

COMPONENT A

The University of the State of New York

COMPONENT RETEST

IN

ENGLISH

COMPONENT A MODULE 2

Thursday, April 25, 2002 — 9:00 to 9:50 a.m., only

In the middle of this test booklet you will find the answer booklet for your response. Slowly and carefully tear out the answer booklet. Then fill in the heading of your answer booklet. This session of the examination tests listening skills; you are to write a response, as directed.

When you have completed the examination, you must sign the statement printed on your answer booklet, indicating that you had no unlawful knowledge of the questions or answers prior to the examination and that you have neither given nor received assistance in answering any of the questions during the examination. Your answer booklet cannot be accepted if you fail to sign this declaration.

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Overview: For this part of the test, you will listen to a speech by Jim Spadaccini about the early history of chocolate in the Americas and write a response based on the situation described below. You will hear the speech twice. You may take notes on the next page at any time during the readings.

The Situation: A national candy company is running a contest on the history of chocolate. Enter the contest by writing an essay on the background of chocolate in the Americas. In preparation for writing your essay, listen to a speech about the early history of chocolate in the Americas. Then use relevant information from the speech to write your essay.

Your Task: Write the **first draft** of an essay on the history of chocolate in the Americas for a national candy company's contest.

Guidelines:

Be sure to:

- Tell your audience what they need to know to help them understand the early history of chocolate in the Americas.
- Use specific, accurate, and relevant information from the speech to support your explanation.
- Use a tone and level of language appropriate for a contest essay.
- Organize your ideas in a logical and coherent manner.
- Indicate any words taken directly from the speech by using quotation marks or by referring to the speaker.
- Follow the conventions of standard written English.

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