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State Examinations Commission

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Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

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Leaving Certificate Religious Education
Coursework Booklets for Examination in 2018

To: ***Management Authorities of Second Level Schools***

As you are aware the syllabus for Religious Education was introduced on a phased basis and was examined for the first time in the Leaving Certificate Examination of 2005.

The syllabus indicates that the assessment of Religious Education will have two elements –
- A final written paper and
- coursework

The final written paper will be marked out of 320 marks; the coursework will be marked out of 80 marks. The titles for the coursework for the Leaving Certificate examination of 2018 were issued with circular S90/16.

In connection with the assessment arrangements please find enclosed the following:

- Leaving Certificate Religious Education Coursework Booklet for candidates taking the examination in Religious Education in 2018 only.
- Candidates should follow the guidelines specified in Page 2 of the Booklet when completing their Coursework Booklets.

Use of pro-forma coursework booklets
A Coursework Booklet is to be completed by each candidate in the course of the current school year as specified in Circular S90/16. Please ensure your school has a sufficient supply of booklets and if not notify SEC immediately. **No additional booklets will issue after 31st December 2017.** Should candidates wish to practice writing up the pro-forma booklets before beginning their examination submission, they are asked to do so on photocopied versions of the pro-forma booklets.

Please note, there is a sample booklet available on our website which can be downloaded for **practice purposes only**, so please ensure it is not used to submit work to SEC or this work will be deemed invalid. To download, go to https://www.examinations.ie/exam/project-practical-coursework and go to the section on Religious Education.

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The State Examinations Commission will not send out duplicate copies to facilitate practice attempts at filling out the pro-forma booklets.

The coursework must be submitted in a standard form in the booklet supplied for that purpose by the Commission. Each candidate should submit only **ONE** booklet.

Importance of ensuring that the Coursework Booklet is the candidate's own individual work

The writing up of the **Coursework** Booklet must be the candidate's **own** individual work. Completed Booklets will only be accepted for assessment if the school authorities have certified, on forms, to be provided by the Commission, that they are the candidates' own individual work. Teachers should monitor the progress of the candidates' work on a regular basis. The attention of all candidates and their teachers should be drawn to circulars S68/08 and S69/04. **Please note, however, that the writing up of the pro-forma answer book must be the candidate's own individual work**. Instructions on this issue have already been given in the course of in-service training and meetings.

Any incidence of suspected copying, improper assistance from another party, plagiarism or procurement of pieces prepared by another party will be thoroughly investigated. Candidates should be advised of the penalties that may be applied under the Rules and Programme for Secondary Schools, which range from loss of the subject to loss of the entire examination in all subjects, to being debarred from the Certificate Examinations in future years.

Candidates may present material, which arises from group work. However, the candidate's **own individual contribution** must be clearly identified in the booklet. It is the responsibility of **each** candidate in the group to ensure that his/her work is clearly presented.

Coursework Booklets should be completed by **27th April 2018.** On the date of completion, each candidate should be instructed to place his/her completed **Coursework** Booklet into a candidate envelope, which the Commission will provide. The candidate will be required to put his/her candidate number on the cover of this envelope. The envelope, when sealed, should be handed by the candidate to the school authorities. Schools are requested to retain all **Coursework** Booklet envelopes in a secure place until the day of the written examination.

Candidates should fill in their Examination numbers in the appropriate boxes. A supply of specially designed envelopes will be sent to the schools in due course.

Answering through Irish

Please note that, in keeping with all other examinations that have components other than the formal written examination, bonus marks will **not** be awarded to any coursework completed in Irish.

You are requested to bring this circular to the notice of the teachers and students concerned. If you have any queries please contact the State Examinations Commission at 090 6442746/2750.

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Executive Officer
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Oideachas Reiligiúnach – An Ardteistiméireacht
Leabhráin Obair Chúrsa le Scrúdú in 2018

Chuig: Údaráis Bhainistíochta na Scoileanna Dara Leibhéal

Mar is eol daoibh, tugadh isteach an siollabas san Oideachas Reiligiúnach ar bhonn céimnithe agus scrúdaíodh é den chéad uair i Scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta in 2005.

Tugann an siollabas le fios go mbainfidh dhá ghné le measúnú an Oideachais Reiligiúnaigh –
- Páipéar scríofa cinn chúrsa agus
- obair chúrsa

Marcálfar an páipéar scríofa cinn chúrsa as 320 marc; marcálfar an obair chúrsa as 80 marc. Eisíodh na teidil don obair chúrsa san Ardteistiméireacht in 2018 in éineacht le ciorclán S90/16.

Maidir leis na socruithe measúnachta gheobhaidh sibh iad seo a leanas faoi iamh:

- Leabhrán Obair Chúrsa le haghaidh Oideachas Reiligiúnach na hArdteistiméireachta d'iarrthóirí a bheidh ag déanamh an scrúdaithe san Oideachas Reiligiúnach in 2018 amháin.
- Ba chóir do na hiarrthóirí cloí leis na treoirlínte atá leagtha amach ar leathanach 2 den Leabhrán agus iad ag comhlánú Leabhráin na hOibre Cúrsa.

