To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools

Junior Certificate Jewish Studies Sample Paper

Prescribed Titles for Jewish Studies Project Work

1. A new syllabus for Junior Certificate Jewish Studies was introduced in September 2010 and will be examined for the first time in 2013.

2. The syllabus indicates that the written examination in the assessment for certification of Jewish Studies will have two parts: (1) Questions on project work, and (2) Questions on the remaining sections of the syllabus.

3. The subject will be assessed externally at Ordinary Level and at Higher Level. At both levels, questions on project work will account for 20% of the marks.

4. The prescribed project work titles for the Junior Certificate Jewish Studies Sample Paper are attached. These titles are common to Ordinary Level and Higher Level. Candidates are required to answer questions on one title only. The prescribed titles for project work in the Junior Certificate Jewish Studies Sample Paper are based on the syllabus Section 3: Sacredness in the Jewish Faith.

5. Candidates are required to answer questions on the title chosen for project work from the prescribed list in an answer booklet which will comprise Part 1 of the examination paper.

6. Please bring this circular and the attached list of project work titles to the notice of the teachers concerned.

7. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.

8. If you have any queries regarding this circular please telephone 090 6442758.

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A choice of two titles is given below. Candidates should base their project work on one title only, taken from the Junior Certificate Jewish Studies syllabus Section 3: Sacredness in the Jewish Faith.

**Topic: The Jewish Calendar — Section 3: Sacredness in the Jewish Faith.**

**TITLE A**  
An investigation into what is involved in the celebration of the Passover from its origin, as outlined in the Hebrew Bible, to the way in which it is celebrated in a Jewish community of faith today.

**OR**

**Topic: The Jewish Life Cycle — Section 3: Sacredness in the Jewish Faith.**

**TITLE B**  
An examination of the religious customs which mark a young person’s entry into adult life within a Jewish community of faith.