



**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit
State Examinations Commission**

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION 20XX

Sample
Art - Coursework Brief

**Imaginative Composition or Still Life
and
Craftwork or Design**

Higher Level and Ordinary Level

200 marks are assigned to the coursework component, i.e. 50% of the total marks for Art

This brief together with the SEC Coursework Workbook should be handed to candidates on **XXXXX**

You should refer to circular XX/XX for further instructions

A minimum of 30 hours of classroom contact should be provided for the delivery of the coursework component over the ten week period

All work must be completed by XXXXX

General directions to candidates

- It is **your** responsibility as the candidate to comply with these instructions. If you fail to comply with these instructions, your Art teacher will not be able to validate and sign off on your coursework component.
- Your coursework component must be completed by the date stated on this Leaving Certificate Art Coursework Brief.
- Your completed coursework component submitted for assessment must consist of **two** realised works from the Leaving Certificate Art Coursework Brief **and** a record of their development in the Coursework Workbook. Your investigation and development based on your chosen theme must be recorded in your Coursework Workbook using the prescribed structure.
- The coursework component you submit for assessment must be **your own** individual work.
- To enable your Art teacher to validate your coursework component and to ensure that similar constraints apply to all candidates, the workbook and realised works in their entirety must be executed in school under the supervision of your class teacher.
- Your workbook and realised works must not be removed from the school **under any circumstances** as doing so will result in the coursework component being considered invalid and no marks will be awarded.
- You must submit your own separate, distinct coursework component. Group coursework is not accepted for assessment.
- Your coursework component must meet the requirements for coursework as specified in the Leaving Certificate Art Coursework Brief. In order for your Art teacher to be able to validate your work, you must select coursework that can be completed within the supervised time available, using the materials and equipment available in the school. You must agree the coursework with your class teacher. You must allow your Art teacher to supervise all of your work in order for your Art teacher to be able to validate your coursework. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in your Art teacher not being able to validate and sign off on your coursework component.
- Evidence that you completed individual experimental work should be included in your workbook. It is recommended that your research and development work be related to your chosen theme and to your realised works.
- **The use of primary sources is required.** Primary sources are sources, physical or conceptual, that are viewed in their original state and are not filtered through another person's interpretation of them. You may use a combination of physical and conceptual sources, (working from imagination, memory or feeling).
- Secondary sources if used, should be included in the Initial Research Sheet only and should be referred to only as an influence or as inspiration. You must have a reason for including secondary sources such as; looking at how others use materials, techniques, surfaces, art elements or composition, etc. You must acknowledge any secondary sources used, by giving the relevant URL address, book name and author or the magazine name and date, etc.

- Material (secondary sources) copied directly from the internet or from other sources and presented as your own work will not receive any marks. Repeatedly copying images does not constitute development and therefore will not attract marks.
- Making studies outside of the classroom: you may make some sketches and take some photographs to bring into class but the development should take place in Art class under the supervision of your Art teacher. Studies or photography recorded outside of class contact time should appear on Development Sheet 1 **only**. Keep this type of work to a minimum.
- Studies made outside of the classroom must be validated by your Art teacher as your own work in order to be accepted as coursework. The work that you bring in to the school must be of the same level and standard as the work that you carry out under the supervision of your Art teacher.
- **You must work directly into your Coursework Workbook.**
- Your workbook should include a record of the design and development process to show the **steps** that you took to **develop** and realise your work. You should also include a design proposal for your realised works. Do not insert any extra pages.
- Where there are clear similarities between your coursework component and that of another candidate, whether the workbook or the realised works, you will not receive any marks for such coursework.
- You must put your examination number on the workbook and on your realised works using the material issued by the State Examinations Commission.
- Any incidence of suspected copying, improper assistance from another party, plagiarism or procurement from another party will be thoroughly investigated. Where coursework cannot be verified as the candidate's own individual work the State Examinations Commission will take appropriate action. This often results in the work presented being deemed invalid and any marks awarded in respect of it being discounted when determining the overall result.
- Both your Art teacher and school Principal are required to sign a document which states that you have followed these instructions. This validates your coursework for assessment. They must inform the State Examinations Commission if you have not followed all of these instructions. If you submit coursework which cannot be validated by your Art teacher and school Principal, you will not receive any marks for the coursework component.
- Responsibility for complying with examination requirements rests with **you** the candidate. If the above requirements are not met, your Art teacher and the school authorities will have to bring this to the attention of the State Examinations Commission.

