



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit
State Examinations Commission

FORMAT FOR

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

1. GAEILGE CHUMARSÁIDEACH

Cuid 1: Scrúdú Cainte (40% de na marcanna uile)

Am: 5-10 nóiméad.

Cuirtear na sonraí faoin mBéaltrail, maraon le ceisteanna samplacha, chuig scoileanna, leo féin.

Cuid 2: Scrúdú Scríofa (60% de na marcanna uile)

Am: 1 uair.

Tá 4 roinn sa pháipéar seo:

Roinn 1: Cluastuiscint (25%)

Roinn 2: Léamhthuiscint (10%)

Roinn 3: Scríobh na Teanga (10%)

Roinn 4: Taighde (15%)

Triailfear anseo an taighde atá le déanamh ag na daltaí laistigh de na modúil.

2. ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION

Part 1: Audio-visual (16.6% of total marks)

Duration: 30 minutes.

Candidates will be questioned on at least 1 video sequence.

The sequence and the accompanying questions will have application to 1 or more modules on the course.

Part 2: Written Examination (50% of total marks)

Duration: 90 minutes.

The paper will contain 4 sections, approximating to the 4 modules on the course.

Each section will contain a number of questions and

Candidates will be required to attempt 1 question from each section.

Please note that Module 2 is now called Communication & Enterprise and Module 3 is now called The Communication Media, approximating to Section 2 and 3 of the Examination paper and the Oral Examination.

Part 3: Oral Examination (33.3% of total marks)

Duration: 10-15 minutes.

Candidates will be examined on various aspects of the

4 modules on the course and on their general communication ability.

Note: Details concerning Oral Examination are issued separately.

3. **FRENCH**

Part 1: Oral Examination (35% of total marks)

Duration: will not extend beyond 5 minutes.

Part 2: Written Examination (65% of total marks)

Duration: 1 hour.

There are 2 Sections in this paper:

Section 1: Listening Comprehension (35%)

Section 2: Reading Comprehension and Written Exercise (30%).

Note: Details concerning oral examination are issued separately.

4. **GERMAN**

Part 1: Oral Examination (35% of total marks)

Duration: Will not exceed 5 minutes.

Part 2: Written Examination (65% of total marks).

Duration: 1 hour.

There are 2 Sections in this paper:

Section 1: Listening Comprehension (35%)

Section 2: Reading Comprehension and Written Exercise (30%).

Note: Details concerning oral examination are issued separately.

5. **SPANISH**

Part 1: Oral Examination (35% of total marks)

Duration: 5 minutes.

Part 2: Written Examination (65% of total marks)

Duration: 1 hour.

There are 2 Sections in this paper:

Section 1: Listening Comprehension (35%)

Section 2: Reading Comprehension and Written Exercise (30%).

Note: Details concerning oral examination are issued separately.

6. ITALIAN

Part 1: Oral Examination (35% of total marks)

Duration: 5-7 minutes.

Part 2: Written Examination (65% of total marks)

Duration: 1 hour.

There are 2 Sections in this paper:

Section 1: Listening Comprehension (35%)

Section 2: Reading Comprehension and Written Exercise (30%).

Note: Details concerning oral examination are issued separately.

7. SIGN LANGUAGE

There will be one examination of approximately 20 to 30 minutes duration per candidate. The examination will have two parts as follows:

Part 1: Candidates will be required to engage in 3 – 5 minutes of signed conversation and respond to seven short questions covering the entire course. (40% of the total marks).

Part 2: Candidates will be required to give a 3 to 8 minute presentation on one of the 4 topics already notified to the schools (40% of the total marks). The content of the presentation, including evidence of research and personal reflection and answers to questions on the presentation will also be assessed. (20% of the total marks).

8. SOCIAL EDUCATION

There will be a single written examination, covering all course modules.

Duration: 2 hours.

Candidates will be required to attempt:

Section A: An aural section - 35% of total marks

Section B: 10 of 15 objective questions - 20% of total marks

Section C: Question 1 (compulsory) and 2 of the 3 remaining questions - 45% of total marks.

9. MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS

There will be a single written examination, covering all modules.

Duration: 2 hours.

The Research Element Topic will be examined in Question 2 on the examination paper. Details of the Research Element Topic are forwarded to schools in advance.

Question 1 will consist of 10 parts.

Candidates will be required to attempt question 1 and any three other questions from the remaining four questions. All questions will carry equal marks.

