

# State Examinations Commission

## Leaving Certificate Examination 2009

### Geography

#### Geographical Investigation (20% of Total Marks)

##### 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.**
- The date for submission to the teacher of completed investigation reports will be **29 April 2009**.
- 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.

##### 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 29, 2009**.
- The report based on the selected investigation topic must be completed using the prescribed structure as set out in the Geographical Investigation Reporting Booklet.
- 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.

## **List of Geographical Investigation Topics 2009**

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- 1. Geomorphic processes of transportation and/or deposition in a fluvial or coastal or glaciated environment.**
- 2. Geomorphic surface processes in a karst environment.**
- 3. A study of a local environmental issue.**
- 4. A study of changing land-use in a rural or urban setting.**
- 5. Development of a local transport infrastructure.**
- 6. A study of population trends in a local area.**

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