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Leaving Certificate Religious Education 2012

Prescribed Titles for Practical Coursework

To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools

1. A new syllabus for Leaving Certificate Religious Education was introduced in September 2003 and was examined for the first time in 2005.
2. The syllabus indicates that the assessment of Religious Education will have two elements:
(1) a final written paper, and (2) coursework.
3. The subject will be assessed externally at Ordinary Level and at Higher Level. **At both levels, coursework will account for 20% of the marks.**
4. The titles for coursework for the Leaving Certificate examination 2012 are attached. These titles are common to Ordinary Level and Higher Level. Candidates are required to submit coursework on **one title only** taken from **either** Section I or Section J. Candidates should note that they will **not** be examined on these sections of the syllabus in the **written** examination in 2012.
5. Guidelines for undertaking coursework are included in *Religious Education Leaving Certificate Higher and Ordinary Level - Guidelines for Teachers* which was issued with the syllabus in June 2003.
6. The coursework must be submitted in a standard form in a booklet, which will be issued in due course for that purpose. The coursework booklet will be broken into two components, Part A and Part B.
 - Part A will request a summary of the candidate's investigation of the chosen title.
 - Part B will be for the candidate's personal reflection on the learning, skills and experience gained through undertaking coursework on the chosen title.
7. Please bring this circular and the attached list of coursework titles to the notice of the teachers concerned.
8. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.
9. If you have any queries regarding this circular please telephone 090 6442752/090 6442825.

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**PRESCRIBED TITLES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSEWORK
FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2012**

A choice of two titles is given in each of Sections I and J below. Candidates should base their coursework on **one** title only, taken from **either** Section I **or** Section J.

SECTION I: RELIGION: THE IRISH EXPERIENCE

- I. 1. *The foundation of the first Irish monasteries played a large part in the development of Christianity in Ireland.*

Research **one** such monastery and examine the contribution it made to the development of Christianity in Ireland.

- I. 2. A case study on the way in which **one** pre-Christian ritual has been adapted by members of the Christian tradition in Ireland today.

SECTION J: RELIGION AND SCIENCE

- J. 1. An examination of the implications of Darwin's theory of evolution for the understanding of creation in **one** of the following world religions:

◆ Buddhism ◆ Christianity ◆ Hinduism ◆ Islam ◆ Judaism

- J. 2. *Questions about the ending of life are common to religion and science.*

An investigation into the similarities and differences in the way in which questions about the ending of life are dealt with by religion and science.