

COIMISIÚN NA SCRÚDUITHE STÁIT State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Examination, 2018

Geography

Geographical Investigation (20% of Total Marks)

Prescribed List of Investigation Topics, 2018

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 **27th April 2018**.
- Reports will be retained securely in schools until the day of the written examination in June, when the centre superintendents will associate them with the relevant written scripts, for transmission to Athlone.

Information for Teachers

- Candidates will be expected to complete the Practical Coursework component – the Geographical Investigation Report – for submission to their school authorities by **27th April 2018**.
- 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 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 2018

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

1. The impact of land-use on pattern development in a rural or urban setting.
2. Demographic change in a local setting.
3. An investigation of a local environmental issue.
4. The changing economic landscape in a rural or urban setting.
5. Test the hypothesis that geomorphic processes of erosion shape the landscape in a fluvial, coastal or glacial environment with reference to **one** specific landform.
6. The impact of geomorphic processes on the surface landscape in a karst environment.