M.A. THIRD LEVEL EXAMINATION

IT3009: HISTORY OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE

January 2004 - Time allowed: 2 hours

Candidates must answer BOTH Section A and Section B

SECTION A

Answer questions 1, 2 and 3 below:

1. Discuss FIVE of the following (underlining indicates primary tonic stress):

(a) SP<u>E</u>CULUM > specchio   (b) FEN<u>E</u>STRAM > finestra

(c) EP<u>I</u>SCOPUM > vescovo   (d) D<u>I</u>GNUM > degno

(e) QU<u>I</u>S > chi   (f) I<u>U</u>NGERE > giungere

(g) CIVIT<u>A</u>TEM > città   (h) L<u>I</u>LIUM > giglio

2. Explaining your reasons, predict the Italian outcome of FOUR of the following Latin/

Latin lexemes:

(a) RECUPERARE > ?   (b) AD IPUM > ?

(c) PLICARE > ?   (d) FRIGIDUM > ?

(e) AURICULAM > ?   (f) TABULAM > ?

(g) DENARIUM > ?

3. Compare FOUR of the following outcomes:

                        favola   soprano
(a) FABULAM > {   (b) SUPERANUM > {
                         fiaba   sovrano

                      succo   radium, radio
(c) SUCUM >   {   (d) RADIUM> {
                       sugo   raggio, razzo

(e) COREM >cuore   (f)   CLAUSTRUM > chiostro
     CORIUM >   cuoio   CLAUSTRALEM > claustrale

SECTION B

Answer ONE of the following questions:

(a)   In what sense(s) is it valid to consider Italian as a direct continuation of Latin ?

(b)   Why do modern Italians no longer speak Latin?

(c)   How has the lexis of Italian been affected by the parallel input of (a) Vulgar
       Latin tendencies from below and (b) learned and semi-learned Latin forms
       from above?

(d)   Providing a suitable range of examples, discuss the impact of palatalisation on
       the evolution of Italian consonants.