

# THE LITANY OF THE ITALIAN DRIVER'S TEST

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This quiz has no mystery to it. If you study, you will pass. You may have to study harder than the next person, if your memory is like mine. But, again, if you study you will pass! Please, understand that this English translation of the manual is not perfect. At least one is available, now. The Italian government knows that there are translation errors in the manual and on the practice quizzes. I was told that most of the bad questions were taken-out. The exam that I took was fair, and easy to understand. I had to study diligently for over two months, though. I practiced daily taking quizzes to keep the material fresh in my mind. But, as stated before, this exam was not any form of strange magic, and it had no mystery to it.

Having said that, there are some things that you just have to accept: There are numerous examples of bad translations, contradictions, or out-right errors in the theory manual and the quiz book. Don't try to argue with it, just accept it and get on with your goal, to pass this thing! Accept this from the start. Try not to think "out of the box" with this test. Simply memorize "correct" responses, according to the "summary bullets" in your theory manual, even though they may be wrong or do not make sense. Those bullets compose the answers on the quizzes. All of the questions come exactly from the bullets with maybe the slightest of difference from the different manuals out there from publisher to publisher. The one that I used was "good enough", and I tried to make my own improvements and observations, as you will read below. If you will allow me to be redundant, and for good reason, just memorize/learn the summary bullets, and take as many practice quizzes that you have time to do, period.

Concerning my statements below, they are only the beginning. Your exam experience may be different, if you take it in a different city or region. I am only telling you my experience and the things that I have learned. Please don't expect this document to be perfect. I wrote it quickly to help friends. Please feel free to add to it, or modify or improve it. Please, customize it to your liking. But, please share your findings and wisdom to help the others behind you to succeed from what you have learned. Pass it on, and I wish the best to you in this endeavor!!

## Exam Day

On the day of the exam, please arrive early, though you will probably have to wait for some time. The Office of Motor Vehicles will give you a date with a time to take the exam. So, if you like to worry (like me), just bring your study material with you. I had over an hour to skim over areas I wanted to review. When you take the exam, make sure that your study materials are closed in your briefcase or backpack, etc. You will test with about 10 other people, and they will be waiting with you. Stay close to your exam room, and enter it if you are allowed. The examiner(s) will be seated at the front of the classroom at a desk facing you. The exam monitor will call your name (one by one) and then you will walk-up to the desk – where they will review a few details about you – to ensure that it is you taking the exam. Then, you will sign a document with your photo on it, and they will direct you to your desk with computer.

When all examinees are present at their desks, your computer terminal will be activated, and the exam's instructions will be explained to you on the computer screen, in English, if you

prearranged this. When you finish with the first page, just press the bottom of the screen to continue. If you have any doubts or questions, do not hesitate to raise your hand to get the examiner's/monitor's attention for assistance. They will just press the correct icon to continue. They are happy to help you, from my experience. I asked for help twice. When you get through with the instructions, you will finally press "begin exam." Don't quote those words, exactly, but with the same meaning.

You will have plenty of time, 30 minutes. I read word for word slowly and had 15 minutes to spare. I read over the entire exam twice, each response. The exam will be very similar to the examples in the quiz practice book with 10 topics consisting of three responses of "True or False" for each of the 10 topics. In other words, you will have 30 True or False responses in all.

The exam is given on a computer. The computer (that we used in the central Naples office) had NO mouse. You simply pressed with your finger on the computer's monitor screen on the appropriate icon. Make sure that the response registers with an "X" on your response block. You may have to press firmly on the screen. You are able to go forward or backwards in the questions, and allowed to review them if you think that you need to respond differently on a previous question. I just pressed the # of the question at the top of the screen. When I was done, I pressed the top right corner of the screen with an icon of the "page" with lines, and I reviewed the whole page of exam responses altogether to ensure that I answered all of the questions.

When you are completely finished with the exam, press confirm, then reconfirm, and then you are finished. Walk out of the class room. After the 30 minutes are finished, you will find out if you passed or failed. If no one tells you, ask your instructor who brought you to the exam. If you drove alone and represented yourself, just ask the examiner or one of the monitors about your final score. In my class, there were about 10 or 12 people, and from what I was told, only two people failed it. They were the people who didn't understand English well enough, in my opinion, or didn't take the exam seriously. The examiners will not tell you your exact score.