Note: the circumstances in which the Minister for Education and Skills may withhold marks from candidates are set out in the 'Rules and Programme for Secondary Schools'.

Any person who helps a candidate to break examination rules can be prosecuted under the Education Act 1998.

Coursework: Instructions

Introduction

- Select **one** of the themes below and base your coursework on this theme:
 - Friend or Foe**
 - Networks**
 - Reflections.**
- You may consider using the support material suggested under each of the themes below. This support material indicates possible areas of investigation within the theme that you might find interesting. However, you should be aware that these are suggestions only and that there are many other equally valid approaches that you could take.
- Choose your **own** approach and produce your **own** work in response to **your** chosen theme.

Theme A	Theme B	Theme C
Friend or Foe	Networks	Reflections
<i>Support Material</i>	<i>Support Material</i>	<i>Support Material</i>
A friend or an enemy Friend: a person with whom one has a bond of mutual affection, an ally Foe: an enemy or opponent	A group or system of interconnected people or things A complex system of railways, roads, etc. or interconnected computers, machines or operations	The throwing back by a body or surface of light, heat or sound without absorbing it Thought, consideration or memory
Contrast in theatre, sport and nature To choose between good or bad, your conscience War & politics A colleague, confidante, soul mate, alter-ego, classmate, BFF, comrade, pal, sidekick, sister, brother Or A rival, arch enemy, bully, adversary, antagonist The opposition, competitor, the other side Food, weather Mythology Light & dark	A tangle, labyrinth, warren A network of friends and relationships, social media The bush telegraph or grapevine To criss-cross, grid, lattice, net, matrix, mesh Webbing, tracery, trellis, pattern Mines, tunnels, road works, Luas, Greenways ESB, pylons, poles, fuse box, wiring, phones, satellites, TV Family trees, genealogy Latitude, longitude Mondrian, Futurism	A mirror, likeness, shine, echo, prism, glimmer, glint, shimmer, shadows To meditate, consider, review, agonise, ponder, wonder, puzzle over To distort & refract Water, glass, sea, lakes, puddles, eyes, tiles, windows, buildings Diamonds, other precious jewels and metals Sunlight, moonlight, starlight Evaluation of the past & present The Impressionists, Dali
The Taking of Christ, 1602 by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio	Upstream of Powerhouse with Drilling Gang and Wagon Train, c. 1927-29 by Seán Keating	A Breakfast-piece, 1637 by Pieter Claesz

Development

You must follow the prescribed structure of the Coursework Workbook:

1. **The Initial Research Sheet**- research for all of your coursework.
 - Investigate your chosen theme using a variety of relevant media and materials. Your research and investigation will show you possibilities and routes that you might take with your coursework.
2. **Development Sheets 1 & 2 for Section A and Section B.**
 - From your investigation, develop ideas and proposals for **both** your realised works.
 - Test your ideas to see if they will work.
 - When you are satisfied that your investigation and development have led to feasible proposals for Sections **A** and **B**, sketch your proposals on the relevant Development Sheet 2 and proceed to make both of your realised works.

The process of investigation and development is essential in order for you to be able to create your best possible artwork.

- **You must use primary source material based on your chosen theme.** Primary sources are sources, physical or conceptual, that are viewed in their original state and are not filtered through another person's interpretation of them.
- Your coursework is not just a test of your technical skills but also an examination of the ideas that you will develop from your investigation of your chosen theme.
- **You should work directly on to your Coursework Workbook.** The pages need not be clean and tidy, but should display your visual investigations, ideas and experiments. You are allowed to include samples of trial work that **you** have made such as embroidery stitches on fabric, colour combinations, texture trials, experiments on various grounds, your own photographs and written notes. The samples (grounds and trial work, etc.) you attach should be small enough to allow you ample space to work directly on to your workbook.
- You should ensure that the Coursework Workbook provides authentic evidence of your developing ideas and decisions.
- You should discuss your ideas with your Art Teacher before deciding on your theme and your teacher must be kept informed of your plans and progress in order to be able to validate your coursework.
- Investigation and development can include recording material from source/s such as objects, people and landscapes. Conceptual sources which are based on ideas and imagination are also allowed. You may also use a combination of sources. Irrespective of the sources that you investigate, you must use the material that you generate from this investigation to develop **your own original work.**
- **Visual plagiarism is not allowed.**

Realisation

You must submit the following coursework for examination:

1. Your completed SEC Coursework Workbook
2. A realised work for Section **A** (Imaginative Composition or Still life) as outlined in the question you have chosen
3. A realised work for Section **B** (Craftwork or Design) as outlined in the question you have chosen.

