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STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

PRESS RELEASE

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPEALS 2007

10th October 2007

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) has released the appeal results for the 2007 Leaving Certificate examination. Candidates will receive the results of their appeals today either through their school or through the on-line examination results service on www.examinations.ie. At 12 midday today the Leaving Cert examination results available on www.examinations.ie will be updated to reflect the appeal outcomes. The appeal results are also being transmitted electronically to the Central Applications Office.

In 2007, the Leaving Certificate (Established and Vocational) examinations culminated in the issue of some 350,000 grades to 50,870 candidates. A total of 5,635 candidates made applications for appeals against 10,135, grades leading to 2,063 upgrades. Small numbers of appeals were also processed in subjects in the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme.

In the processing of appeals, the work of each candidate is fully re-marked question by question using the original marking scheme. The re-marking is performed by a different examiner to the one who originally marked the work.

Candidates may opt to view their re-marked examination scripts. Candidates are required to complete the application form that accompanies the appeal results and to return it through the school that entered them for examination by Friday 12th October. Externally entered candidates should return the form directly to the SEC. All such applications must be with the SEC by 5 PM on Tuesday 16th October 2007. The viewing will be held in the Athlone office of the SEC on Saturday 20th October between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Candidates who are dissatisfied with the outcome of their appeal have recourse to the Independent Appeals Scrutineers. The Scrutineers' role is to ensure that due process has been followed in the case of each appeal and that all of the appeal procedures were properly carried out. The Scrutineers are independent of the State Examinations Commission and they have the power to request from the SEC all documentation relating to an appeal in conducting their investigations. Application forms for an appeal review by the Independent Appeal Scrutineers have been provided with the appeal results.

NUMBER AND OUTCOME OF APPEALS 2007

A total of 10,135 individual subject appeals were processed resulting in 2,063 upgrades. Details of the number and outcome of appeals are shown below for subjects in which more than 10 appeals were made.

Leaving Certificate Appeals 2007

SUBJECT	LEVEL	CANDIDATES	APPEALS	UPGRADES
ENGLISH	H	31,070	1,862	282
BIOLOGY	H	17,521	710	196
GEOGRAPHY	H	17,763	722	209
IRISH	H	13,831	952	180
BUSINESS	H	12,670	608	128
FRENCH	H	13,770	731	143
MATHEMATICS	H	8,388	496	95
MATHEMATICS	O	35,075	583	83
HISTORY	H	7,411	454	121
CHEMISTRY	H	5,729	380	56
PHYSICS	H	5,223	178	43
ART	H	7,531	278	64
LINKS MODULES(LCVP)	C	14,080	225	56
HOME ECONOMICS - S+ S	H	8,348	209	40
ACCOUNTING	H	4,922	225	64
ECONOMICS	H	3,493	188	24
GERMAN	H	4,554	206	48
ENGINEERING	H	3,361	32	8
MUSIC	H	4,369	147	19
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	H	3,261	146	74
TECHNICAL DRAWING	H	2,878	108	16
IRISH	O	25,662	75	8
CONSTRUCTION STUDIES	H	6,326	98	19
FRENCH	O	14,035	69	11
SPANISH	H	1,535	89	19
ENGLISH	O	17,377	53	17
LATIN	H	111	14	1
PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY	H	392	13	0
SPANISH	O	1,127	11	2

H = Higher, O = Ordinary, C = Common.

Appeals were also made in Higher Level ;Agricultural Economics, Arabic, Classical Studies, Home Economics, Italian, Japanese, Religious Education, Romanian, and in Ordinary Level Accounting, Agricultural Science, Applied Mathematics, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Construction Studies, Economics, Engineering, Geography, German, History, Home Economics S&S, Italian, Physics, and Technical Drawing; and in Foundation Level Irish and Mathematics.

The figures do not include a small number of appeals which have yet to be finalised.

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