

COIMISIÚN NA SCRÚDUITHE STÁIT

State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Examination 2006

Geography

Geographical Investigation (20% of Total Marks)

Prescribed List of Investigation Topics

General Information

- Investigation Topics are common to Higher and Ordinary Level.
- *All candidates (Higher and Ordinary)* are required to complete and submit a report on **one** investigation topic selected from the list of **six** given overleaf.
- **Candidates are required to submit the report on the investigation using the official Geographical Investigation Reporting Booklet, which will be issued by the State Examinations Commission in January 2006.**
- The date for submission to the teacher of completed investigation reports will be **28 April 2006**.
- Reports will be retained securely in schools until the day of the written examination in June, when the centre superintendents will associate them with the relevant written scripts, for transmission to Athlone.

List of Geographical Investigation Topics

- 1. Geomorphic processes of erosion in a fluvial, coastal or glacial environment**
- 2. Traffic management**
- 3. A study of a local environmental issue**
- 4. A survey of land-use in a rural or urban setting**
- 5. Changing demographic patterns in a local area**
- 6. A study of economic activity in a local setting**

N.B. Each candidate is required to complete a report on one of the above Investigation Topics.

Information for Teachers

- Candidates will be expected to complete the Practical Coursework component – i.e. the Geographical Investigation Report - for submission to their school authorities **by April 28, 2006.**
- This information is being circulated at this stage in order to facilitate course planning by teachers of the new syllabus.
Full details for teachers and candidates regarding assessment procedures overall and the requirements for authentication of the Investigation component will be the subject of a further circular, which will issue to schools in **March, 2005.**
- The report based on the selected investigation topic must be completed using the prescribed structure as set out in the Geographical Investigation Reporting Booklet. **This booklet in sample form will also be circulated to schools in March 2005.**
- The Investigation and Report must be completed under the supervision of a teacher.
- The Report presented for assessment must be the candidate's own individual work – authenticated by the candidate and teacher.
- Primary sources should make up at least 60% of the information gathered, while secondary sources may provide the remainder. All secondary sources used [books, journals, web-sites, etc] must be duly acknowledged.