Oral Reading Section Directions

For this section of the test you will read aloud a passage in Latin that will be presented on the screen. You will have five minutes to practice reading the passage presented on the screen and then have three minutes to record your reading of the passage by speaking into a microphone. Your oral reading must be in Latin (classical or ecclesiastical pronunciation.) Once recording has begun, it cannot be stopped, nor can you re-record your response.

Your oral reading will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

Pronunciation: The appropriateness of the articulation of individual sounds and words.

Phrasing: The accuracy of the placement and duration of pauses and appropriateness of the grouping and phrasing of syntactic constructions.

Rhythm: The appropriateness of rate and tone of speech in accordance with the sense and meter of the text.

Fluency: The coherence and ease of expression.

Expressiveness: The accuracy of comprehension of the meaning and mood of the text.

The oral reading assignment passage and a Recorded Answer box will appear on the next screen. A sample of the Recorded Answer box appears below.

Recorded Answer
Current Status: 112 seconds remaining.

When you are ready, click **Next** and begin reading the oral reading assignment passage. The Recorded Answer box will count down the time until recording begins. You will have 5 minutes to practice reading the assignment. Be sure not to begin speaking until the status on the Recorded Answer box changes to read the number of seconds remaining.

You will then have 3 minutes to complete your oral reading of the passage in Latin. You can monitor your time remaining by referring to the Recorded Answer box. The time will count down from 180 seconds (3 minutes) and the status bar will fill as time progresses.

When your time is up, the current status on the Recorded Answer box will change to "completed" indicating the conclusion of the oral reading section of the test. Once the

status in the Recorded Answer box changes to "completed," select the <u>**Next**</u> button to continue with the remainder of the test. Do not click <u>**Next**</u> until you have finished recording your response.

You will have only **ONE** opportunity to record your oral reading. Select the <u>Next</u> button when you have finished reading these directions and are ready to begin the oral reading section of the test. Be sure you have your headset on and that the microphone is in a downward position near your mouth before proceeding. Once you select the <u>Next</u> button, the timed assignment will begin and you **WILL NOT** be able to return to these directions.