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Assessment Arrangements

For Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate
Examinations 2021





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Introduction

This document sets out the adjusted assessment arrangements for post-primary students taking certificate examinations in the 2020/21 school year. These arrangements are designed to take account of the disrupted learning experienced by students during the 2019/20 school year. The adjustments have been arrived at through discussions between the Department of Education and Skills (DES), the State Examinations Commission (SEC) and the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) and key stakeholders.

As schools have significant autonomy in determining how to sequence and pace learning for students in their schools, no centrally prescribed adjustment of the curriculum and courses of study would be effective for students taking the certificate examinations in 2021. Consequently, the most appropriate way to reflect and take account of the challenges for students that have occurred in 2019/20 and may occur in 2020/21 is to incorporate adjustments to the certificate examinations in 2021.

As the loss of learning through school closures will have affected students' engagement with their course of study in different ways, the adjustments put in place will play to student strengths by leaving intact the familiar overall structure of the examinations, while incorporating additional choice. In some cases, the adjustment measures will provide more time for tuition by, for example, reducing preparatory work for practical examinations. In addition, briefs for coursework will be issued at least a month earlier in the school year to provide certainty for students.

Changes to the national assessment arrangements have been made with due regard for the principles of equity, fairness and integrity as these principles apply to assessment and examinations and refer to student-to-student, subject-to-subject, and year-to-year comparisons.

Overall, the changes can be viewed as reflecting and recognising a loss of learning time in the 2019/20 school year in a fair manner, with some contingency for future learning loss that may occur during the 2020/21 school year also built in. They provide clarity, certainty and reassurance to students, their parents/guardians, teachers and schools in advance of the start of the 2020/2021 school year.

The document details the adjusted assessment arrangements for every subject/ module descriptor in the Leaving Certificate Established, Leaving Certificate Applied, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and Junior Cycle programmes. When you click on the relevant subject title, you will be brought to the page detailing the particular arrangements for that subject.

Senior Cycle

SENIOR CYCLE

For the Leaving Certificate Established examinations, there will be no change to the length of the written examinations. For subjects where the SEC issues project briefs during the 2020/21 school year, the intention is to generally issue these at least four weeks earlier than normal. Subjects with course work completion dates typically late in the school year, will be asked to submit this coursework two weeks earlier than normal as a contingency measure. In this context, teachers are encouraged to plan and undertake these projects as early as possible in the programme of study.

The adjusted assessment arrangements to the LCA programme and LCVP are accessed by clicking the programme title on the right.

Accounting	Agricultural Science	Ancient Greek
Applied Maths	Arabic	Art (including Craft)
Biology	Business	Chemistry
Classical Studies	Computer Science	Construction Studies
Design and Communications Graphics	Economics	Engineering
English	French	Geography
German	Hebrew Studies	History
Home Economics Social and Scientific	Irish	Italian
Japanese	Latin	Mathematics
Music	Physics & Chemistry	Physical Education
Physics	Politics and Society	Religious Education
Russian	Spanish	Technology
Non-Curricular Languages	Leaving Certificate Applied Programme	Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

Junior Cycle

JUNIOR CYCLE

With regard to Junior Cycle, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) has published the revised arrangements for Classroom-Based Assessments for students entering third year in 2020, and these are available here:

CBA revised arrangements for cohort of third-year students 2020/21.

The number of CBAs to be completed by these students has been reduced and each student must complete only one CBA in each subject and short course. The dates for the completion of CBA1 for that cohort has been extended into the new school year. Students taking the junior cycle final examinations in 2021 will not be required to complete Assessment Tasks for the relevant subjects. The grade descriptor awarded for these subjects will be based on the examination paper only. Specific arrangements have been put in place for Music, Art and Home Economics and are detailed in the relevant section.

Adjustments have been made to the examination components of the following Junior Certificate subjects:

- Ancient Greek
- Classical Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin
- Religious Education
- Technologies: Technology, Technical Graphics, Materials Technology - Wood and Metalwork

Ancient Greek	Visual Art	Business Studies
Classical Studies	English	French
German	Geography	History
Home Economics	Irish	Italian
Jewish Studies	Latin	Mathematics
Metalwork	Mat. Tech. Wood	Music
Religious Education	Science	Spanish
Technical Graphics	Technology	

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section 1 – Financial Accounting
Q1 – 120 marks

Q2, Q3, Q4 – answer any two

Section 2 – Financial Accounting

Section 3 – Management Accounting

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

An additional alternative Q1 will be provided
(Sole/Company/Manufacturing) to provide
choice.

No adjustment.

Q. 5 will be on Interpretation of Accounts

No adjustment.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher &
Ordinary

COURSEWORK

COURSEWORK

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- Total marks for the written paper is 300 marks.
- Paper is 2.5 hours in duration at both levels.
- The sample paper to be published in Autumn 2020 will be designed to exemplify the structure of examination papers from 2022 onward. It will contain 2 sections A and B.
 - » Section A will be a series of unrelated short questions (10 questions at 10 marks each) some of which will be structured, some synoptic and some a mixture of both. Some internal choice on two questions.
 - » Section B will comprise long questions (five questions to answer four at 50 marks each), with structured, synoptic and a mixture of both question types.

- No adjustment.
- No adjustment.
 - » Section A – an increase in choice with 12 questions provided and 10 to be answered. In addition, there will be some internal choice through internal optionality in four questions.
 - » Section B – there will be an increased choice with six questions provided to answer four questions, with internal optionality in two questions.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Total of four questions

- Question 1
- Question 2
- Question 3
Prescribed Text* (see below)
Answer Part A (i) Translate from Greek and (ii) Answer any three questions from a total of five questions or Part B (i) Translate from Greek and (ii) Answer any three questions from a total of five questions
- Question 4
Answer three questions (on history, art and architecture, and literature). One from section A (total of four questions). One from section B (total of four questions). And one from either section.

***Prescribed Text**

The Joint Association of Classical Teachers' Greek Course: The Intellectual Revolution (published by Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition 2015): Part III Plato, Pages 131 – 151 inclusive. (Selections in Greek and in translation, from Plato's Apology and Phaedo)

or
The Joint Association of Classical Teachers' Greek Course: A World of Heroes (published by Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition 2015): Part I Homer, Pages 6 – 53 inclusive. (Selections in Greek and in translation, from Homers' Iliad, Book XXII.)

- No adjustment
- No adjustment
- 3 A (i) and 3 B (i) Reduce the amount of prescribed text to be studied ** (see below)
3 A (ii) Increased internal choice: Answer any three from a total of seven questions
3 B (ii) Increased internal choice: Answer any three from a total of seven questions
- Answer any three from a list of eight questions.
(The necessity to answer from both section A and section B is removed.) The eight questions will cover the same range of topics (on history, art and architecture, and literature) as in previous years.

****Reduced Prescribed Text**

The Joint Association of Classical Teachers' Greek Course: The Intellectual Revolution (published by Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition 2015): Part III Plato, Pages 131 – 146 (up to the end of Section 25) inclusive. (Selections in Greek and in translation, from Plato's Apology)

or
The Joint Association of Classical Teachers' Greek Course: A World of Heroes (published by Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition 2015): Part I Homer, Pages 6 – 46 (up to line 404, the end of Section 16) inclusive. (Selections in Greek and in translation, from Homers' Iliad, Book XXII.)

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Total of three questions

- Question 1
- Question 2
Prescribed Text* (see below)
Answer Part (i) Translate from Greek and Part (ii) Answer any four questions from a total of six questions.
- Question 3
Answer three questions (on history, art and architecture, and literature).
One from section A (total of four questions). One from section B (total of four questions). And one from either section.

***Prescribed Text**

The Joint Association of Classical Teachers' Greek Course: Reading Greek – Text and Vocabulary (published by Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition 2007), Sections Fifteen to Twenty (inclusive).

- No adjustment.
- 2 (i) Reduce the amount of prescribed text to be known** (see below)
2 (ii) Increase internal choice: Answer any four from a total of eight questions.
- Answer any three from a list of eight questions. (The necessity to answer from both section A and section B is removed.)
The eight questions will cover the same range of topics (on history, art and architecture, and literature) as in previous years.

****Reduced Prescribed Text**

The Joint Association of Classical Teachers' Greek Course: Reading Greek – Text and Vocabulary (published by Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition 2007), Sections Fifteen to Nineteen (inclusive).

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

This examination already has a very wide degree of choice.

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

READING COMPREHENSION**LITERATURE**

Candidates must answer both of the questions set in any two of the following three areas:

- The Koran (35 marks x 2)
- Classical Arabic verse (35 marks x 2)
- Modern Arabic prose (35 marks x 2)

In total candidates answer four questions in the Literature section of the paper.

LANGUAGE USE/GRAMMAR**CONTINUOUS WRITING/COMPOSITION**

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

READING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

LITERATURE

An increase in the level of choice will be made available to candidates. This will be achieved by: Including one extra question in each of the following areas:

The Koran (35 marks x 3)

- Classical Arabic verse (35 marks x 3)
- Modern Arabic prose (35 marks x 3)

Candidates will be required to answer any four of the nine questions provided.

LANGUAGE USE/GRAMMAR

No adjustment.

CONTINUOUS WRITING/COMPOSITION

No adjustment.

ART (INCLUDING CRAFT)

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

COURSEWORK

Based on a brief issued by the SEC, each candidate must research, develop and execute **two** artefacts during a coursework period.

INVIGILATED PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Invigilated exam in which candidates make two drawings of a model in two different set poses.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Three sections –

- Irish Art
- European Art (1,000 AD – Present),
- Appreciation of Art

Answer one question from each section.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

COURSEWORK

Each candidate will research, develop and execute **one** artefact during the same length of coursework period as normal. Brief will issue earlier with a closing date of mid-March

INVIGILATED PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

This component will not be assessed in 2021.

The marks associated with this component will not be reallocated and Art will be marked and graded using the other components based on their normal mark allocations.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Three sections –

- Irish Art
- European Art (1,000 AD – Present),
- Appreciation of Art

Answer three questions in total: one question from any two sections and a third from any of the three sections.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher &
Ordinary**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Paper divided into three sections; A, B and C.
Total mark for the paper is 400 marks.
Paper 3 hours in duration at both levels.

Section A – short questions (Q1 to Q6) – five questions to answer from six.

Section B – Mandatory practical questions (Question 7 to Question 9) – two questions to answer from three. (Course has 22 mandatory activities).

Section C – Long questions (Q10 to Q15) – four questions to do from six. Two of the long questions have internal choice, answer two of three parts. Questions are awarded 60 marks each.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Increased choice will be provided by provision of additional questions. Section A will comprise Questions 1 to 7 (previously 1 to 6). Section B Questions 8 to 10 (previously 7 to 9) and Section C Questions 11 to 17 (previously 10 to 15).