Please note the following:

- You should manage your time carefully in order to fully develop your work from the initial research, through the development, to the realised work in the time allowed
- In order to be able to place your work into the envelopes supplied by the State Examinations Commission on the date specified, the materials that you use must be sufficiently dry, etc. by the end of the coursework period
- The materials that you use for your work should not be perishable and should be sufficiently robust to ensure that your work is intact for the examining and appeal stages.

Section A

Choose **one** of the following:

1. Make an **Imaginative Composition** developed from your chosen theme. Your work may be representational and/or abstract.

or

2. Make a **Still Life** work based on a group of objects suggested by your chosen theme.

Please note the following:

- You must use the structure in your workbook to develop your realised work for Section A
- The rationale for your realised work should be stated on the back page of your workbook describing the relevance of your idea to the theme that you have chosen in **your own** words
- Write your Examination Number and level clearly on the back of your realised work on the top right hand side
- Write the title 'Imaginative Composition' or 'Still Life' immediately below your Examination Number and level
- You may work in colour, monochrome, mixed media, collage or any other suitable medium
- Minimum size of realised work: A3
- Maximum size of realised work: A2.

Section B

Choose **one** of the following:

1. Design and make a piece of **Craftwork** based on **one** of the Craftwork questions listed.

or

2. Create a **Design** based on **one** of the Design questions listed.

Please note the following:

- You must use the structure in your workbook to develop your realised work for Section B
- The rationale for your realised work should be clearly stated on the back page of your workbook, describing the relevance of your idea to the theme that you have chosen in **your own** words
- Write your Examination Number and level clearly on the back of your realised work on the top right hand side, where your work is 2D
- Where your work is 3D, securely attach one of the labels supplied with your Examination Number and level clearly written on it
- Write the number of the Craftwork **or** Design question you have chosen immediately below your Examination Number and level.

Craftwork

Choose **one** of the following questions. You are required to design and make an item of craftwork based on your chosen theme.

Question 1	Bookcraft
Craftwork	Design and make one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a box file• a document wallet• a folder.
Instructions	Your finished craft piece should function and include a closing mechanism. Its shape should reflect your chosen theme.
Materials	An assortment of papers, card, binding materials, ties, paints, inks, collage materials, adhesive and relevant tools, etc.
Size	Maximum size: 40 cm in its greatest dimension.

Question 2	Calligraphy
Craftwork	Design and make a piece of contemporary / traditional calligraphy based on your chosen theme. Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a poem• a passage of text.
Instructions	Design and make a piece of calligraphy based on a minimum of 4 lines of text or approximately 40 words . The text used may be chosen from any source but must be relevant to the theme. You may use traditional and/or contemporary approaches appropriate to the craft of calligraphy in your work. You may integrate collage, mixed media or any other suitable technique.
Materials	A surface suitable for calligraphy work; an assortment of materials for collage, inks, paints, lettering pens, brushes, calligraphy markers, ruler, t-square, etc.
Size	Minimum size: A3, maximum size: A2.

Question 3	Poster
Craftwork	Design and make one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a poster • a display card.
Instructions	You must use lettering in your work. Personalised hand-constructed and rendered lettering is preferred and should reflect your chosen theme. The shape and type of display card you use is your own choice. Higher level candidates should include a minimum of 20 characters (letters/numbers).
Materials	Ruler, t-square, papers for collage, card, textured materials, brushes, adhesive, inks, paints, any other quick drying medium, etc.
Size	Poster; minimum size: A3, maximum size: A2. Display card must not exceed 60cm in its greatest dimension.

Question 4	Weaving
Craftwork	Design and make one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a wall hanging • a panel for a shoulder bag • a tapestry.
Instructions	Use a variety of materials and techniques in the weft. Use colour, shape, textures and pattern to enhance your work. Mixed media may be incorporated.
Materials	A warp on a loom or frame, a variety of yarns, wool and pliable materials suitable for weaving.
Size	Maximum size: A2.