10. VOCATIONAL SPECIALISMS

10.1 HOTEL, CATERING & TOURISM

Part 1: Examination of Practical Work (50% of total marks).

Each candidate will complete a practical performance test in the presence of an external examiner.

Duration: 2 hours.

(10 candidates to be examined in each 2 hour examination session).

A list of 10 assignment briefs will be issued by the State Examinations Commission during Session 4.

Each candidate will draw one assignment from this list three weeks prior to the examination.

Each candidate in an examination group should complete a different assignment. Candidates will be required to present evidence of preparatory research and planning and carry out a short written evaluation at the examination.

Part 2: Written Examination (50% of total marks).

Duration: 1½ hours.

The paper will contain 4 sections representing the 4 course modules entitled as follows:

Section 1 – Eating Out: The Fast Food Way.

Section 2 – Eating Out : Hotels, Restaurants & Institutions.

Section 3 – Hospitality in Tourism.

Section 4 – Catering for Diversity.

Each section will contain 2 questions. Candidates will be required to attempt 1 question from each section.

10.2 OFFICE ADMINISTRATION & CUSTOMER CARE

Part 1: Examination of Practical Work (40% of total marks).

Each candidate will complete a practical performance test in the presence of an external examiner.

Duration: 20 minutes.

A list of 8 assignment briefs will be issued by the State Examinations Commission during Session 4. Each candidate will be required to complete 3 of these assignments as selected by the external examiner.

Part 2: Written Examination (60% of total marks)

Duration: 1½ hours.

The paper will contain 8 questions, based on the 4 modules.

The questions will vary in format. Candidates will be required to attempt 4 questions, one from each section.

10.3 ACTIVE LEISURE STUDIES

Part 1: Examination of Practical Work (40% of total marks).

Each candidate will complete a practical performance test in the presence of an external examiner.

Duration: 20-30 minutes.

The assessment will include a short discussion with each candidate.

General instructions to candidates and a list giving the range of skills to be tested will be issued by the State Examinations Commission during Session 4.

The examiners will select the skills to be performed by each candidate on the examination day.

Part 2: Written Examination (60% of total marks).

Duration: 1½ hours.

The examination paper will contain 6 sections:

Section 1 - Active Leisure Studies; Section 2 - Health Related Fitness;

Section 3: - Aquatics; Section 4 - Outdoor Education; Section 5 – Invasion Games; Section 6 - Net/Fielding Games.

Candidates must attempt 6 questions in total. 2 questions are to be attempted in Section 1 and Section 2 (one question in each of these sections is compulsory).

Candidates must select 2 sections from the remaining 4 sections and attempt 1 question from each of these sections.

10.4 HAIR & BEAUTY

Part 1: Examination of Practical Work (40% of total marks).

Each candidate will complete a practical performance test in the presence of an external examiner.

Duration: 1½ hours.

A list of assignment briefs will be issued by the State Examinations Commission during Session 4.

Each candidate will draw one assignment from this list two weeks prior to the examination.

Part 2: Written Examination (60% of total marks).

Duration: 1½ hours.

The paper will contain 4 sections representing the 4 course modules.

Each section will contain 2 questions. Candidates will be required to attempt 1 question from each section.

10.5 AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE

Part 1: Examination of Practical Work (40% of total marks).

Each candidate will complete a practical performance test in the presence of an external examiner.

Duration: 15 - 20 minutes

The assessment will include a practical performance test that can be completed within a 10-15 minute period. This is followed by a short discussion between the candidate and the examiner for 5- 10 minutes.

The assignment brief will be issued by the State Examinations Commission during Session 4.

Part 2: Written Examination (60% of total marks)

Duration: 1½ hours.

The paper will contain two sections:

Section One (120 marks)

This section contains one question, in which there are 18 parts. Candidates are required to attempt 12 parts.

All parts carry equal marks.

Questions are based on the course modules.

Section Two (120 marks)

Candidates will be required to attempt any four of six questions.

Each question is based on one of the six course modules.

10.6 INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Each candidate will be required to complete a practical performance test and a written examination in the presence of a superintendent.

There will be a single examination:

Theory Questions: 30% (120 marks)

Practical Skills: 70% (280 marks)

The paper will contain 3 Sections as follows:

Section 1 (180 marks) consists of ten questions assessing general theory.

Candidates will be required to answer all questions.

Section 2 (80 marks) consists of two questions on Word Processing – one question assesses Word Processing theory (10 marks) and the other is a practical assignment (70 marks)

Candidates will be required to answer both questions.