Section A – an additional short question will be included – Question 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Candidates will answer any five of seven questions.

Section B – each of the three questions will be aligned with a specific learning unit or part of a unit:

- Question 8 will assess activities from Unit 1, sub-unit 2.1 and 2.5 – total of 8 practicals.
- Question 9 will assess activities from sub-unit 2.2. – total of 7 practicals (1 Higher Level only).
- Question 10 will assess activities from Unit 3 – total of 7 practicals.

Section C – Increase choice by the inclusion of additional questions:

- An extra full long question will be introduced i.e. as well as Q13 there will be a similarly structured Q14.
- An additional part (d) will be added to both of the following questions Q16 and Q17 (formerly Q14 and Q15). In each of these two questions candidates will have a choice of four parts to answer any two.

LEVEL

Higher

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section 1 - Short Questions
Answer eight from 10 questions.

Section 2 - ABQ (3, 4, 5),
Units 3, 4, 5

Section 3 - Long Questions
Four questions to be answered.
One question to be answered from Part 1, two
from Part 2, and the 4th question from either
Part 1 or 2.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer eight from 12 questions.

No adjustment. However, in light of the choice
introduced within the examination the SEC will
be cognisant of the word count of the ABQ.

Part 1 and Part 2 – increased choice with four
questions in each (i.e. one additional question
in part 1).

Candidates must answer one question from
Part 1 and one question from Part 2 and any
other two questions.

LEVEL

Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section 1 - Short Questions
Answer 10 from 15.

Section 2 - Long Questions
One question to be answered from Part 1 and two from Part 2, and the 4th question from either Part 1 or 2.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Part 1 and Part 2 – increased choice with four questions in each (i.e. one additional question in part 1).

Candidates must answer one question from Part 1 and one question from Part 2 and any other two questions.

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer eight questions in all; these must include at least two questions from Section A.

Q4(k) and Q11(c) are based on the Options.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer any eight questions.

The Options will not be examined in 2021 and therefore Q4(k) and Q11(c) will be based on the Core syllabus.

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The examination paper is divided into three Groups. Broadly speaking, the first Group is historical, the second literary and the third art/architecture (with philosophy). Each Group comprises a number of Topics. Each Topic has four questions. Candidates must select four Topics. They must select one Topic from each Group and they can choose their fourth Topic from any Group. Candidates select their questions as follows: two questions from two of their chosen Topics and one question from each of the remaining two Topics.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates must answer one question from a Topic in each of the three Groups. They can then select their remaining three questions from any Topic, up to a maximum of three questions from any one Topic.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL

Completed over ten weeks,, commencing in January, to create a computational artefact and 2500-word report. The coursework is based on Strand 3 of the curriculum specification, with any or all of the four Applied Learning Tasks being assessed.

In 2020 the computational artefact had three basic features and four advanced features.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A – complete all 12 short questions
 Section B – complete all 3 long questions
 Section C – complete 1 programming question

Javascript, HTML and Python programming languages are assessed.

COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL

- Increase the time period to complete the project to 12 weeks. The brief will be released earlier with a closing date of Friday, March 12th.
- Teachers will be informed which two of the four Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs) will be the primary focus of the coursework for 2021. This will allow teachers to focus primarily on these two ALTs between September and the release of the coursework brief in December. Candidates would still be permitted to use the skills they have acquired from the remaining two ALTs, if they have been studied, but could adequately complete the coursework project if they have only completed the two listed ALTs.
- The computational artefact will have three basic features (unchanged) and three advanced features (reduction of one).

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The time and number of questions on the examination paper will remain unchanged, however, an element of choice will be introduced. Candidates will be given the following choice:

Section A – complete 9 of 12 short questions
 Section B – complete 2 of 3 long questions
 Section C – there will only be 2 parts to the question, rather than 3 that appeared in the sample paper. Part (b) will be an open-ended question with candidates enabled to design their own solution to a programming task.

Python is the only programming language to be assessed in the examination.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL

Completed over 10 weeks, commencing in January, to create a computational artefact and 2500-word report. The coursework is based on Strand 3 of the curriculum specification, with any or all of the four Applied Learning Tasks being assessed.

In 2020 the computational artefact had 3 basic features and four advanced features.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A – complete all 12 short questions
 Section B – complete all 3 long questions
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Javascript, HTML and Python programming languages are assessed.

COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL

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CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates must answer Question 1 (compulsory) (60 marks) and four other questions from 9 (60 marks each).

PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)

COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMONLEVEL)

Candidates must submit an artefact, design folio and three experiments as part of their coursework. Coursework must be complete by the last Friday in April.

Candidates must answer Question 1 (compulsory) (50 marks) and three other questions from 8 (50 marks each).

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Increased choice in written examination. Candidates to answer any five from 10 questions.

PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)

No adjustment.

COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMONLEVEL)

- The experiments requirement will be removed for the 2021 examinations. The marks will be reallocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme for the artefact (50%) and design folio (50%).
- 'Instruction to candidates' on coursework 2021 to issue in early September instead of November (as in previous years).
- The 'Instructions to candidates' document to include the revised marking scheme highlighting the coursework requirements, mark allocations for 2021, and a recommendation to issue advising candidates and teachers to give careful consideration to coursework selection in 2021 given the period of school closure in the 2019/20 school year and potential loss of further time.

CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates must answer Question 1 (compulsory) (50 marks) and three other questions from eight (50 marks each).

PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)

COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMON LEVEL)

Candidates must submit an artefact, design folio and three experiments as part of their coursework. Coursework must be complete by the last Friday in April.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Increased choice in written examination. Candidates to answer any four from nine questions.

PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)

No adjustment.

COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMON LEVEL)

- Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.
- The experiments requirement will be removed for the 2021 examinations. The marks will be reallocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme for the artefact (50%) and design folio (50%).
- 'Instruction to candidates' on coursework 2021 to issue in early September instead of November (as in previous years).
- The 'Instructions to candidates' document to include the revised marking scheme highlighting the coursework requirements, mark allocations for 2021, and a recommendation advising consideration to coursework selection in 2021 given the period of school closure in the 2019/20 school year and potential loss of further time.

DESIGN AND COMMUNICATIONS GRAPHICS

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

Output 1: Suggested one to two pages.
 Output 2: Suggested two to three pages.
 Output 3: Suggested one page.
 50 marks.

Output 4: 1 electronic assembly file, plus unlimited part files, where appropriate. eDrawing file.

Output 5: SolidWorks hardcopies – Suggested two to four pages.
 Output 6: One page.
 50 marks.

Output 7: Suggested two to four pages.
 Output 8: Suggested one page.
 Output 9: Suggested two to four pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files.
 60 marks.

No restriction on parts created.
 Total portfolio: Max 14 pages.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each.

Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 45 marks each.

Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any two of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 45 marks each.

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

Combine Output 1 & Output 2: Suggested max of two pages.
 Output 2 (was Output 3): Suggested max of one page.
 50 marks.

Output 3 (was Output 4): Max one electronic assembly file, plus a max of 10 part files (but no less than five), where appropriate. eDrawing file. 60 marks

Output 4 (was Output 5): SolidWorks hardcopies – Suggested one to two pages. Photo realistic representation (was Output 6) is no longer required. 50 marks.

Output 5 (was Output 7): Suggested one to three pages.
 Output 6 (was Output 8): Suggested one page.
 Output 7 (was Output 9): Suggested two to four pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files.
 60 marks.

No less than five parts and no more than 10 parts. Total portfolio: Max 10 pages.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each.

Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 60 marks each.

Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any one of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 60 marks.

DESIGN AND COMMUNICATIONS GRAPHICS

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

Output 1: Suggested one to two pages.
 Output 2: Suggested two to three pages.
 Output 3: Suggested one page.
 50 marks.

Output 4: One electronic assembly file, plus unlimited part files, where appropriate. eDrawing file.
 Output 5: SolidWorks hardcopies – suggested one to three pages.
 Output 6: One page.
 60 marks.

Output 7: Suggested one to two pages.
 Output 8: Suggested one page.
 Output 9: Suggested one to three pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files.
 50 marks.

No restriction on parts created.
 Total portfolio: Max 12 pages.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each.

Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 45 marks each.

Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any two of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 45 marks each.

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

Combine Output 1 & Output 2: Suggested max of two pages.
 Output 2 (was Output 3): Suggested max of one page.
 50 marks.

Output 3 (was Output 4): Max one electronic assembly file, plus a max of three part files, where appropriate. eDrawing file.
 Output 4 (was Output 5): SolidWorks hardcopies – suggested one to two pages.
 Photo realistic representation (was Output 6) is no longer required.

Output 5 (was Output 7): Suggested one to two pages.
 Output 6 (was Output 8): Suggested one page.
 Output 7 (was Output 9): Suggested one to two pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files.
 50 marks.

No more than three parts created and no more than 6 parts.
 Total portfolio: Max eight pages.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each.

Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 60 marks each.

Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any one of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 60 marks each.

LEVEL

Higher

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Sample Brief issued with Research Topics.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Short Response Questions

Answer eight questions (internal choice within two questions).

Extended Response Questions

Answer four out of five extended response questions.

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STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Brief to issue to schools in early September.

The student's chosen line of enquiry is to be finalised via digital booklet and is to be completed and uploaded for last school day of 1st term (22nd Dec).

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer eight questions out of 10.

Internal choice within three questions at HL - answer (a) and either (b) or (c).

Answer four out of six extended response questions.

LEVEL

Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Sample Brief issued with Research Topics.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Short Answer Questions

Answer eight questions with choice in two questions.

Extended Response Questions

Answer four out of five extended response questions.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Brief to issue to schools at end of August 2020.

The student's chosen line of enquiry is to be finalised via digital booklet and is to be completed and uploaded for last school day of 1st term (22nd Dec).

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer eight Short Questions from 10 with choice in three at OL - answer either (a) or (b).

Answer four out of six extended response questions.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates answer Section A (50 marks) and Section B (50 marks) of Question 1 and four other questions (50 marks each). Total: 300 marks.

DESIGN PROJECT**PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION**

Candidates are required to prepare materials and make components, according to the materials list and drawings shown in M74A(ML2), by late April 2021, in advance of the three-day Engineering Practical Examination schedule. M74A(ML2) issues from SEC from mid-October 2020.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Increased (Open) choice in written examination. Question 1, Section A (50 marks) and Question 1, Section B (50 marks) each become standalone questions. Candidates now asked to answer any six from nine questions (50 marks each). Total: 300 marks.

DESIGN PROJECT

No adjustment.

PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION

Candidates not required to prepare any of the material for this examination component.

