



**2013**

**Languages: Romanian GA 3: Examination**

## **Oral component**

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Student performances in the 2013 Romanian oral examinations ranged from good to outstanding. Most students were well prepared for both the Conversation and Discussion sections, and were able to interact for 15 minutes. Some students brought interesting visual displays, such as pictures of Vlad Țepeș, Ștefan cel Mare, monasteries and castles.

### **SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

#### **Section 1 – Conversation**

Overall, student performances in the Conversation section were good and students were very successful in answering all questions asked. Some students elaborated on answers and attempted to make them interesting and meaningful. Other students, however, often answered in monosyllables or superficially, which restricted their ability to deal with the content of conversation.

The vocabulary used was varied and students used few anglicisms.

#### **Section 2 – Discussion**

Topics about the great personalities of Romanian history – such as Mircea cel Bătrân, Ștefan cel Mare and Vlad Țepeș (Dracula) – were very popular with students. Some students chose to speak about a contemporary hero; for example, Richard Wurmbrand or sports star Nadia Comăneci.

The level of language used in this section was very good. Some students memorised quotations from poems like *Scrisoarea III* by Mihai Eminescu to support their opinions about Mircea cel Bătrân.

Students who chose to speak about Richard Wurmbrand had researched articles from recent Romanian newspapers about the life of this hero and made reference to them when presenting their ideas and opinions.

Some students' discussion impressed the assessors. However, some students did not adequately display their capacity to present ideas and opinions on a chosen topic and their presentation lacked structure, was rather chaotic and was not well prepared.