Question 5	Blockprinting
Craftwork	Design and make one blockprint based on your chosen theme.
Instructions	You may design and make a single colour print or a print using at least two printed colours. You should use various types of cuts in your work and display an overall understanding of the properties of lino/block printing.
Materials	A piece/s of lino or a woodblock/s (depending on whether you are using a reduction method or a separate block for each colour); tracing paper, printing paper, printing inks, cutting and printing tools, etc.
Size	Minimum size: 15cm × 20cm, maximum size: A3.

Question 6	Puppetry
Craftwork	Design and make a dressed puppet based on your chosen theme. Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a glove puppet • a rod puppet • a string puppet.
Instructions	Your puppet should be suitable for multiple performances. All body parts, clothing and accessories must be made by the candidate. The use of recycled body parts or clothing from previous examinations or classwork is not allowed.
Materials	Fabric, thread, assorted textured materials, paints, body parts made from foam, wire, wood, <i>papier maché</i> or other appropriate materials.
Size	The body of your finished puppet should not exceed 100cm at its greatest dimension.

Question 7	Screen Printing
Craftwork	Design and make a screen print based on your chosen theme.
Instructions	Your realised work should include at least three printed colours. You must include overprinting in your design.
Materials	Fabric, paper, screens, stencil material, printing inks, squeegees, masking tape, etc.
Size	Your finished print should not exceed 100cm at its greatest dimension.

Question 8	Hand-Printed Textiles
Craftwork	Design and print a repeat pattern on a piece of suitable material based on your chosen theme.
Instructions	Your realised work should include at least three printed colours. You must include overprinting in your design. You should address the design possibilities of movement, flow and linkage.
Materials	Fabric, stencil material, blocks, dyes, inks, etc.
Size	Your finished print should not exceed 100cm at its greatest dimension.

Question 9	Batik
Craftwork	Design and make a batik based on your chosen theme.
Instructions	Your batik must be fully immersed at least twice during the process. Hand painting should be used only on small areas of detail.
Materials	Fabric suitable for batik, wax, dyes, <i>tjanting</i> , brushes, iron, etc.
Size	Your finished batik should not exceed 100cm at its greatest dimension.

Question 10	Pottery
Craftwork	Make a ceramic work based on your chosen theme. Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a vessel with a handle • a ceramic sculpture • a relief panel.
Instructions	Your work must be fired and decorated with appropriate materials such as slips, glazes and oxides.
Materials	Clay, appropriate pottery equipment and materials.
Size	Maximum size: 40cm at its greatest dimension.

Question 11	Embroidery
Craftwork	Design and make an embroidery based on your chosen theme. Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an embroidered panel • a three-dimensional soft sculpture • a wearable piece of embroidery art.
Instructions	Candidates may take a contemporary and /or traditional approach to the craft of embroidery. Use at least three different stitches (hand and/or machine) and a variety of techniques, e.g. felting, padding, patchwork, <i>appliqué</i> , etc.
Materials	A variety of materials including found objects, fabrics, embroidery threads, buttons, beads, ribbons, sequins, wire, <i>papier maché</i> , etc.
Size	Maximum size: 50cm at its greatest dimension.

Question 12	Woodcarving / Carving
Craftwork	Design and carve one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a work in the round • a work in relief • a platter.
Instructions	Lettering is optional. You should take into account the design possibilities of light falling on surfaces and planes.
Materials	Wood, plaster or any other suitable material, carving equipment and appropriate finishes.
Size	Maximum size: 40cm at its greatest dimension.

Question 13	Metalwork / Construction
Craftwork	Design and make one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a commemorative plaque • a freestanding work • a piece of wearable art.
Instructions	Lettering is optional. If a 3D structure is required a support/base may be used.
Materials	Enamelling materials, metals for construction techniques, equipment to execute your design.
Size	Maximum size: 40cm at its greatest dimension.

Question 14	Modelling
Craftwork	Design and make one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a sculpture in the round • a sculpture in relief.
Instructions	You should take into account the design possibilities of light falling on surfaces and planes. Your model should not be painted or glazed. Armatures and bases can be used. The model may be cast in plaster.
Materials	Models can be made in clay, quick drying clay, plasticine or any other materials suitable for modelling techniques.
Size	Maximum size: 40cm at its greatest dimension.

Design

Choose **one** of the questions from the list below.

You are required to create a Final Design Proposal based on your chosen question and theme.

Please note the following:

- You must submit a detailed drawing of your Final Design Proposal including measurements as well as details of materials, techniques, production processes and finishes, from which the design could be made
- You should include any information that you consider necessary to communicate your Final Design Proposal with particular reference to the visual, functional and material characteristics of your chosen craft
- The Final Design Proposal should be fully executed and hand rendered by the candidate
- The design solution should be presented in an appropriate manner to answer the question
- Minimum size: A3, maximum size: A2.