The Engineering teacher may prepare the materials and make the components required for the examination, according to the materials list and drawings that will issue from the SEC in M74A(ML1). Alternatively, the school may outsource this preparatory work.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates answer Section A (30 marks) and Section B (35marks) of Question 1 and three other questions (45 marks each). Total: 200 marks.

Within Section A of Question 1, candidates are asked to answer six from eight parts and in Section B candidates are asked to answer three from five parts.

DESIGN PROJECT**PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION**

Candidates are required to prepare materials and make components, according to the materials list and drawings shown in M74A(ML2), by late April 2021, in advance of the three-day Engineering Practical Examination schedule. M74A(ML2) issues from SEC from mid-October 2020.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

In Question 1 combine Sections A and Section B to form a standalone question now worth 50 marks.

In this new Question 1 candidates are asked to answer any eight from 13 parts.

Mark totals for remaining questions will be increased from 45 to 50 marks.

Candidates will be asked to answer any four from seven questions (50 marks each). Total: 200 marks.

DESIGN PROJECT

No adjustment.

PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION

Candidates not to be involved in preparing material for this examination component.

The Engineering teacher may prepare the materials and make the components required for the examination, according to the materials list and drawings that will issue from the SEC in M74A(ML1). Alternatively, the school may outsource this preparatory work.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 1**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 1**

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 2**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 2**

No adjustment.

Section I: Single Text - candidates are required to answer one of two questions.

Section II: Comparative Studies

Candidates have a choice of questions (one of two questions) on each of two of the three modes prescribed for study in a given year.

Include questions on all three modes prescribed for examination in 2021.

Candidates will be required to answer on one mode.

The internal question choice within modes will remain the same.

Single questions (marked out of 70) will require candidates to refer to at least two texts in their response.

The same criteria for assessment will apply to candidates irrespective of whether they refer to two texts or to three texts when responding to 70 mark questions in Section II of Leaving Certificate Higher Level English Paper 2, The Comparative Study.

Two-part questions (marked out of 30 and 40) will require candidates to refer to one text in answer to part (a) and to two other texts in answer to part (b).

The reference requirements outlined above are exemplified in Section II of the 2013 examination paper.

Section III: Poetry

Part A: Unseen poetry – Candidates are required to answer one of two questions.

Part B: Prescribed poetry – candidates are required to answer one of four questions.

One additional poetry question to be included, i.e. candidates will be required to answer one of five questions.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 1**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 1**

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 2**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 2**

Section I: Single Text – Candidates are required to answer three questions.

Question 1 (10 marks x 2) and Question 2 (10 marks) are compulsory. Candidates have a choice of three test items to answer one in Question 3 (30 marks each).

There will be no compulsory question. Candidates will be required to answer any two of the four questions on the paper. Each question will be worth 30 marks.

This change will be achieved by amalgamating the current Question 1 and Question 2 into one three-part question (10 marks x 3) and designating each part of the current Question 3 as three individual 30 mark questions. This change will widen candidate choice.

Section II: Comparative Studies
Candidates have a choice of questions (one of two questions) on each of two of the three modes prescribed for study in a given year.

Include questions on all three modes prescribed for examination in 2021. The internal choice will remain the same.

Section III: Poetry
Part A: Unseen Poetry – Candidates are required to answer all questions.

No adjustment.

Part B: Prescribed poetry – Candidates are required to answer on one of four poems. Two questions are based on the list of poems by poets common to both Higher and Ordinary Level, and two from the list of poems prescribed for study at Ordinary Level only.

Include two additional poems – one from list of poems by poets common to both Higher and Ordinary Levels, and one from the list of poems prescribed for study at Ordinary Level only. Candidates will be required to answer on one of six poems. The internal choice will remain the same.

Candidates are required to answer Question 1 and one test item from a choice of three in Question 2.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve-minute general conversation including discussion of optional "Document".

LISTENING COMPREHENSION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A – two reading comprehensions (120 marks)
One journalistic piece and one literary piece, 60 marks each.

Section B – Written expression (100 marks)
Question 1 is compulsory. It uses the reading comprehensions as a springboard. Answer (a) or (b) - 40 marks (90 words approx.)
Answer two other questions from Questions 2, 3 and 4. Each question has a choice of two parts, (a) or (b) - 30 marks each (75 words each approx.)
(Questions may include diary entry, email, opinion pieces etc....).

ORAL EXAMINATION

All students will be asked questions on three set topics plus on a wider variety of themes/ topics as part of the general conversation. The "document" will remain optional. The three themes/topics and a set of illustrative type questions on these will be published.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Section B – Written expression (100 marks)
Question 1 remains compulsory but will have a choice of (a), (b) or (c) (now worth 60 marks)
Answer one other written question from a choice of five (now worth 40 marks).

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve minute general conversation including discussion of optional "Document".

LISTENING COMPREHENSION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

220 marks

Section A – four reading comprehensions (160 marks).

Written section

Answer two questions from Question 1(a) or (b) or Question 2(a) or (b) (Students are given three points to respond to all three) or Questions 3(a) or (b) (Students are given three points to respond to all three).

ORAL EXAMINATION

All students will be asked questions on three set topics plus on a wider variety of themes/ topics as part of the general conversation. The document will remain optional. The three themes/topics and a set of illustrative type questions on these will be published.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Written section

Answer any two question from the six available. Question 1(a) – cloze test unchanged. Questions 1(b) – Form – answer parts one to four and three from four remaining parts. Questions 2(a), 2(b) 3(a) and 3(b) internal choice will be introduced. Students will be given five points to respond to three.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

COURSEWORK**COURSEWORK**

No adjustment.

Earlier completion date of 2 weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

No adjustment.

Part One - Short Questions – 80 marks –
There are 12 short questions on the paper and candidates attempt 10 (each question is worth eight marks).

Part Two - Structured and Essay Questions – 320 marks.

Candidates attempt four questions (each question is worth 80 marks) as follows:

- One question from patterns and processes in the physical environment (Question 1-3)
- One question from regional geography (Questions 4-6)
- One question from their chosen elective unit (Questions 7-12)
- One question from their chosen optional unit (Questions 13-24).

Candidates must attempt four questions. This must include one question from three of the sections below:

- Section 1: Patterns and Processes in the Physical Environment (Questions 1-3)
- Section 2: Regional Geography (Questions 4-6)
- Section 3: Electives (Questions 7-12)
- Section 4: Options (Questions 13-24)
- The fourth question can be from any section.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

COURSEWORK**COURSEWORK**

No adjustment.

Earlier completion date of 2 weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Time and mark allocation stays the same.

No adjustment.

Part One - Short Questions – 100 marks –
There are 12 short questions on the paper and candidates attempt 10 (each question is worth 10 marks).

Part Two - Structured Questions – 300 marks
Candidates attempt three questions (each question is worth 100 marks) as follows:

- One question from patterns and processes in the physical environment (Questions 1-3)
- One question from regional geography (Questions 4-6)
- One question from their chosen elective unit (Questions 7-12).

Part Two - Structured Questions – 300 marks
Candidates must attempt three questions. This must include one question from two of the sections below:

- Section 1: Patterns and Processes in the Physical Environment (Questions 1-3)
- Section 2: Regional Geography (Questions 4-6)
- Section 3: Electives (Questions 7-12)
- The third question can be from any section.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

ORAL EXAMINATION

Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates must prepare five picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story.

Candidates must prepare five role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

The final question of the unseen literary passage is one of tone/theme of text where candidates are asked to find three to four examples of the tone/theme in the text.

The Applied Grammar section of the paper comprises Question 1 and Question 2 where candidates must answer both.

Written Production (Candidates answer Option a or b).

Option (a) : Candidates normally offered and answer four points.

Option (b): Candidates normally answer five from five points.

ORAL EXAMINATION

Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates prepare three picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story.

Candidates must prepare three role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates will be asked to find one to two examples of tone/theme in the text.

Candidates will answer either Question 1 or Question 2 for full marks.

Candidates will be offered five points – to answer four.

Candidates will be offered six points – to answer five.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

ORAL EXAMINATION

Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates must prepare five picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story.

Candidates must prepare five role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

The Applied Grammar section of the paper comprises Question 1 and Question 2 where candidates must answer both. Questions require candidates to (1) deconstruct compound nouns and examine their meaning and (2) select (from a given list) the correct preposition for the sentences.

Written Production (Candidates answer Option a or b) Option (a): Candidates are offered and answer five points.

Option (b): Candidates write three sentences on each of the five pictures [2-6].

ORAL EXAMINATION

Where the picture sequence option is chosen - candidates prepare three picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story.

Candidates must prepare three role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates will answer either Question 1 or Question 2 for full marks.

Option (a): candidates will be offered six points (excluding the closing sentence), candidates to answer five.

Option (b): candidates will be expected to write three sentences on two of the pictures and two sentences on three of the pictures [2-6]. Candidates will be free to choose the pictures on which they will write the two or three sentences.

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates must answer one of two questions from each of the four sections in the paper (A, B, C and D); each question is divided into three parts carrying 25, 25 and 50 marks respectively.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates will be required to answer one of two questions from three of the four sections in the paper (A, B, C and D); each question divided into three parts carrying 25, 25 and 50 marks respectively, which will reduce the total marks for the examinations from 400 to 300.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)**RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)**

No adjustment. Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section 1: Documents Based Question (100 marks).

Candidates may answer the paper in the usual way, if they wish.

OR

Section 2: Answer one question on each of two topics from Irish History (2x100m).

Section 1: answer the DBQ as normal.

Section 3: Answer one question from one topic on Europe and Wider World (100m).

Sections 2 and 3: answer three questions from any two topics from the six topics in Section 2: Ireland, and the five topics in Section 3: Europe and the Wider World.

This means that candidates would answer two questions from one of their chosen topics. In effect, a candidate could decide to answer any one of the following combinations:

- All three answers from two Irish topics
- Two answers from one Irish topic and one answer on Europe and the Wider World
- One answer from one Irish topic and two answers from one European topic.

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CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)**RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)**

No adjustment. Earlier completion date of 2 weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section 1: Documents Based Question (100 marks).

Candidates may answer the paper in the usual way, if they wish.

Or

Section 2: Answer a Part A, Part B and Part C on each of two topics from Irish History (2x100m).

Section 1: answer the DBQ as normal
Sections 2 and 3: answer three sets of questions from any two topics from the six topics in Section 2: Ireland, and the five topics in Section 3: Europe and the Wider World.

Section 3: Answer a Part A, Part B and Part C from one topic on Europe and Wider World (100m).

This means that candidates would answer two question Bs and two questions Cs from one of their chosen topics.

As the candidate would have already answered the Part A questions in that topic, an additional Part A (stimulus material with five questions) will be provided on p. 15 of the examination paper.

