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Entry Level Certificate **R445**

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General:

Centres should now transfer to Entry Level Latin under code R447. Please note that the marking criteria are different and centres are advised to study the R447 specification carefully.

Moderators were grateful to the large number of centres which submitted their paperwork and sample material well before the deadline (15th May). In fact, only a couple were still to come in when the Standardisation meeting took place. Many thanks.

Many of the problems facing moderators this year were in the administration of the paperwork for the qualification. It is in centres' best interests, particularly those with larger entries, to supply cover sheet: GCW322. Moderators frequently discover clerical errors which work in the candidates' favour.

For centres which enter candidates under code R445/01, the intention is that samples will be uploaded into the OCR repository. Centres which enter candidates under code R445/02 would be expected to send samples to moderators via the postal system. **This will also apply to R447**

Candidates who are absent on the day of examining any component should either be marked as absent or be given the opportunity to attempt a different topic or language paper. If this is not possible then such candidates must be marked with A. Centres may apply in these cases for Special Consideration. Candidates should be awarded 0 for a component when they produce a response which gains no credit under the marking criteria.

Security:

Please ensure the continued security of the examination by keeping all completed test papers and written pieces under secure conditions within the centre. All papers, including unused ones should be securely shredded in November and fresh copies downloaded for the new series. The test papers are live and should not be put into general recycling. **Please now destroy all R445 test papers securely.**

Component 1

Most tests were marked fairly and centres applied the Mark scheme accurately. Centres are reminded that in questions requiring comprehension of Latin, candidates who convey all or nearly all of the meaning of a section should be awarded full marks. **Please see the new marking criteria for R447.**

Component 2

Moderators again were taken by the imagination and enthusiasm of most candidates. Centres are tending to enter all candidates for the same title whereas affording candidates a choice may encourage engagement by all. Most of the adjustments to marks this year came as a result of the tendency to generosity in awarding marks for Component 2. A few responses were considerably over the word limit and are felt to gain an unfair advantage in the assessment of detail offered.

Examples of good practice were many, such as the inclusion of a copy of the task or passage set and a bibliography. Some gave an indication of the amount of material provided by the teacher and that derived from the candidates' independent research. This was really helpful.

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