

**FAMILIES IN DIFFERENT SOCIETIES**

Unit 1 ↓

**MAIN IDEAS**

- **Change of family dynamic over time:** families having less children, women entering the workforce, marriage rates decreasing
- **Change in population:** decreasing birth rates, people leaving for work opportunities in other nations, government promotes immigration from other European nations
- **Standards of living based on location:** less job opportunities in rural areas, pollution in urban areas
- **Spending time with friends and family:** gathering during holidays, going to the piazza, etc.

**VOCABULARY**

- la casalinga: housewife
- monogenitoriali: single parent
- il divorzio: divorce
- l'immigrazione - immigration
- sacrificare: to sacrifice

**THE INFLUENCE OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE ON IDENTITY**

Unit 2 ↓

**MAIN IDEAS**

- **Dialects of the language:** depends by region, people can be looked down upon for not speaking standard Italian
- **Stereotypes based by location:** northerners are hardworking but snobbish, southerners are laid-back but lazy and poor
- **Racist and xenophobic beliefs:** immigration is blamed for many issues, discrimination against Roma people, etc.
- **Change of gender roles over time:** women joining the workforce, growing female representation in government, women's rights
- **Important manufacturing sector:** exporting Italian goods to other nations, items like traditional foods (prosciutto, aceto balsamico) can be sold to foreigners as counterfeit

**VOCABULARY**

- lo scetticismo: skepticism
- il pregiudizio: prejudice
- l'atteggiamento: attitude
- fidarsi: to trust
- il razzismo: racism

**INFLUENCES OF BEAUTY & ART**

Unit 3 ↓

**MAIN IDEAS**

- **Importance of music:** traditional songs depend by region, modern music is influenced styles around the world (especially the United States), connect people together
- **The fashion industry:** Italian fashion brands (Armani, Gucci, Versace, etc.) are well-known for their products, positively impacts the economy
- **Visual art culture throughout history:** architecture in the Roman Empire, Italy played a major role in the Renaissance and Baroque, now has a prominent film industry
- **Beauty standards and self-esteem:** influenced by pop culture and social media, cosmetic surgery is becoming popular

**VOCABULARY**

- la chirurgia: surgery
- il comportamento: behavior
- l'autostima: self-esteem
- bellissimo/a: beautiful
- attraente: attractive

**HOW SCIENCE & TECH AFFECT OUR LIVES**

Unit 4 ↓

**MAIN IDEAS**

- **Scientific and technological research:** run by organizations like the Accademia dei Lincei, Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica, etc.
- **Sources of energy:** dependence on fossil fuels leads to their importation, rising pollution rates, renewable energy is becoming more popular
- **Rising popularity of the internet:** connects person across the Italophone world, has led to addiction, social media lowers some people's self-esteem
- **Improving quality of life:** new inventions and technologies (cars, vaccinations, etc.) have made life easier

**VOCABULARY**

- i pro e i contro: pros and cons
- il cellulare: cell phone
- l'etica: ethics
- la rete: internet
- essere in linea: to be online

**FACTORS THAT IMPACT THE QUALITY OF LIFE**

Unit 5 ↓

**MAIN IDEAS**

- **Access to education:** free education system in Italy, urban areas provide better educational opportunities
- **Becoming employed:** high unemployment rate after the European debt crisis, large public debt
- **Italian work culture:** believe that you should work to live but not live to work, paid maternity leave, maximum working hours

**VOCABULARY**

- disoccupato/a: unemployed
- la criminalità: crime
- una dieta sana: healthy diet
- il stipendio: salary

**ENVIRONMENTAL, POLITICAL & SOCIETAL CHALLENGES**

Unit 6 ↓

**MAIN IDEAS**

- **Effect of COVID-19 on Italy:** increasing unemployment rates, public debt is becoming greater than the GDP, possible recession?
- **National environmental issues:** industrialization in the North has led to pollution, plastic pollution in the Mediterranean, global warming
- **Opposition towards immigration:** LEGA spreads anti-Muslim rhetoric, many don't acknowledge the difficulties immigrants faced in their native countries

**VOCABULARY**

- la disuguaglianza: inequality
- l'industrializzazione: industrialization
- l'inquinamento: pollution

**REVIEW**

EXAM OUTLINE ↓

**MULTIPLE CHOICE | 50% of score**

- 65 questions, 1 hour and 35 minutes
- Mix of print and audio source-based questions

**FREE RESPONSE | 50% of score**

- 4 tasks, 1 hour and 28 minutes
  - Email reply, 15 minutes
  - Argumentative essay, 55 minutes
  - Conversation, 12 minutes
  - Cultural comparison, 6 minutes

**STUDYING**

STUDYING IDEAS ↓

- **For the music lover:** Create a playlist with Italian songs or listen to this [premade one](#)
- **For the bookworm:** Read current events articles on Italian news sites or books in the language
- **For the cinema buff:** Watch Italian foreign films on Netflix, Hulu, or Prime Video
- **For the person who's always on their phone:** Change your phone's language settings to Italian
- **For the inner child:** Listen to Italian children's songs on Youtube