Question 1	Lettering and Calligraphy
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a piece of calligraphy illustrating a poem• a piece of calligraphy to be used as a menu• a piece of calligraphy to be used as a certificate.
Instructions	Design a piece of calligraphy based on a minimum of 4 lines of text or approximately 40 words . The text used may be chosen from any source but must be relevant to the theme. Personalised hand-constructed and rendered lettering is preferred. You may work to scale. You should show measurements and relevant information on your choice of typography, spacing and layout, and on how your design is to be produced. You may incorporate images, decorative motifs, expressive words and lettering.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., calligraphy materials and tools.

Question 2	Linocutting and Printing
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a lino print to be used as an illustration for a greeting card • a lino print to be used as an illustration for a front page for a website of your choice • a lino print to be used as an illustration for a menu cover.
Instructions	Your design should show an overall awareness of the properties of blockprinting, its possibilities and limitations. You should design for a single colour print or for, at least, two printed colours. Your finished design should show relevant information on how your design is to be produced, including colour separations (if applicable) and the different types of cuts to be used.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., blockprinting materials and tools.

Question 3	Fabric printing
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a repeat pattern for fabric suitable for curtains • a repeat pattern for fabric suitable for clothing • a half-drop repeat pattern suitable for upholstery.
Instructions	Your design should be suitable for batik, blockprinting, screen printing or stencil printing on fabric or any other suitable material. You should incorporate at least three colours and take into account the design possibilities of overprinting. You may work to scale and you should show measurements and relevant information on how your design is to be produced.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., fabric printing materials and tools.

Question 4	Embroidery
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an embroidered panel suitable for a wall hanging • a three-dimensional soft sculpture • an embroidered panel for a school bag.
Instructions	You may work to scale and you should show measurements and information on how your design is to be produced. Include information on your choice of materials, stitches, beading and techniques to be used in the execution of your design.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., embroidery materials and tools.

Question 5	Weaving
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a wall hanging suitable for a hotel lobby • a woven tapestry suitable for a school study • a woven textile to be used as a shawl or cloak.
Instructions	Your design should take into account the design possibilities of colour and texture and include information on the weaves and materials to be used. You may work to scale and you should show measurements and relevant information on the techniques to be used in the execution of your design.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., weaving materials and tools.

Question 6	Pottery
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a relief panel • a decorative picture frame • a large vessel.
Instructions	You may work to scale and you should show measurements and relevant information on the techniques to be used in your design. Your design should take into account the design possibilities of clay including structure, form and texture. Give details of the glazes and decoration to be used.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., pottery materials and tools.

Question 7	Puppetry
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a glove puppet to be used in a travelling production • a rod puppet for use in a pre-school • a large scale puppet to be used in a parade.
Instructions	You may work to scale and you should show measurements. Indicate how your puppet is to be assembled and how it will function. Give details of proposed materials and the decorative techniques to be used in the execution of your design.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., puppetry materials and tools.

Question 8	Bookcraft
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a box folder to hold old photographs • an expanding file to hold sheet music • a document folder to hold written notes.
Instructions	You may work to scale. Your finished design should show measurements and include details about materials, binding/ties/closing mechanism, imagery/decoration and/or lettering appropriate to your chosen option.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., bookcraft materials and tools.

Question 9	Advertising Design
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a book cover • a graphic for a bus • a logo.
Instructions	You must use lettering in your work. Personalised hand-constructed and rendered lettering is preferred and should reflect your chosen theme. Your finished design should show measurements and relevant information on the techniques to be used in the execution of your design.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., design materials and tools.

Question 10	Modelling and Carving
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a relief panel for the entrance to a library • a three-dimensional free-standing sculpture to be placed outside an arts centre • a three-dimensional sculpture to be used as an award.
Instructions	You may design for modelling, carving or any appropriate construction technique. You should work to scale, showing measurements and relevant information on materials and the techniques to be used in the execution of your design.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., modelling materials and tools.

Question 11	Stage Set
Design	Design one of the following based on your chosen theme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a film set for a thriller • a TV set for a drama • a stage set.
Instructions	You should work to scale, showing measurements and relevant information on materials and on the techniques to be used in the execution of your design.
Materials	Paper, pens, paint, etc., card, design materials and tools.

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