Leabhráin obair chúrsa pro-forma a úsáid
Ní mór do gach iarrthóir Leabhrán Obair Chúrsa a chomhlánú i gcaitheamh na scoilbhliana reatha mar atá sonraithe i gCiorclán S90/16. Déantar cinnte de, le bhur dtoil, go bhfuil dóthain cóipeanna den leabhrán ag an scoil agus mura bhfuil, gabhaigí i dteagmháil le Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit láithreach. **Ní eiseofar a thuilleadh leabhrán tar éis 31 Nollaig 2017.** Más mian le hiarrthóirí dul i dtaithí ar na dialanna pro-forma a chomhlánú sula dtosaíonn siad ar obair an scrúdaithe, iarrtar orthu sin a dhéanamh ar fhótachóipeanna de na dialanna pro-forma.

Tá leabhrán samplach ar fail ar an suíomh gréasáin againn agus is féidir é a chóipeáil anuas mar mhaithe le cleachtadh. Déantar deimhin de nach mbainfear úsáid as le hobair a chur isteach chuig CSS nó measfar an obair a bheith neamhbhailí. Is féidir an leabhrán samplach a chóipeáil anuas ó rannóg an Oideachais Reiligiúnaigh faoi Scrúduithe/Obair Chúrsa Phraiticiúil ag an seoladh https://www.examinations.ie/exam/project-practical-coursework .

Ní sheolfaidh Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit amach cóipeanna breise ar mhaithe le cleachtadh a dhéanamh ar leabhráin pro-forma a líonadh isteach.

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Ní mór an obair chúrsa a chur isteach i bhfoirm chaighdeánach sa leabhrán a chuireann Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit ar fáil chun na críche sin. Ba chóir do gach iarrthóir AON leabhrán amháin a chur isteach.

An tábhacht a bhaineann lena dheimhniú gur obair indibhidiúil an iarrthóra féin atá i Leabhrán na hOibre Cúrsa

Obair scríofa indibhidiúil an iarrthóra féin amháin is cóir a bheith i Leabhrán na hOibre Cúrsa. Ní glacfar le leabhráin chomhlánaithe le haghaidh measúnachta ach amháin ar an mbonn gur dheimhnigh údaráis na scoile, ar fhoirmeacha a chuirfidh an Coimisiún ar fáil, gur obair indibhidiúil na n-iarrthóirí féin atá iontu. Ba chóir do na múinteoirí monatóireacht rialta a dhéanamh ar dhul chun cinn obair na n-iarrthóirí. Ba chóir aird na n-iarrthóirí agus na múinteoirí go léir a dhíriú ar na ciorcláin S68/08 agus S69/04. **Tugtar do bhur n-aire, áfach, nach mór don iarrthóir an freagarleabhar pro-forma a scríobh é/í féin.** Tugadh treoracha maidir leis an gceist seo cheana féin le linn cruinnithe agus oiliúint inseirbhíse.

Déanfar fiosrú iomlán aon uair a bheidh amhras ann faoi chóipeáil, cúnamh míchuí ó pháirtí eile, bradaíl nó soláthar píosaí a d'ullmhaigh páirtí eile. Ba chóir na hiarrthóirí a chur ar an eolas faoi na pionóis is féidir a ghearradh faoi *Rialacha agus Clár do Mheánscoileanna*, ar a n-áirítear cailleadh an ábhair, cailleadh an scrúdaithe ar fad i ngach ábhar, nó a bheith toirmiscthe ó na Scrúduithe Teistiméireachta a dhéanamh sna blianta amach anseo.

Is féidir le hiarrthóirí ábhar a chur i láthair a eascraíonn as obair ghrúpa. Ní mór **obair indibhidiúil an iarrthóra féin** a shonrú go soiléir sa leabhrán, áfach. Tá sé de fhreagracht ar **gach** iarrthóir sa ghrúpa a dheimhniú go gcuirtear a c(h)uid oibre féin i láthair go soiléir.

Ba chóir Leabhráin na hOibre Cúrsa a chomhlánú faoi **27 Aibreán 2018**. Ar an dáta deiridh sin, ba chóir a threorú do na hiarrthóirí a Leabhrán Obair Chúrsa féin a chur isteach i gclúdach iarrthóra, a chuirfidh an Coimisiún ar fáil. Ní mór don iarrthóir a scrúduimhir a chur ar chumhdach an chlúdaigh seo. Nuair a bheidh an clúdach faoi shéala, ba chóir don iarrthóir é a thabhairt ar láimh d'údaráis na scoile. Iarrtar ar na scoileanna na clúdaigh ar fad a bhaineann le Leabhráin na hOibre Cúrsa a choinneáil ar láimh shábháilte go dtí lá an scrúdaithe scríofa.

Ba chóir do na hiarrthóirí a Scrúduimhir a scríobh sna boscaí cuí. Seolfar clúdaigh a bhfuil dearadh ar leith orthu chun na scoileanna in am trátha.

Freagairt trí Ghaeilge

Tugtar do bhur n-aire nach mbronnfar marcanna bónais ar aon obair chúrsa a dhéanfar trí Ghaeilge, mar is amhlaidh i gcás na scrúduithe eile ar fad a bhfuil comhpháirteanna iontu seachas an scrúdú scríofa foirmiúil.

Iarrtar oraibh an ciorclán seo a chur faoi bhráid na múinteoirí agus na mac léinn a mbaineann sé leo. Má bhíonn aon cheist agaibh déanaigí teagmháil le Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit ag 090 644 2746/2750, le bhur dtoil.

Philoméin Ní Mhaoilmhichíl

Oifigeach Foirne,

Samhain 2017