In effect, a candidate could decide to work through the examination paper in any one of the following ways:

- Answer Parts A, B, and C from two Irish topics. Answer another Part B and Part C from one of the Irish topics already done and the extra Part A from p. 15 of the exam paper.
- Answer Parts A, B, and C from one Irish topic and one European and the Wider World topic. Answer another Part B and C from the Irish topic and the extra Part A from p. 15 of the exam paper.
- Answer Parts A, B, and C from one Irish topic and one European and the Wider World topic. Answer another Part B and C from the European and the Wider World topic and the extra Part A from p. 15 of the exam paper.

HOME ECONOMICS – SOCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher &
Ordinary

COURSEWORK: FOOD STUDIES

Candidates are required to present and record a record of any four assignments from five assignments issued by the SEC.

COURSEWORK: TEXTILES FASHION AND DESIGN

Assignment brief issued to schools
Marks = 100 – weighted to 10%.
Three processes (i), (ii), (iii) outlined in assignment, two mandatory process required in completed garment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A - 60 marks
Twelve questions, answer 10 questions.

Section B (core)

Section C
Answer one elective question:
1. Home Design and Management
2. Textiles, Fashion and Design
3. Social Studies

Answer part (a) and either part (b) or (c) in chosen elective.

Electives 1 and 3 = 80 marks
1(a), 3(a) = 50 marks
1(b) or (c) 3(b) or (c) = 30 marks each.

Elective 2 = 40 marks
2 (a) = 25 marks
2 (b) or (c) = 15 marks.

COURSEWORK: FOOD STUDIES

Candidates present and record two assignments from five assignments issued by SEC. Where candidates present more than two assignments they will be awarded marks for the two highest scoring assignments.

COURSEWORK: TEXTILES FASHION AND DESIGN

Completed garment to include one mandatory process from a choice of three processes.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Increase choice, 14 questions, answer 10 questions.

No adjustment.

An additional 80 mark question (Question 4) will be included in Section C.

Question 4 will examine the core areas of the syllabus - Food Studies, Home Management & Consumer Studies and Social Studies, using the same layout format and choice as in elective questions C1, C2 and C3.

Candidates may answer one elective question from this Section or Question 4.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ardleibhéal

**AN BHÉALTRAIL (COMÓNTA)
(ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL)
(240 MARC)**

An Fáiltiú (5 mharc)
Léamh na Filíochta (5 dhán ainmnithe) (35 marc)
An Comhrá (120 marc)
An tSraith Pictiúr (80 marc) - ullmhaíonn gach iarrthóir 20 Sraith Pictiúr

PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)

An Chluastuiscint (60 marc)
An Cheapadóireacht (100 marc)

PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)

Ceist 1: An Léamhthuiscint (100 marc)
Dhá pháosa léamhthuisceana le déanamh.

An Litríocht¹ (100 marc)
Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc)
Bíonn ceist éigeantach 2A ar shaothar ainmnithe amháin agus ceist éigeantach 2B ar shaothar roghnach amháin ar an scrúdpháipéar.

Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an cheist éigeantach 2A nó an cheist éigeantach 2B.

Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc).

Bíonn ceist éigeantach 3A ar dhán ainmnithe amháin agus ceist éigeantach 3B ar dhán roghnach amháin ar an scrúdpháipéar.
Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an cheist éigeantach 3A nó an cheist éigeantach 3B.

Ceist 4: Litríocht Bhreise (40 marc)
Ceist amháin le freagairt ar shaothar amháin as na sé shaothar ainmnithe.

**AN BHÉALTRAIL (COMÓNTA)
(ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL)
(240 MARC)**

Gan leasú.

An tSraith Pictiúr (80 marc) – ullmhóidh gach iarrthóir 10 Sraith Pictiúr as 20 Sraith Pictiúr 2021.

PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)

Gan leasú.

PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)

Ceist 1: An Léamhthuiscint (100 marc)
Gan leasú.

An Litríocht¹ (100 marc)
Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc)
Beidh dhá cheist 2A (a) agus 2A (b) ar dhá shaothar ainmnithe agus dhá cheist 2B (a) agus 2B (b) ar dhá shaothar roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar.

Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir ceist amháin as a rogha de, 2A (a) nó 2A (b) nó ceist amháin as a rogha de, 2B (a) nó 2B (b).

Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc).

Beidh dhá cheist 3A (a) agus 3A (b) ar dhá dhán ainmnithe agus dhá cheist 3B (a) agus 3B (b) ar dhá dhán roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar.
Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir ceist amháin as a rogha de, 3A (a) nó 3A (b) nó ceist amháin as a rogha de, 3B (a) nó 3B (b).

Ceist 4: Litríocht Bhreise (40 marc)
Gan leasú.

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CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Gnáthleibhéal

**AN BHÉALTRAIL (COMÓNTA)
(ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL)
(240 MARC)**

An Fáiltiú (5 mharc)
Léamh na Filíochta (5 dhán ainmnithe) (35 marc)
An Comhrá (120 marc)
An tSraith Pictiúr (80 marc) - ullmhaíonn gach iarrthóir 20 Sraith Pictiúr

PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)

An Chluastuiscint (60 marc)
An Cheapadóireacht (100 marc)

PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)

Ceist 1: An Léamhthuiscint (100 marc)
Dhá phársa léamhthuisceana le déanamh.

An Litríocht¹ (100 marc)
Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (50 marc)

Bíonn dhá cheist éigeantacha 2A (a) agus 2A (b) ar dhá shaothar ainmnithe agus dhá cheist éigeantacha 2B (a) agus 2B (b) ar dhá shaothar roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar.

Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an dá cheist éigeantacha 2A (a) agus 2A (b) nó an dá cheist éigeantacha 2B (a) agus 2B (b).

Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (50 marc)

Bíonn dhá cheist éigeantacha 3A (a) agus 3A (b) ar dhá dhán ainmnithe agus dhá cheist éigeantacha 3B (a) agus 3B (b) ar dhá dhán roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar.

Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an dá cheist éigeantacha 3A (a) agus 3A (b) nó an dá cheist éigeantacha 3B (a) agus 3B (b).

**AN BHÉALTRAIL (COMÓNTA)
(ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL)
(240 MARC)**

Gan leasú.

An tSraith Pictiúr (80 marc) – ullmhaídh gach iarrthóir 10 Sraith Pictiúr as 20 Sraith Pictiúr 2021.

PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)

Gan leasú.

PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)

Ceist 1: An Léamhthuiscint (100 marc)
Gan leasú.

An Litríocht¹ (100 marc)
Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (50 marc)

Beidh trí cheist 2A (a), 2A (b) agus 2A (c) ar thrí shaothar ainmnithe agus trí cheist 2B (a), 2B (b) agus 2B (c) ar thrí shaothar roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar.

Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir dhá cheist as a rogha de, 2A (a), 2A (b), nó 2A (c) nó dhá cheist as a rogha de, 2B (a), 2B (b), nó 2B (c).

Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (50 marc)

Beidh trí cheist ar thrí dhán ainmnithe, 3A (a), 3A (b) agus 3A (c) agus trí cheist ar thrí dhán roghnacha, 3B (a), 3B (b) agus 3B (c) ar an scrúdpháipéar.

Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir dhá cheist as a rogha de, 3A (a), 3A (b), nó 3A (c) nó dhá cheist as a rogha de 3B (a), 3B (b), nó 3B (c).

¹ Bíonn an rogha ag scoláirí staidéar a dhéanamh ar théacsanna ar an gcúrsa ainmnithe litríochta nó ar chúrsa roghnach. Roghnaítear na téacsanna roghnacha bunaithe ar an treoir a chuirtear ar fáil san Imlitir chéanna a leagann amach na téacsanna don chúrsa ainmnithe. Sa scrúdú, freagraíonn iarrthóirí ceisteanna ón gcúrsa ainmnithe nó ón gcúrsa roghnach.

LEVEL

Bonnleibhéal

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

AN BHÉALTRAIL (240 MARC)

Bloc 1 = An teaghlach agus áit chónaithe
 Bloc 2 = An scoil agus cúrsaí scoile
 Bloc 3 = Caitheamh aimsire
 Bloc 4 = Laethanta saoire, am agus aimsir, obair

PÁIPÉAR CLUASTUISCEANA, LÉAMHTHUISCEANA AGUS SCRÍBHNEOIREACHTA (360 MARC)**AN CHLUASTUISCINT (120 MARC)****AN LÉAMHTHUISCINT (150 MARC)**

Ceist 1: Meaitseáil (40 marc)
 Ceist 2 : 2 cheann le freagairt as litir nó bróisiúr nó scéal nuachta (50 marc)
 Ceist 3: 2 cheann le freagairt as alt nó giota nó dán (60 marc)

SCRÍOBH NA TEANGA (90 MARC)

Déanann an t-iarrthóir dhá thasc scríbhneoireachta – ceann amháin as rogha de dhá thasc i gCeist 4 (40 marc) agus ceann amháin as rogha de dhá thasc i gCeist 5 (50 marc).

Ceist 4: 2 thasc scríbhneoireachta (a) agus (b) as fógra nó freagra scríofa ar chuireadh nó litir nó foirm iarratais (CV).

Ceist 5: (a) Cuntas leanúnach bunaithe ar phictiúr amháin nó (b) Cuntas leanúnach bunaithe ar phictiúr le stór focal treorach

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AN BHÉALTRAIL (240 MARC)

Gan leasú

PÁIPÉAR CLUASTUISCEANA, LÉAMHTHUISCEANA AGUS SCRÍBHNEOIREACHTA (360 MARC)**AN CHLUASTUISCINT (120 MARC)**

Gan leasú.

AN LÉAMHTHUISCINT (150 MARC)

Gan leasú.

SCRÍOBH NA TEANGA (90 MARC)

Beidh dhá thasc scríbhneoireachta le déanamh ag an iarrthóir ach beidh rogha níos leithne aige/aici agus leasófar riar na marcanna i gcás an rannáin seo amháin.

Beidh leagan amach na gceisteanna mar a bhíonn gach aon bhliain ach freagróidh an t-iarrthóir aon dá cheann as na ceithre cinn seo a leanas: 4 (a), 4 (b), 5 (a) nó 5 (b). Marcálfar 4 (a), 4 (b), 5 (a) agus 5 (b) as 45 marc an ceann.

