



Junior Certificate Examination, 2019

Optional Oral Examinations in Irish

To the Authorities of Post-Primary Schools.

1. There is provision for a school-based test of oral expression in Irish for the Junior Certificate. The test is optional. The marks for the examination will be assigned as follows:-

	Foundation	Ordinary	Higher
Listening Comprehension	40	40	40
Reading Comprehension	120	120	40
Contextualised Language Tests			20
Written Expression	80	80	50
Literary Prose			30
Poetry			30
Letter			30
Oral Expression Test (Optional)	160	160	160

Candidates who take the Oral Expression Test will be graded out of 400, and those who do not take the Oral Expression Test will be graded out of 240.

2. The test may be held at any time between 7th **January and 8th March, 2019.**
3. Teachers are free to choose a format other than those already suggested by the State Examinations Commission (SEC) and teachers in the same school may use a variety of formats if they wish. However, each pupil should be tested for between 5 and 10 minutes.
4. Where a teacher uses his/her own format, a copy of the format and its marking scheme should be forwarded to the SEC before the **3rd May 2019.** Copies of the formats already suggested by the SEC are available on our website www.examinations.ie under Schools/Oral Examinations/Junior Certificate Optional Orals.
5. Where a school opts to conduct an oral expression test, a list indicating the estimated order of oral proficiency of the candidates in the subject concerned should be submitted on the enclosed forms **BR1** not later than **1st March, 2019.** **Please ensure that the correct examination number for each candidate is on this form.**
6. The actual marks awarded for the test should be submitted on the enclosed forms **BR2** as soon as the tests have been completed and before **12th April 2019.** **Please ensure that the correct examination number for each candidate is on this form.** All marking sheets are to be retained in the school.
7. The oral tests of 6 candidates, or 10% whichever is greater should be recorded and the recordings retained in the school until requested by SEC.

Please also note:

- Candidates in a class may be entered irrespective of whether the entire class is taking the option
- Examining of candidates is generally conducted on a class basis by the class teacher however there is some flexibility with this - a teacher other than the class teacher or a teacher from outside the school may be engaged to conduct the examination
- There is no provision for payment in respect of examining

Telephone enquiries relating to the subject matter of this circular may be made to; (090) 6442741, 6442742 and 6442745 and all details are on the SEC website www.examinations.ie under Schools/Oral examinations.

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Scrúdú an Teastais Shóisearaigh, 2019

An Bhéaltrial Roghnach sa Ghaeilge

D'Údaráís na Scoileanna Iarbhuioideachais

1. Tá foráil ann do thriail chainte (Béaltrial) sa Ghaeilge a dhéanfaí sa scoil. Tá an triail roghnach. Roinnfear na marcanna sa scrúdú mar leanas:

	Bonnleibhéal	Gnáthleibhéal	Ardleibhéal
Triail Chluastuisceana	40	40	40
Triail Léamhthuisceana	120	120	40
Trialacha Teanga i gComhthéacs			20
Scríobh na Teanga	80	80	50
Prós Liteartha			30
Filíocht			30
Litir			30
Béaltrial (Roghnach)	160	160	160

As 400 marc a dhéanfar na hiarrthóirí a ghrádú má dhéanann siad an Bhéaltrial, agus is as 240 marc a dhéanfar iad a ghrádú mura ndéanann siad an Bhéaltrial.

2. Is féidir an triail a réachtáil am ar bith idir **7 Eanáir agus 8 Márta, 2019**.
3. Tá cead ag na múinteoirí leagan amach a roghnú don triail nach ionann é agus an leagan amach atá molta ag Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit (CSS). Tá cead ag múinteoirí éagsúla sa scoil chéanna leas a bhaint as leagan amach éagsúil, más mian leo. Níor mhór, áfach, go mairfeadh an triail idir 5 agus 10 nóiméad i gcás gach dalta.
4. Má bhaineann múinteoir leas as a leagan amach féin, ní mór cóip den leagan amach sin agus an scéim mharcála a ghabhann leis a sheoladh chuig CSS **roimh 3 Bealtaine, 2019**. Tá cóipeanna de na leaganacha amach a mhol CSS cheana le fáil ar an suíomh gréasáin www.examinations.ie faoi Scoileanna/Oral Examinations/Béaltrialacha Roghnacha: An Teastas Sóisearach.
5. Má roghnaíonn scoil béaltrial a réachtáil, ní mór liosta ina bhfuil meastachán ar ord fiúntais na n-iarrthóirí i labhairt na teanga a sheoladh chuig CSS ar na foirmeacha **BR1** atá leis seo **faoi 1 Márta, 2019. Déan deimhin de, le bhur dtoil, go bhfuil scrúduimhir gach iarrthóra ar an bhfoirm seo.**
6. Ní mór na marcanna a bhronntar sa triail a sheoladh chuig CSS ar na foirmeacha **BR2** a luaithe a dhéantar na trialacha, agus **tráth nach déanaí ná 12 Aibreán, 2019. Déan deimhin de, le bhur dtoil, go bhfuil scrúduimhir gach iarrthóra ar an bhfoirm seo.** Is cóir na bileoga marcála uile a choimeád sa scoil.
7. Ní mór béaltrial seisear (6) iarrthóirí, nó 10% de na hiarrthóirí cibé acu is mó, a thaifeadh agus na taifeadtaí a choimeád sa scoil go dtí go n-iarrann CSS iad.

Tugtar faoi deara freisin:

- Is féidir le hiarrthóirí aonair i rang an Bhéaltrial a dhéanamh is cuma cé acu atá an rang iomlán á déanamh nó nach bhfuil;
- Is gnách go gcuirfidh múinteoir an triail ar a rang féin ach tá solúbthacht áirithe ag baint leis sin. D'fhéadfadh múinteoir seachas múinteoir an ranga nó múinteoir as taobh amuigh den scoil an triail a chur ar rang áirithe;
- Níl aon soláthar ann d'íocaíocht as an obair scrúdúcháin seo.

Is féidir fiosruithe faoi ábhar an chiorcláin seo a dhéanamh ar (090) 6442741, 6442742 nó 6442745. Tá an t-eolas uile ar fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin CSS, www.examinations.ie, faoi Scoileanna / Oral Examinations.