
Candidates taking the Leaving Certificate Irish examination at Ordinary Level sit two examination papers. Paper 1 commenced at 1.30PM today Thursday 9th 2005. In the Composition section of this paper candidates were asked to write a continuous piece on one topic from a choice of three. The choice of composition topics on the paper included “Timpistí bóthair” (Road accidents).

The State Examinations Commission has made a slight modification to the examination paper for candidates taking this examination in the four second level schools in Navan, Co. Meath. In the modified paper, the composition topic “Timpistí bóthair” (Road accidents) was substituted with “An Teilifís”.

The decision to make this modification to the paper was made in recognition of the upset experienced by candidates in these schools following the inclusion in yesterday’s Junior Certificate Ordinary Level English Paper 1 of the composition topic “Travelling on the School Bus”. Any upset caused to any candidate as a result of the inclusion of this composition topic was certainly not intended.

The SEC always reviews its policies and procedures at the end of each examination season. This issue will cause us to review the context in which examination papers are set in the future.

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