Ceist 4 (45 marc) agus Ceist 5 (45 marc) = 90 marc

LEVEL	CURRENT ARRANGEMENT	2021 ADJUSTMENTS
Higher	<hr/> <p>ORAL EXAMINATION</p> <hr/> <p>General conversation</p> <p>Role-plays Prepare five role-plays, one examined</p> <p>Picture sequence- Prepare five picture sequences, one examined</p> <hr/> <p>AURAL EXAMINATION</p> <hr/> <p>WRITTEN EXAMINATION</p> <hr/> <p>Section A: Reading Section Journalistic passage No choice in questions provided.</p> <p>Section B: Literary Section Choice of one question out of five questions provided.</p> <p>Section C Answer all three questions, no choice.</p> <p>Question 1: Composition linked to the journalistic passage. Three or four questions (based on theme of journalistic passage) asked depending on year. All must be answered.</p> <p>Question 2: A guided composition. Eight points mentioned and candidate use six points.</p> <p>Question 3: Formal letter. Answer (a) or (b)</p>	<hr/> <p>ORAL EXAMINATION</p> <hr/> <p>No adjustment.</p> <p>Prepare three role-plays, one examined</p> <p>Picture sequence- Prepare three picture sequences, one examined</p> <hr/> <p>AURAL EXAMINATION</p> <hr/> <p>No adjustment.</p> <hr/> <p>WRITTEN EXAMINATION</p> <hr/> <p>No adjustment.</p> <p>No adjustment.</p> <p>Increased internal choice. Five questions will be provided to answer three.</p> <p>Increased internal choice. List 10 points and candidates choose six points.</p> <p>No adjustment.</p>

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

ORAL EXAMINATION

General conversation

Role-plays

Prepare five role-plays, one examined

Picture sequence- Prepare five picture sequences, one examined

AURAL EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

220 marks

Section A: Reading Comprehension

Section B: Publicity Pieces/Advertisements.

Section C: Written Section

Question 1: answer (a) Informal Letter – write on four points or (b) Dialogue – write on four points.

Question 2: Questionnaire

Approx. 15 questions however, the number of questions varies from year to year.

Question 3: Order sentences, total of eight.

ORAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Prepare three role-plays, one examined

Picture sequence- Prepare three picture sequences, one examined

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

No adjustment.

Increase internal choice.

(a) or (b) write on any four points from six provided

Choice will be provided by increasing the number of questions so that two more will be provided than require to be answered.

No adjustment.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

ORAL

100 marks approx. 15 mins:
General conversation: approx. 4-4½ mins

Topic cards: approx. 4½ - 5 mins:
Prepare three topics
Three cards presented with three topics on each. Candidate picks one card and chooses one topic

Picture sequence: 4½ - 5 mins
Prepare four picture sequences, examined on one.

AURAL EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Reading Comprehension 120 marks (30%)

Question 1:
Reading comprehension, Katakana based.

Question 2:
Part A: Reading comprehension, questions in English and Japanese

Part B: Kanji, Ten questions in Kanji, no choice.

Part C: Grammar, Ten questions on forms of verbs nouns and adjectives, no choice.

ORAL

No adjustment.

Prepare two topics.
Two cards presented with three topics on each. Candidate picks one card and chooses one topic.

Prepare three picture sequence, examined on one.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No Adjustment.

No adjustment.

Answer 10 from 12 questions

Answer 10 from 12 questions

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Question 3:
Reading comprehension, Part A and B reading comprehension questions in English and Japanese.

Part C: Kanji, answer five questions, no choice.

Part D: Grammar (particles), answer 10 questions, no choice

Written Production 100 marks (25%)

Question 4:
Presentation/ diary entry/ article to include answers to two questions. Choice of (a) or (b) of two presentations/ diary entries/articles.

Question 5: 60 mark (15%).
Guided composition/ email.
Six points given, and candidates choose any four points.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No Adjustment.

Part C: Kanji, answer five from six questions.

Part D Grammar (particles), Answer 10 from 12 questions

Increased choice by allowing a choice of 1 out of 3. Answer part (a), (b) or (c)

Question 5: 60 mark (15%).
Increased choice with eight points given, and candidates choose any four.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

ORAL EXAMINATION

Current arrangement:
 100 marks approx. 15 mins:
 General conversation: approx. 4-4½ mins

Topic cards: approx. 4½ - 5 mins:
 Prepare 3 topics
 3 cards presented with 3 topics on each.
 Candidate picks 1 card and chooses 1 topic

Picture sequence: 4½ - 5 mins
 Prepare 4 picture sequences, examined on 1

AURAL EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Reading Comprehension 120 marks (30%)

Question 1
 Reading comprehension, Katakana based.

Question 2

Part A reading comprehension in Japanese,
 questions, and answers in English.

Part B
 True or false, answer five, no choice

Part C Kanji
 Answer 10 multiple choice type questions, no
 choice.

Part D
 Japanese culture.

ORAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Prepare 2 topics
 2 cards presented with 3 topics on each.
 Candidate picks 1 card and chooses 1 topic

Prepare 3 picture sequence, examined on 1

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

No Adjustment.

Allow answer five from six.

Answer 10 questions from 13.

No adjustment.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Question 3

Reading comprehension.

Part A, question 5 has 3 questions posed in Japanese and answered in Japanese, no choice.

Part B Grammar
Tense or negative and particles

Part B (1) five questions, no choice.
Part B (2) five questions, no choice.

Written Production 80 marks (20%)

Question 4

Insert the correct word from the box below form. Answer all 10, no choice.

Question 5: 50 mark (15%)
Choose five out of seven questions.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Part A, question 5
Answer three questions from four

Answer five questions from six.
Answer five questions from six.

Answer 10 questions from 12

Question 5: 50 mark (15%)
Choose five out of eight questions.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher &
Ordinary**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Prescribed material:

Livy, Book XXX, (Chapters 9-17, 19-23 and 29-37 inclusive)

or

Virgil, Aeneid, Book II (Lines 1- 506)

Question 3 – Prescribed Material
Translation and related questions.

Question 4 – Grammar

Question 5 – History & Civilisation
5A has three parts (i), (ii) and (iii) and
5B has three parts (i), (ii) and (iii)Candidates are required to answer three part
including at least one from 5A and one from 5B**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Prescribed text to be reduced as follows:

Livy Book XXX: Chapters 29 to 37 will not be
examined in 2021.Virgil Aeneid II: Lines 343 to 506 will not be
examined in 2021.In addition to the reduction in the set text,
candidates will only have to answer sub
questions (3 A(ii) and 3 B (ii)) on the reduced
prescribed material.In question 4 (i) on the grammar of an extract
from the text will now be from a reduced
content.Answer any three parts from the six parts
provided in 5A and 5B.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Two sections do all questions

Section A (150 marks)

Concepts and Skills

- No choice
- Six questions x 25 marks
- 150 marks.

Section B (150 marks)

Contexts and Applications

- No choice
- Two or three or four questions
- Marks per question may vary
- 150 marks

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Two sections with limited choice in each section

Section A (150 marks)

Concepts and Skills

- Six questions x 30 marks
- Do five questions
- 150 marks.

Section B (150 marks)

Contexts and Applications

- Four questions x 50 marks
- Do three questions
- 150 marks

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Two sections do all questions

Section A (150 marks)

Concepts and Skills

- No choice
- Six Questions x 25 marks
- 150 marks.

Section B (150 marks)

Contexts and Applications

- No choice
- Two or three or four questions
- Marks per question may vary
- 150 marks.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

2 sections with limited choice in each section

Section A (150 Marks)

Concepts and Skills

- Six Questions x 30 marks
- Do five questions
- 150 marks.

Section B (150 marks)

Contexts and Applications

- Four questions x 50 marks
- Do three questions
- 150 marks.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Foundation

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Two sections do all questions

Section A (200 marks)

Contexts and Applications

- No choice
- Eight Questions x 25 marks
- 200 marks

Section B (100 marks)

Contexts and Applications

- No choice
- Two or three questions
- Marks per question may vary
- 100 marks

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Two sections with limited choice in each section

Section A (210 marks)

Concepts and Skills

- Eight Questions x 30 marks
- Do seven questions
- 210 marks.

Section B (90 marks)

Contexts and Applications

- Three questions x 45 marks
- Do two questions
- 90 marks.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

PERFORMING**PERFORMING**

No adjustment.

COMPOSING

Answer two questions, one from each section:
(Melody writing & Harmony)

COMPOSING

Number and choice of questions to remain the same

Questions are set in major and minor keys of up to four sharps and four flats.

Questions will be set in major and minor keys of up to three sharps and three flats.

COMPOSING ELECTIVE

Candidates submit original compositions/
songs/pieces/arrangements/orchestrations.

COMPOSING ELECTIVE

Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.

LISTENING

Six questions – all to be answered.

LISTENING

Number of questions to remain the same.

- One question on each of four set works;
- One two-part question on Irish music. In the second part (Q5B), candidates choose one out of four topics on which to respond.
- One question on general aural skills.

1. Reduction in content in set works:
 - Piano Concerto K.488 by Mozart: Questions will not be set on 3rd movement (Allegro assai)
 - Symphonie Fantastique by Berlioz: Questions will not be set on 2nd movement (Un Bal).
2. Extra choice in Irish music:
 - Question 5B Candidates choose one out of five topics on which to respond.

LISTENING ELECTIVE

Candidates sit a paper of 45 minutes duration on a special study topic of the candidate's own choice.

LISTENING ELECTIVE

No Adjustment.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

PERFORMING**PERFORMING**

No adjustment.

COMPOSING

Answer two questions, one from each section:
(Melody writing & Harmony).

COMPOSING

Number and choice of questions to remain the same

The opening phrase for continuation in questions 1-3 will start on the downbeat, i.e. melodies will not start on the upbeat.

LISTENING

Six questions on paper – no choice.

- One question on each of four set works
- One question on Irish music
- One question on general aural skills

LISTENING

Number of questions to remain the same.

Reduction in content in set works: • Piano Concerto K.488 by Mozart: Questions will not be set on 3rd movement (Allegro assai) • Symphonie Fantastique by Berlioz: Questions will not be set on 2nd movement (Un Bal).

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer any three questions from Section I and any three questions from Section II.

In Question 1 and in Question 7 answer 11 items from 15.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer at least two questions from Section I, at least two questions from Section II and any 2 other questions.

In Question 1 and in Question 7 answer 11 items from 18.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher &
Ordinary

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROJECT

Candidates are required to complete a Physical Activity Project. Candidates are required to complete a performance analysis of the physical activity in its entirety, based on that analysis formulate four distinct performance goals, design and implement ongoing training/practice programmes which address the performance goals identified, provide evidence of engaging with these programmes, engage in ongoing reflection for each performance goal, and complete a concluding analysis.

Candidates can undertake the Physical Activity Project in an out of school setting with the co-operation of their school and teacher, if the physical activity concerned complies with the definition of competitive sport as outlined in the Irish Sports Council Act, 1999, and has a national governing body (NGB) affiliated to Sport Ireland. Candidates must complete the Physical Activity Project in a different physical activity area to the one selected by them for Performance Assessment.

