STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

PRESS RELEASE

EXAMS BODY CALLS ON NEW RECRUITS

Thursday, 5th May 2005

The national examinations body, the State Examinations Commission (SEC), today launched a follow-up recruitment campaign to encourage suitably qualified individuals to join its team of examiners for the 2005 certificate examinations.

Following the completion of the initial examiner recruitment campaign in December last, the SEC recruited the number of examiners needed to mark this year’s Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. As in previous years, the Commission is holding a follow-up examiner recruitment drive for reserve panels of examiners for certain subjects in the 2005 certificate examinations. This also provides another opportunity for those who may have missed out on the first campaign.

The SEC recognises the vital role played by its committed and professional examiners in the delivery of the examinations. Every year, 4,000 examiners are involved in marking the written examinations. Over an eight week period, from June until the issue of the results in August, examiners will mark almost one and a half million scripts and will generate almost one million grades.

Supplies of application forms for the assistant examiner positions have been delivered to all second-level schools. Potential applicants can visit the Recruitment Section of the SEC website www.examinations.ie, for more information on becoming an assistant examiner and to print down an application form. Alternatively they can call the SEC on 090-6442734 or e-mail to examiners@education.gov.ie. Priority will be given to immediate applications and all applications must be submitted by 20th May 2005.

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Notes for Editors

SEC is the State Examinations Commission. The role of the SEC is the assessment and certification of the second-level examinations of the Irish state: the Junior Certificate and the Leaving Certificate and of certain trade and professional examinations.

The SEC is based at Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.
Examiner recruitment notices will appear in the national press on Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} and Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} May 2005.