expansion of the past perfect

Resumption of the imperfect; contrastive use of the two past tenses

Past perfect

Resumption of the simple future

### **Conditional**

Present conditional: wishes, assumptions, polite requests, advice (*dovresti, potresti,...*)

### **Imperative**

Imperative second person singular and plural with (affirmative and negative construction) to

a) give advice

b) orders

Imperative formal

Impersonal and passivating form

### **Subjunctive**

Present subjunctive with verbs of opinion and with some impersonal expressions (*pare, sembra*)

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### **Online resources for self-study support:**

[www.wordwall.it](http://www.wordwall.it)

[www.learningapps.it](http://www.learningapps.it)

*www.learnamo.com/*  
*www.kaboot.it*