Projects must be completed by mid-December.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROJECT

Candidates are required to complete a performance analysis of the physical activity in its entirety, based on that analysis formulate three distinct performance goals, design and implement ongoing training/practice programmes which address the performance goals identified, provide evidence of engaging with these programmes, engage in ongoing reflection for each performance goal, and complete a concluding analysis.

The marking scheme for this component will be adjusted as candidates will only address three performance goals. Marks will be reallocated across the marking scheme.

Candidates must complete the Physical Activity Project in a different physical activity area to the one selected by them for Performance Assessment. Physical activities should be selected on the basis of what is practical and safe at the time in line with public health advice. The timeline for completion will remain unchanged.

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Candidates are required to complete a performance assessment between January and March 2021. Candidates are required to complete the Performance Assessment in one of the three physical activities as selected by their school. The information for the Performance Assessment issues from SEC from mid-December 2020.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates answer all questions in Section A (80 marks) and all questions in Section B – Case Study (50 marks) and answer any three of the five questions in Section C (120 marks - 40 marks each question). Total: 250 marks.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Candidates are required to complete the Performance Assessment in one of the three physical activities as selected by their school. Physical activities should be selected on the basis of what is practical and safe at the time in line with public health advice. Skills that cannot be engaged in because of prevailing health and safety advice will not be expected to be demonstrated for assessment. Alternative activities where the skill(s) can be demonstrated safely should be selected.

The timeline for completion will remain unchanged.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Increased (Open) choice in Section A written examination. Candidates to answer any 10 of 12 questions in Section A.

Section B: Answer all questions related to case study. The questions will draw general skills acquired across the specification. Any questions that springboard from the information provided in the stimulus case study will be such as to allow adequate opportunities for candidates to display their broader knowledge and understanding.

Section C: Answer any three of the five questions in this section.

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Three questions from four)

Section B (Five questions from eight)

First question from Section B: eight parts from 10.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Three questions from five)

Section B (Five questions from nine)

First question from Section B: eight parts from 12.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A: Q.1

Twelve questions of which candidates are asked to attempt 10.

Section B: Q.2

Section B – Short answer and extended response questions on data-based case studies. All questions are compulsory.

This section tests candidates on the analysis and interpretation of qualitative and/or quantitative social and political data.

Data analysis is core to the teaching and learning in Politics and Society.

The last question in this section asks candidates to draw on their wider knowledge of the theme presented in the data based documents to write a short discursive piece.

Section C: Q.3, 4, 5 and 6

Candidates have to answer two questions out of four.

These questions focus on four of the eight topics from the specification.

Two of these four questions offer an (a) or (b) choice.

These two options offer candidates different questions on broadly similar themes from the same topic.

Due to the breadth of the course, this restricted choice means that candidates cannot present two essays on a similar theme.

CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A: Q.1

Fifteen questions of which candidates will be asked to attempt 10.

Section B: Q.2

The focus of this question will be narrowed to the information presented in the data based documents. This question will now ask candidates to analyse / compare / critique / discuss / evaluate / justify / comment on the given data pieces.

Consequently, all candidates will be able to answer the question without drawing on further knowledge or information. There will be no advantage to candidates who will have previously studied the theme.

Section C: Q.3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Candidates will be asked to answer two questions out of five where only one question will have a restricted choice.

CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT

No adjustment. Earlier completion date of 2 weeks to be specified by SEC.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A: Q.1

There are 20 short answer questions in this section of which candidates are asked to attempt 15.

Section B: Q.2, 3 and 4

This section consists of short answer and extended response questions on data-based case studies.

All questions are compulsory.

Section C: Q.5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10

Candidates have to answer 3 questions out of 6.

These questions focus on a selection from the eight topics from across the specification.

CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A: Q.1

Candidates will be asked to attempt 10 of the 20 questions.

Section B: Q.2, 3 and 4

No adjustment.

Section C: Q.5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10

Candidates have to answer 3 questions out of 6.

All essay questions in this section to have cues and prompts to scaffold candidates' responses.

CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT

No adjustment. Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

COURSEWORK**COURSEWORK**

No adjustment. Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Candidates must answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows:

Candidates must answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows:

Unit one – one question from a choice of two must be answered; each question involves two or more parts and carries a total of 80 marks.

Unit one – No adjustment.

Unit two – questions from two of three sections must be answered and carry a total of 160 marks; each section contains two or more questions/parts and carries a sub-total of 80 marks.

Unit two – questions from two of three sections as currently given must be answered carrying a total of 160 marks; each section would contain a choice of three questions/parts, two of which must be answered and carry a sub-total of 80 marks.

Unit three – questions from one of four sections must be answered; each section comprises one or more questions/parts and carries a total of 80 marks.

Unit three – questions from one of four sections as currently given must be answered; each section would contain a choice of two or more questions/parts and carry a total of 80 marks.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

COURSEWORK**COURSEWORK**

No adjustment. Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Candidates must answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows:

Candidates will be required to answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows:

Unit one – two questions from a choice of three must be answered and carries a total of 80 marks; each question involves two or more parts and carries a sub-total of 40 marks.

Unit one – one question from the choice of three as currently given; each question will involve two or more parts and carry a total of 80 marks.

Unit two – questions from two of three sections must be answered and carry a total of 160 marks; each section contains two or more questions/parts and carries a subtotal of 80 marks.

Unit two – questions from two of three sections as currently given must be answered carrying a total of 160 marks; each section will contain a choice of three questions/parts, two of which must be answered and carry a subtotal of 80 marks.

Unit three – questions from one of four sections must be answered; each section comprises one or more questions/parts and carries a total of 80 marks.

Unit three – questions from one of four sections as currently given must be answered; each section will contain a choice of two or more questions/parts and carry a total of 80 marks.

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CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve to 15 minute oral examination with three sections given equal time

General conversation (narrative) candidates talk about themselves and their lives (40 marks)

General conversation (discursive) candidates talk about an aspect of Russian life or culture (30 marks)

Five picture sequences prepared of which one will be asked in the examination
OR

Prepared project on which questions will be asked during the examination (30 marks).

AURAL EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section I

Two reading comprehensions (100 marks) each with compulsory questions concluding with language and/or cultural awareness questions.

Structuring Discourse - compulsory (20 marks)

Section II

Written expression with grammar (30 marks), a short essay based on Russian culture (30 marks) and guided writing with an option to choose between writing a letter, a narrative or a discussion. There are no choices within this choice (40 marks).

ORAL EXAMINATION

General conversation - discursive.

Reduce the cultural awareness topics from five to three identified topics (see below) which will be published:

- Everyday life in Ireland and Russia
- Aspects of Russian culture
- Aspects of contemporary Russian life

Picture sequences: Three picture sequences to be prepared of which one will be asked in the examination.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Comprehensions: Choice will be built into the language and/or cultural awareness questions at the end of the two comprehensions.

Guided writing - increased choice.

Choice between two letters, two narratives, two discussions - candidates attempt one only.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve to 15 minute oral examination with three sections given equal time

General conversation (narrative) candidates talk about themselves and their lives (40 marks)

General conversation (discursive) candidates talk about an aspect of Russian life or culture (30 marks)

Five picture sequences prepared of which one will be asked in the examination
OR

Prepared project on which questions will be asked during the examination (30 marks).

AURAL EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section I

Two reading comprehensions (60 marks) each with compulsory questions concluding with language and/or cultural awareness questions followed by a Mix and match exercise (40 marks); structuring discourse (20 marks) and a comprehension (40 marks) - all of which are compulsory.

Section II

Short answers: Two three-five sentence answers from a choice of five topics based on candidates' cultural awareness of Russia (30 marks).

Extended writing: (30 marks) candidates are directed to use the prompts given in the question

ORAL EXAMINATION

General conversation - discursive.

Reduce the cultural awareness topics from five to three identified topics (see below) which will be published:

- Everyday life in Ireland and Russia
- Aspects of Russian culture
- Aspects of contemporary Russian life

Picture sequences: Three picture sequences to be prepared of which one will be asked in the examination.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Comprehensions: Choice will be built into the language and/or cultural awareness questions at the end of the two comprehensions.

Structuring discourse: offer a choice between the two exercises here.

Candidates will write about one topic instead of two.

It is proposed to insert a clause in the instructions for candidates (see below) in order to provide flexibility in answering this question,

'You may use the following prompts.'

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

ORAL EXAMINATION

General Conversation - 10 minutes

Role play (one of five) - approx. 3-5 minutes

AURAL EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A = 70 marks (choice of (a) Prescribed literature or (b) Journalistic text = 50 marks) and two short comprehensions = 20 marks.

Section B Question five, candidates write one opinion piece out of a choice of two.

Section C

1. Candidates complete (a) Dialogue construction or (b) Formal Letter = 30 marks. Both have five points to be completed in Spanish.

2. Candidates complete (a) Diary entry or (b) Note in Spanish = 20 marks. Both have four points to be completed in Spanish.

ORAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Candidates prepare three role plays instead of five and will be examined on one role play.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Section B, Question five, candidates write one opinion piece out of a choice of three.

Section C

1. Candidates will be given a choice of completing any five of the following six 'turns' in Spanish in (a) Dialogue and the 'turns' to be shortened in length to two sentences each. In (b) Formal letter, candidates can do any five out of a possible eight points, allowing greater choice.

2. Candidates to be given a choice of completing any four of the following five points in Spanish in both (a) and (b), allowing greater choice.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

ORAL EXAMINATION

General Conversation = 70 marks, 10 minutes

Role play (one of five) = 30 marks, approx. 3-5 minutes.

AURAL EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A (Five reading comprehensions)

Section B

1. Candidates complete an informal letter in Spanish. This has five points to be completed.

2. Candidates complete (a) Diary entry or (b) Note in Spanish. Both have four points to be completed in Spanish.

ORAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Candidates prepare three role plays instead of five and are examined on one role play.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Candidates to be given a choice of completing five out of eight points in Spanish on the letter, giving greater choice.

Candidates will be given a choice of completing four out of five points in Spanish in either (a) or (b) giving greater choice.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

COURSEWORK

Briefs issue 1st October approx.
Completion date 30th March approx.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A
(core – compulsory)
Answer 12 of 15 short questions.

Section B
(core - compulsory)
Answer 2 long questions.

Section C
(optional topics)
Answer two of five long questions

COURSEWORK

Coursework briefs for 2021 candidates will issue earlier.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

No adjustment.

Answer one of five long questions.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

COURSEWORK

Briefs issue 1st October approx.
Completion date 30th March approx.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A
(core – compulsory)
Answer 12 of 15 short questions

Section B
(core - compulsory)
Answer 2 long questions

Section C
(optional topics)
Answer two of five long questions.

