

COIMISIÚN NA SCRÚDUITHE STÁIT

State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Examination, 2021

Geography

Geographical Investigation (20% of Total Marks)

Prescribed List of Investigation Topics, 2021

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 **16th April 2021**.
- Completed investigation reports must be submitted to the SEC following the completion date. The SEC will issue a further communication to schools about the return of completed investigation reports in advance of the completion date.

Information for Teachers

- Candidates will be expected to complete the Practical Coursework component – the Geographical Investigation Report – for submission to their school authorities by **16th April 2021**.
- 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 written element of the Report should not exceed a **total length of 1000 words**. Graphs, sketch-maps or diagrams may also be drawn in the appropriate spaces provided. The Booklet gives a maximum number of words for each stage of the report. **Where candidates present material in excess of the required length marks will be lost.** Any extra material inserted into the booklet will not be marked. Examiners will mark only what is presented on the pages of the booklet itself.
- 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.
- All secondary sources used [books, journals, web-sites, etc.] must be duly acknowledged.

List of Geographical Investigation Topics for Candidates sitting the Leaving Certificate Examination in 2021

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

1. Changing land-use in a local area.
2. The impact of migration in a local area.
3. An investigation of a local environmental issue.
4. A study of the geology of a local area.
5. Investigate the impact of **two** specific processes of erosion (e.g. abrasion, attrition, solution etc.) on the shaping of the landscape in a fluvial **or** coastal **or** glacial environment.
6. The impact primary **or** secondary economic activity in a local area.