



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

DIRECT ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OFFICE OF EDUCATION

The Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek

The ***Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek*** is a foreign language achievement test that assesses student proficiency in *listening, speaking, reading, and writing* Modern Greek. It is developed and administered by the Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in collaboration with the New York City Department of Education. The ***Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek*** is aligned to the *checkpoint B* learning standards for Languages Other Than English (LOTE), as described in the ***Syllabus: Modern Languages for Communication*** of the State Education Department, Albany, NY. The proficiency level of the Examination is equivalent to a third year of foreign language high school courses.

The ***Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek*** is reviewed and evaluated by the World Languages Program/ Department of Linguistics/ University at Buffalo/ The State University of New York as well as the Institute of Modern Greek Studies / Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Examination Components

The ***Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek*** is comprised of the following four parts:

Part 1:	Speaking	(24 points)
Part 2:	Listening Comprehension	(26 points)
Part 3:	Reading Comprehension	(30 points)
Part 4:	Writing	(20 points)

NOTE:

Part 1 – Speaking is created from a list of tasks provided by the NY State Education Dept.

Part 2 – Listening and **Part 3 – Reading** is provided by the Direct Archdiocesan

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Part 4 – Writing is provided by the NYC World Languages Department since 2014.

Eligibility

The ***Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek*** is administered annually to students, in grades 8 and above, who have studied Modern Greek in a public, nonpublic, private school, or attained proficiency in the Modern Greek language outside a school setting.

In New York State, students who pass the ***Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek*** may receive **three** high school credits in a foreign language. The passing grade is 65 for students who have three years of classroom instruction, while all others must achieve a score of 85 to receive credits.

Furthermore, the *Comprehensive Examination in Modern Greek* may afford high school students, who pursue studies in the Modern Greek language for more than **two** years, the opportunity to earn a Regents diploma with advanced designation (NYCRR §100.5[b][7][v][c]).

Student Preparation

The Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education has published a **Compilation** of past *Comprehensive Examinations in Modern Greek* (2003-2011) into **two** handbooks – one for the teacher and one for the student. The handbooks contain excellent material that may be used either for classroom instruction, or for student practice at home.

An *Appendix*, containing the most commonly used *words, phrases, basic grammar, and syntax*, accompanies the Student Edition. The Scoring Key and all pertinent forms for rating student performance are included in the Teacher Edition.

Teacher Preparation

The Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education has published **two Curricula** for the Modern Greek Studies (at **Checkpoint A** and **Checkpoint B**) to be used as a guide by the teachers who prepare students for the *Comprehensive Examinations in Modern Greek*.

The **Curricula** are in adherence with the philosophy and standards on the teaching of languages other than English (LOTE) of the New York State Education Department. They were developed by the **Institute of Modern Greek Studies** of the **Aristotle University in Thessaloniki**, Greece, in collaboration and under the direction of the Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

The **Modern Greek Studies Curricula** (*Checkpoint A and Checkpoint B* - Regents Level) are offered **at no cost** to teachers and schools.

More information

For more information on the *Examination* and to request copies of the **books of past exams** and/or the **Curricula**, please contact the Direct Archdiocesan District Office of Education at (212) 570-3552 or via E-mail: education@goarch.org.

Information also exists on our Website: www.education.goarch.org.

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