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BACHELOR OF COMMERCE – SECOND YEAR  
OCCASIONAL STUDENTS

IT250 (ITALIAN CIVILISATION)

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Time allowed: 1½ Hours

Answer any **TWO** of the following questions:

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1. Describe and explain the economic developments which took place in Italy during the period of post-war reconstruction and the 'economic miracle'.
2. The social and economic changes of the 1950s and the early 1960s in Italy were too rapid and overwhelming for stability and therefore a period of economic decline and social unrest followed in the late 1960s and 1970s. Discuss the main developments that took place in the 1960s and 70s and the reasons for the economic and social crises that followed.
3. Over the last twenty years Italy has witnessed a socio-economic transformation as dramatic as that of the 'economic miracle' of the 1950s and the early 1960s, but strikingly different from it in both content and consequences. Outline the reasons for this transformation and give details of the impact that it has had on the Italian economy.
4. By the end of the twentieth century, wealth in Italy, as well as the power and privileges that derived from it, continued to be distributed in a profoundly uneven way. Discuss the social hierarchies in contemporary Italian society which have evolved from this situation.