COURSEWORK

Coursework briefs for 2021 candidates will issue earlier.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

No adjustment.

Answer one of five long questions.

SENIOR CYCLE

NON-CURRICULAR LANGUAGES

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

General information on the assessment of non-curricular EU languages can be accessed at <https://examinations.ie/?l=en&mc=ex&sc=eu>.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED PROGRAMME

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Advice on the curriculum and assessment arrangements for the LCA Year 1 and Year 2 students for the academic year 2020/21 is set out in Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA): Advice for management and teachers of LCA 2020/21 in Second-Level Schools and Centres for Education available at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7acad-reopening-our-post-primary-schools/>.

Additional information on the adjustments to the assessment arrangements for students entering Year 2 of LCA 2021 are set out below.

PRACTICAL COURSEWORK BRIEFS

All briefs that do not already issue at the start of the year, will be issued to schools earlier than normal. The disruption to teaching and learning during session 2 owing to Covid-19 restrictions and the school closure period will be taken into account in the assessment of the component.

ORAL TESTS

Oral tests in English and Communications for students in Year 2 will transact as normal. However, allowances will be made in the assessment of, and the marking of the oral test in respect of disruption and loss of teaching and learning experienced by students due to restrictions and the school closure period. The same arrangements will apply for students in Year 2 in cases where a school has opted to study Gaeilge or a Modern European Language over the two years of the programme rather than completing it in either year one or year two.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

There will be no adjustment to the final examination papers but a scaling, by a factor of 1.15 will be applied to the mark awarded. For example, if a candidate is awarded a mark of 200 out of a total of 300 marks, this mark will be scaled by 1.15 so that the mark awarded for grading purposes will be 230 marks out of 300. The scaling will be implemented up to the total mark for the examination and capped at that total. For example, if a student is awarded 280 marks out of a total of 300 marks, then the scaling would give a mark of 322, but because this exceeds the total of 300, the candidate will be awarded the maximum mark available, which is 300 marks.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

1. PORTFOLIO (60%)
2. EXAMINATION PAPER (40%)

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Common Level

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - CORE (140 MARKS)

Four Core compulsory items with marks distributed as follows:

- CV (25 marks)
- Career Investigation (40 marks)
- Summary report (40 marks)
- Enterprise/Action plan (35 marks)

**COMPONENT:
PORTFOLIO - OPTIONAL (100 MARKS)**

Two out of four to be completed with marks allocated as follows:

- Diary of work experience (50 marks)
- Enterprise report (50 marks)
- Recorded interview/presentation (50 marks)
- Report on 'My Own Place' (50 marks)

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - CORE (170 MARKS)

The CV remains compulsory with an adjusted mark of 40 while candidates can choose to submit any two of the remaining three items:

- Career Investigation (adjusted to 65 marks)
- Summary Report (adjusted to 65 marks)
- Enterprise/Action plan (adjusted to 65 marks)

The Summary Report will prove challenging in the coming year due to the type of activities generally undertaken for reporting purposes. Building in a choice here will allow those who have already completed it to submit it, if desired, but removes the obligation for those who haven't.

In instances where candidates submit all three of these items, marks will be awarded for the highest scoring two.

**COMPONENT:
PORTFOLIO - OPTIONAL (70 MARKS)**

Candidates submit one of the four optional items for assessment. The marks for this item will be adjusted from 50 to 70.

The Diary of Work Experience and the Enterprise Report will prove challenging in the coming year due to the type of activities generally undertaken for reporting purposes. Building in a choice here will allow those who have already completed it to submit it, if desired, but removes the obligation for those who haven't.

In instances where candidates submit two of these items, marks will be awarded for the highest scoring one.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

1. PORTFOLIO (60%)
2. EXAMINATION PAPER (40%)

LEVEL

Common Level

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

EXAMINATION PAPER - (160 MARKS)

All sections to be attempted

- Audio visual – all questions to be answered
- Case study – all questions to be answered
- General questions – six questions of which four must be answered.

Case study issues to schools four school weeks prior to the examination.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Explanatory note:

The weighting assigned to the Portfolio (60%) and the Written Paper (40%) needs to remain in place. In order: (a) to preserve the current balance between the core and optional elements of the portfolio; and (b) to provide an equitable choice between the core portfolio items. Maintaining the 60% weighting of the Portfolio means that the marks awarded to each Portfolio item needs to be adjusted up to the total of 240 marks.

Optional Items - 1 item only

- Diary of Work Experience (70 marks)
- Enterprise Report (70 marks)
- Recorded Interview (70 marks)
- My Own Place (70 marks)

EXAMINATION PAPER - (160 MARKS)

Increase the number of questions to seven of which four must be answered.

Issue the case study to schools six-school weeks prior to the examination.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Total of seven questions – all to be completed.

No adjustment.

Questions 1A and 2A:

Question 1A and Question 2A: translate into the vernacular a passage of Greek from the list of prescribed passages in Greek Through Reading.

(N.B Numbering of passages non- consecutive)
Nineteen passages are prescribed for both Ordinary and Higher Level.

Questions 1A and 2A:

Reduce the nineteen passages prescribed for both Higher and Ordinary Level to a total of fifteen by removing the following passages:

- 35. Prometheus
- 36. The Sphinx
- 37. The frogs ask for a king
- 38. The town mouse and the country mouse.

Twelve additional passages are prescribed at Higher Level only.

(N.B Numbering of passages non- consecutive)

For Higher Level Only reduce the twelve prescribed passages to a total of nine by removing the following:

- 74. The battle of Salamis, 480 B.C.
- 75. Exploit of Queen Artemisia at Salamis
- 84. Battle of Marathon, 490 B.C.

Questions 1B and 2B:

Answer one of two questions relating to the prescribed texts.

Questions 1B and 2B: Increased internal choice
Answer one of three questions relating to the prescribed texts.

Question 3:

Unprescribed translation from Greek

No adjustment.

Question 4:

Comprehension questions on a passage of unprescribed Greek prose

No adjustment.

Question 5:

Translate five sentences into Greek.

Question 5: Increased internal choice

Translate five sentences into Greek from a possible seven.

Question 6:

Answer one of two questions relating to history.

Question 6: Increased internal choice

Answer one of three questions relating to history.

Question 7:

Answer one of two questions relating to civilisation, myth and legend.

Question 7: Increased internal choice

Answer one of three questions relating to civilisation, myth and legend.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Total of seven questions – all to be completed.

Questions 1A and 2A:

Question 1A and Question 2A: translate into the vernacular a passage of Greek from the list of prescribed passages in Greek Through Reading.

Nineteen passages are prescribed for both Ordinary and Higher Level.

(N.B Numbering of passages non- consecutive).

Questions 1B and 2B:

Answer one of two questions relating to the prescribed texts.

Question 3:

Unprescribed translation from Greek.

Question 4:

Comprehension questions on a passage of unprescribed Greek prose.

Question 5:

Translate five sentences into Greek.

Question 6:

Answer one of two questions relating to history.

Question 7:

Answer one of two questions relating to civilisation, myth and legend.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment

Questions 1A and 2A:

Reduce the nineteen passages prescribed for both Higher and Ordinary Level to a total of fifteen by removing the following passages:

35. Prometheus

36. The Sphinx

37. The frogs ask for a king

38. The town mouse and the country mouse.

Questions 1B and 2B: Increased internal choice

Answer one of three questions relating to the prescribed texts.

No adjustment.

No adjustment.

Question 5: Increased internal choice

Translate five sentences into Greek from a possible seven.

Question 6: Increased internal choice

Answer one of three questions relating to history.

Question 7: Increased internal choice

Answer one of three questions relating to civilisation, myth and legend.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Common

COURSEWORK

Based on a brief issued by the SEC in Sept. Each candidate must research, develop and execute **two** artefacts during a coursework period. This work is based on initial research which results in CBA2.

COURSEWORK

Based on a brief issued by the SEC in September, each candidate will research, develop and execute **one** artefact during a shorter coursework period.

The artefact will have to be submitted three weeks in advance of the usual timeline. As it is linked to the final assessment, students must complete CBA2.

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Common	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.</p>	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>The AT element will not be examined in 2021. The Written Examination will not be adjusted from the structure and format indicated in the Sample Papers and any previous examinations of these new specifications.</p>

LEVEL

Higher &
Ordinary

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer two topics from Section A and two topics from Section B and a fifth topic from Section A or B. The examination is graded out of 400 marks.

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer two topics from Section A and two topics from Section B. The examination will be graded out of 320.

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Higher & Ordinary	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.</p>	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>The AT element will not be examined in 2021. The Written Examination will not be adjusted from the structure and format indicated in the Sample Papers and any previous examinations of these new specifications.</p>

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Common	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).</p>	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>The AT element will not be examined in 2021. The Written Examination will not be adjusted from the structure and format indicated in the Sample Papers and any previous examinations of these new specifications.</p>

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CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Common

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2021. The Written Examination will not be adjusted from the structure and format indicated in the Sample Papers and any previous examinations of these new specifications.

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CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Common

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

COMPONENTS

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CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Common

COURSEWORK

Food Literacy Skills practical Examination:
1 hour and 30 minutes. An individual based examination.

Based on a Food Literacy Skills brief issued by the SEC in December. The candidate will use the design brief process to research the elements of the brief which will result in CBA2. The chosen solution will be what the candidate will prepare, cook and serve in their Food Literacy skills Examination.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**COURSEWORK**

No adjustment.

Briefs to be issued earlier at the beginning of November to allow extra time for the completion of CBA2.

A reduction in the amount of items to be prepared and cooked in the Food Literacy Skills Examination.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher &
Ordinary

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).

COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2021. The Written Examination will not be adjusted. As outlined in the specification, the content and format of the examination papers may vary from year to year. The structure and format indicated in the Sample Papers and any previous examinations of these new specifications will provide the general basis for the structure and format of the 2021 examinations.

LEVEL	CURRENT ARRANGEMENT	2021 ADJUSTMENTS
Common	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).</p>	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>The AT element will not be examined in 2021. The Written Examination will not be adjusted from the structure and format indicated in the Sample Papers and any previous examinations of these new specifications.</p>

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CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

COURSEWORK**COURSEWORK**

No adjustment

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Candidates are required to answer questions on the two parts of the paper as follows:

Part 1 four questions on one of two prescribed Project Titles for 2021; reference to three skills is required in answering question 4; questions on each title carrying a total of 80 marks.

Part 2 Section A – all parts of all questions, carrying a total of 80 marks.

Part 2 Section B – all parts within three of five questions, with each question carrying a total of 80 marks.

Part 1 –will require reference to two rather than three skills in answering question 4 of Part 1.

Part 2 Section A – Candidates will be allowed one choice of questions in this section

Part 2 Section B – candidates will be allowed one choice of question within a part of each of the five questions given in this Section.

