



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit

State Examinations Commission

Corr na Madadh, Baile Átha Luain, Co. na hIarmhí

Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

S90/16

To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools
Leaving Certificate Religious Education 2018
Prescribed Titles for Practical Coursework

1. A new syllabus for Leaving Certificate Religious Education was introduced in September 2003 and was examined for the first time in 2005.
2. The syllabus indicates that the assessment of Religious Education will have two elements: (1) a final written paper, and (2) coursework.
3. The subject will be assessed externally at Ordinary Level and at Higher Level. At both levels, coursework will account for 20% of the marks.
4. The titles for coursework for the Leaving Certificate examination 2018 are attached. These titles are common to Ordinary Level and Higher Level. Candidates are required to submit coursework on **one title only** taken from *either* Section F *or* Section G. Candidates should note that they will not be examined on these sections of the syllabus in the written examination in 2018.
5. Guidelines for undertaking coursework are included in *Religious Education Leaving Certificate Higher and Ordinary Level - Guidelines for Teachers* which was issued with the syllabus in June 2003.
6. The coursework must be submitted in a standard form in a booklet, which will be issued in due course for that purpose. The coursework booklet will be broken into two components, Part A and Part B.
 - Part A will request a summary of the candidate's investigation of the chosen title.
 - Part B will be for the candidate's personal reflection on the learning, skills and experience gained through undertaking coursework on the chosen title.
7. Please bring this circular and the attached list of coursework titles to the notice of the teachers concerned.
8. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.
9. If you have any queries regarding this circular please telephone 0906442746/0906442825.

Philomena Mulvihill

Executive Officer

November, 2016.

PRESCRIBED TITLES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSEWORK

FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2018

A choice of two titles is given in each of Sections F and G below. Candidates should base their coursework on **one** title only, taken from *either* Section F *or* Section G.

SECTION F: ISSUES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE

F. 1 A case study on the connection between the religious beliefs of a major world religion and its members' commitment to non-violent means of resolving conflict.

F. 2 ● Discrimination in Ireland ● Poverty in Ireland ● World Hunger

An analysis of how the understanding of justice and peace in a major world religion encourages its members to address the structural causes of **one** of the issues listed above.

SECTION G: WORSHIP, PRAYER AND RITUAL

G. 1 A profile of the origins of using mantra and sacred text in meditation techniques and the significance of these forms of prayer for members of **one** major world religion today.

G. 2 *Sacraments are central to worship in some Christian traditions.*

An evaluation of the evidence for this statement making reference to the role sacraments play in worship for the members of **two** Christian denominations.