Section 3 (240 marks) consists of five modules – Spreadsheets, Databases, Desktop Publishing, The Internet and Text Entry. Each module consists of two questions – one question assesses theory (10 marks) and the other is a practical assignment (70 marks).

Candidates must complete any three of these five modules.

Candidates will be required to answer both questions from each of the three chosen modules.

10.7 CHILDCARE / COMMUNITY CARE

Part 1: Examination of Practical Work (40% of total marks).

Each candidate will present a completed coursework assignment and attend an interview with the examiner in order to discuss the assignment.

Duration of interview: 10-15 minutes.

The assignment must comply with an assignment brief which will be issued by the State Examinations Commission at the beginning of Session 4.

Part 2: Written Examination (60% of total marks)

Duration: 1½ hours.

The paper will contain 5 sections representing the 5 course modules.

Each section will contain 2 questions. Candidates will be required to attempt 1 question from each of the 4 sections selected.

10.8 TECHNOLOGY

Part 1: Examination of Practical Work (40% of total marks).

Each candidate will present a completed coursework assignment and attend an interview with the examiner to discuss the assignment.

Duration of interview: 10-15 minutes.

The State Examinations Commission will issue a choice of design briefs at the beginning of session 4. The assignment presented for assessment must comply with 1 of these design briefs.

Part 2: Written Examination (60% of total marks)

Duration - 2 hours.

The paper is comprised of two main sections, Section 1 and Section 2.

Section 1:

There are three questions in Section 1. All three questions must be attempted.

Question 1: contains 15 short-answer questions covering aspects of the four course modules. Any 10 of these questions must be attempted.

Question 2: relates to drawing and freehand sketching. All parts must be attempted.

Question 3: relates to Health and Safety. All parts must be attempted.

Section 2:

This section will contain 5 questions covering all course modules. Candidates will be required to attempt 3 questions.

10.9 ENGINEERING

Part 1: Examination of Practical Work (40% of total marks).

Each candidate will present a completed practical coursework and attend an interview with the examiner to discuss the work presented.

Duration of interview: 10-15 minutes.

The State Examinations Commission will issue a choice of design briefs at the beginning of session 4. The assignment presented for assessment must comply with 1 of these design briefs.

Part 2: Written Examination (60% of total marks)

Duration: 1½ hours.

The examination will contain two sections:

Section 1 will contain three compulsory questions

Question 1: 20 short-answer questions to attempt any 15

Question 2: A Drawing question

Question 3: A question with safety as its theme

Section 2 will contain four questions reflecting the different modules

Candidates will be required to attempt any three

Question 4: General Engineering Processes

Question 5: Motor Engineering

Question 6: Decorative Metalwork

Question 7: Engineering Systems

If candidates attempt Question 7, they must answer questions from any two of the five topics given.

10.10 GRAPHICS & CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

Part 1: Examination of Practical Work (40% of total marks).

Each candidate will present a completed coursework assignment and attend an interview with the examiner to discuss the assignment.

Duration of interview: 10-15 minutes.

The State Examinations Commission will issue a choice of design briefs at the beginning of Session 4. The assignment presented for assessment must comply with one of these design briefs.

Part 2: Written Examination (60% of total marks).

Duration: 1½ hours.

The paper is comprised of two main sections, Section 1 and Section 2.

Section 1: There are two questions in Section 1. Both questions must be attempted.

Question 1: contains 15 short answer questions covering broad aspects of the six course modules and the terminal practical work. Any 12 of these questions must be attempted.

Question 2: relates to Graphic communication and must be attempted. All parts must be attempted.

Section 2: There are five questions in Section 2 covering the remaining five course modules excluding Graphic Communication. Candidates will be required to attempt any three questions. There are 3 parts in each question and all parts must be answered.

10.11 CRAFT AND DESIGN

Part 1: Examination of Practical Coursework Project (60% of total marks)

All candidates must present for examination

- 1 a completed project workbook
- 2 a finished piece of craft work

These two aspects of the project will have been developed from a theme selected by the candidate from a list provided in the project workbook, which is issued by the State Examinations Commission at the beginning of Session 4.

Each candidate's Project workbook and craft piece must be kept in the school for marking by the State Examinations Commission's examiner.

Part 2: Written Examination (40% of total marks)

Duration of the examinations: 1.5 hours

The written paper contains eight questions based on the four course areas. Candidates are required to answer any four questions.