LEVEL	CURRENT ARRANGEMENT	2021 ADJUSTMENTS
Ordinary	<hr/> <p>COURSEWORK</p> <hr/> <hr/> <p>WRITTEN EXAMINATION</p> <hr/> <p>Candidates are required to answer questions on the two parts of the paper as follows:</p> <p>Part 1 four questions on one of two prescribed Project Titles for 2021, reference to two skills is required in answering question 4; questions on each title carrying a total of 80 marks.</p> <p>Part 2 Section A – all parts of all questions, carrying a total of 80 marks.</p> <p>Part 2 Section B – all parts within three of five questions, with each question carrying a total of 80 marks.</p>	<hr/> <p>COURSEWORK</p> <hr/> <p>No adjustment</p> <hr/> <p>WRITTEN EXAMINATION</p> <hr/> <p>Part 1 – candidates will be required to reference one rather than two skills in answering question 4 of Part 1.</p> <p>Part 2 Section A – candidates will be allowed one choice of questions in this section.</p> <p>Part 2 Section B – candidates will be allowed one choice of question within a part of each of the five questions given in this Section.</p>

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Q1. Prescribed Poetry passage. 80 marks.

Requirement 18 passages

Catullus (V), (VI)

Ovid (X) (XII) (XIII) (XXX) (XXXV)

Virgil (XXXIX) (XL), (XLII), (XLV)

HL Prescribed Poetry pieces

Ovid (XXXIV), (XXXVI)

Virgil (XXXVII),(XXXVIII), (XLI), (XLIII) (XLIV)

Q2. Unseen Translation. 80 marks.

Q3. Unseen Comprehension and grammar.
80 marks.

Q4. Composition or Unseen translation.
80 marks.

Q5 Roman History 40 marks.

Answer A and B choice of two parts in B.

A. Answer 5 out of 10.

Q6. Roman Social Life and Civilisation.
40 marks.

Answer A and B. A. Answer 5 out of 10

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The list of prescribed text material will be reduced.

Remove the following text requirement re Q1.

Catullus (VI)

Ovid (XXX)

Virgil (XLII), (XLIII), (XXXVII), (XLV)

Q2. No adjustment.

Q3. No adjustment.

Q4. No adjustment.

Q5 Roman History 40 marks.

Answer A (20 marks) and B (20 marks).

Increase choice available here in in A.

A. Answer 5 out of 12.

Q.6 Roman Social Life and Civilisation

Answer A and B. Increase choice available in A

A. Answer 5 out of 12.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Q1. Prescribed Poetry passage. 80 marks.

Eleven Prescribed Poetry texts for Ordinary Level

Catullus (V) (VI)
Ovid (X),(XII),(XIII), (XXX),(XXXV)
Virgil (XXXIX),(XL), (XLII), (XLV)

Q2. Unseen Translation. 80 marks.

Q3. Unseen Comprehension and grammar
80 marks.

Q4. Composition or Unseen translation.
80 marks.

Q5 Roman History 40 marks. Answer A and B
choice of two parts in B. A. Answer five out of
10.

Q6. Roman Social Life and Civilisation
40 marks.
Answer A and B.
A. Answer five out of 10.

The list of prescribed text material will be
reduced.

Remove the following text requirement for
Ordinary Level

Catullus (VI)
Ovid (XXX)
Virgil (XLII) (XLV)

Q2. No adjustment.

Q3. No adjustment.

Q4. No adjustment.

Q5 Roman History 40 marks.
Answer A(20 marks) and B(20 marks).
Increase choice available here in A.
A. Answer five out of 12.

Q.6 Roman Social Life and Civilisation
Answer A and B. Increase choice available in A.
A. Answer six out of 12.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher and
Ordinary

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2021. The Written Examination will not be adjusted from the structure and format indicated in the Sample Papers and any previous examinations of these new specifications.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher and Ordinary

TECHNIQUES AND DESIGN PROJECT

Project must be completed by the first Friday in April 2021.

PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION

Candidates are required to prepare materials and make components, according to the materials list and drawings shown in S58(ML2), by late April 2021, in advance of the Metalwork Practical Examination schedule (over two weeks late April/early May). S58(ML2) issues from SEC from mid-October 2020.

Note: S58 (ML1 AND ML2) are issued annually by the SEC along with the Techniques and Design project.

TECHNIQUES AND DESIGN PROJECT

Early release of project September 2020. Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC

PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION

The Metalwork teacher may prepare the materials and make the components required for the examination, according to the materials list and drawings that will issue from the SEC in S58(ML1). Alternatively, the school may outsource this preparatory work.

The marking scheme for this component will be adjusted as candidates will not be awarded any marks for prepared work. These marks will be allocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme.

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates Answer Question 1: Section A (20 marks) and Section B (20 marks) and Three other questions (20 marks each). Total: 100 marks.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Increased (Open) choice in written examination. Question 1 Section A (20 marks) and Section B (20 marks) each become standalone Questions. Candidates now asked to answer any five from eight questions (20 marks each). Total: 100 marks. Note: In Q1 (Section A) candidates will now be asked to answer any four from seven parts (was five from seven parts).

Ordinary

Candidates Answer Question 1: Section A (20 marks) and Section B (20 marks) and Three other questions (20 marks each). Total: 100 marks.

Increased (OPEN)choice in written examination. Question 1 Section A (20 marks) and Section B (20 marks) each become standalone Questions. Candidates now asked to answer any five from seven questions (20 marks each). Total: 100 marks. Note: In Q1 (Section A) candidates will now be asked to answer any eight from 12 parts (was 10 from 12 parts).

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

COURSEWORK

Candidates' submitted coursework must include:

1. Artefact (130 marks – 65%)
2. Folio (70 marks – 35%)

The coursework design is selected from three possible design briefs which are forwarded to schools in late October/early November. Coursework must be complete by the last Friday in April.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A: Twenty short response questions, answer any 16.

Section B: Five questions, answer any three. Question 5 is presented as a 5A or 5B (two options), answer only one.
Section B - 60 marks.

COURSEWORK

Design briefs 2021 to issue earlier. Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.

Design briefs will include advice to candidates and teachers to give careful consideration to artefact design in 2021, given the period of school closure in the 2019/20 school year and potential loss of further time.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A: Twenty short response questions, answer any 10.

Section B: Six questions, answer three. Questions 5A and 5B now become standalone questions.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

COURSEWORK

Candidates' submitted coursework must include:

1. Artefact (75%)
2. Folio (25%)

The coursework design is selected from three possible design briefs which are forwarded to schools in late October/early November. Coursework must be complete by the last Friday in April.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A: Twenty short response questions, answer any 16.

Section B: Five questions, answer any three. Question 5 is presented as a 5A and 5B (2 options), answer only one.

COURSEWORK

Design briefs 2021 to issue earlier. Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.

Advice to candidates and teachers to give careful consideration to artefact design in 2021, given the period of school closure in the 2019/20 school year and potential loss of further time.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A: Twenty short response questions, answer any 10.

Section B: Six questions, answer three. Questions 5A and 5B now become standalone questions.

JUNIOR CYCLE

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LEVEL	CURRENT ARRANGEMENT	2021 ADJUSTMENTS
Common	<hr/> <p>PRACTICAL</p> <hr/> <p>Perform three pieces/songs Unprepared test.</p> <hr/> <p>WRITTEN EXAMINATION</p> <hr/>	<hr/> <p>COURSEWORK</p> <hr/> <p>Perform two pieces/songs Unprepared test.</p> <hr/> <p>WRITTEN EXAMINATION</p> <hr/> <p>No adjustment.</p>

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

COURSEWORK**COURSEWORK**

No adjustment. Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Candidates answer questions from the five sections on the papers as follows:

Section 1 – ten of 20 questions carrying five marks each and a total of 50 marks.

Section 2 – three of four questions, subdivided into three parts each with a sub-total of 10 marks and a section total of 30 marks.

Section 3 – all questions (three or four) given in this section, carrying a total of 50 marks.

Section 4 – four of six questions each subdivided into parts and carrying a sub-total of 50 marks.

Section 5 - one of six questions each carrying a total of 70 marks

No adjustment.

Section 2 allow candidates answer two of four questions, subdivided into three parts with a sub-total of 15 marks each and a section total of 30 marks.

Section 3 allow one choice within a part of one question that candidates are required to answer in this section.

Section 4 allow one choice within a part of each question in this section. Candidates would still be required to answer four of the six questions in this section, with each question carrying a sub-total of 50 marks.

No adjustment.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

COURSEWORK**COURSEWORK**

No adjustment. Earlier completion date of 2 weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Current arrangement:

Candidates answer questions from the four sections on the papers as follows:

Section 1 – ten of 20 questions carrying eight marks each and a total of 80 marks.

Section 2 – three of four questions, subdivided into three parts each with a sub-total of 20 marks and a section total of 60 marks.

Section 3 – all questions (three or four) given in this section, carrying a total of 60 marks.

Section 4 – five of six questions each subdivided into parts and carrying a sub-total of 40 marks.

No adjustment

Section 2 allow candidates answer two of four questions, subdivided into three parts with a sub-total of 30 marks each and a section total of 60 marks.

No adjustment

Section 4 allow candidates answer all parts in four of six questions, each carrying a sub-total of 50 marks.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Common

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2021. The Written Examination will not be adjusted from the structure and format indicated in the Sample Papers and any previous examinations of these new specifications.

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Common	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).</p>	<hr/> COMPONENTS <hr/> <p>The AT element will not be examined in 2021. The Written Examination will not be adjusted from the structure and format indicated in the Sample Papers and any previous examinations of these new specifications.</p>

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CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A
Answer 10 of 15 short questions.

Section B
Answer four from six long questions.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Section B
Answer three from six long questions.

Ordinary

Section A
Answer 10 of 15 short questions.

Section B
Answer four from six long questions.

No adjustment.

Section B
Answer three from six long questions.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Higher

COURSEWORK**COURSEWORK**

Brief to issue earlier. Earlier completion date of two weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A
Answer 25 of 32 short questions.

Section A
Answer 20 of 32 short questions.

Section B
Two long questions presented:
Attempt either (a) or (b) from each.

Section B T
wo long questions presented:
Attempt any two parts from the two questions presented.

Section C
Four long questions presented, attempt one.

Section C
No adjustment.

LEVEL

CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

2021 ADJUSTMENTS

Ordinary

COURSEWORK**COURSEWORK**

Brief to issue earlier. Earlier completion date of 2 weeks to be specified by SEC.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A
Answer 16 of 20 short questions.

Section A
Answer 10 of 20 short questions.

Section B
Four long questions presented,
attempt any two questions.

Section B
No adjustment.