



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit

State Examinations Commission

SECTION 1:	READING	60 MARKS
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A. Find answers to the following questions:

1. Where was Louis Walsh born? (5)
Kiltimagh (Mayo)

2. What was the name of his first band? (5)
Time Machine

3. Which singer won the Eurovision twice? (5)
Johnny Logan

4. What did Louis Walsh use the local phone box for? (5)
To ring big promoters in Dublin to get slots for his band

B. What types of Jobs did Louis have to do when he started in Hayden Enterprises?

Make tea, do publicity, deliver press releases and photographs to newspapers.

4+3+3 (10)

C. Why did Louis Walsh set up *Boyzone*? (10)
Was the group a success? Give a reason for your answer.

To compete with Take That **4 marks**
Reason (ex impression) **0-6 marks**

They had 23 singles, six number ones, four number one albums, selling 12 million copies worldwide. They became millionaires many times over. They were the most successful boy band ever.

- D. How is the X factor different from Louis Walsh's earlier projects? (10)

It gives ordinary people a chance to become famous. Louis Walsh acted as a judge with two other people. In his earlier projects he did the work himself and did not hold competitions to get a band or singer.

- E. How would you describe Louis Walsh from the following: (10)
Successful, Hardworking, Lucky. Give a reason for your answer

Choice 2 marks

Reason 0 -8 marks (ex impression, expect well developed answer for full marks)

SECTION 2	PERSONAL WRITING	60 MARKS
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Write about one page on one of the following topics:

PICK ONLY ONE TOPIC

- A. What I *really* think about school
- B. My Dream Job
- C. Shopping in town
- D. Friend: *Oh no, look at that poster! The school talent show is on Friday.*
Myself: *Do you think we're ready?*

Write the rest of the conversation (**Conversation Format must be used**)

- E. My Lucky Day
- F. If I won the X Factor
- G. *The engines roared and I could feel the plane lift off the ground.*
No turning back now.....

Continue the story

H. Pop Stars

Evaluate, by impression, using the full range of marks.

F	E	D	C	B	A
6»	15»	24»	33»	42»	51»

In determining appropriate grades consider the following:

- Is the writing a clear response to the chosen topic?
- Has the writer managed to shape the response in a purposeful way?
- Is the command of language sufficient to communicate thoughts and feelings with some ease and effect?

SECTION 3 FUNCTIONAL WRITING 60 MARKS

ANSWER EITHER A OR B

- A. You have won a competition to interview your favourite band or singer after they have performed their act. Your interview with this band or singer will be published in a Music Magazine for teenagers. Write this interview.

In your interview you must:

- Find out how this band or singer became famous.
- Find out something about this band's or singer's life before becoming famous
- Describe some of the songs by the band or singer
- Describe how the band or singer feels about being famous

- B. You have been asked to write a report/review about your favourite TV programme. This report/review will be published in a popular magazine.

In this report or review you must:

- Give your report/review a heading
- Briefly describe what this programme is about

- Describe your favourite character in this programme
- Explain why people should watch this programme

Candidates are expected to fulfil the criteria for A or B. Expect guidelines to be followed and correct format to be used for full marks.

Make a confident evaluation using the full range of marks.

Think Grades	F	E	D	C	B	A
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Answer **ANY THREE** of the Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 which follow.

SECTION 4

FICTION

[60]

- A. Name 5 items that Buddy put into his red canvas bag (Part 1) (10)

shirts, socks, sweaters, towel, toothbrush, soap, toothpaste, knife, fork, spoon, can opener.

5 x 2 marks each

- B. How much money did Buddy find in his Dad's room?
Why was he surprised at the amount of money? (10)

Eighty Three Euro

2 marks

His dad had told him there was no money for clothes or treats **(0- 8) marks**

- C. How did Buddy feel as he left the house? (10)
Give reasons for your answer.

Buddy felt anxious because he was running away from home and he checked that nobody was watching before he ran down the road. He also felt anxious when he saw a police car drive by slowly.

(0-10) ex impression. Expect well developed response for full marks

- D. Why did Buddy return to the Bus Shelter?
Do you think it was a good decision? (10)

He became afraid when he heard a dog growling and saw 2 large dogs heading towards him. **4 marks**

He thought he would be safer at the bus shelter because it was in the village with people around.

or

. It wasn't a good idea because he was on the run and could easily be seen by people or by the police

Ex impression . Accept positive or negative response. **(0-6 marks)**

E. Think about a Novel OR Short Story you have studied.

Name the Novel OR Short Story **(2 marks)**

Describe a character you liked or disliked **(0-8 marks)**

Describe a Frightening OR Exciting OR Funny thing that happened to this character. **(0-10 marks)**

SECTION 5

POETRY

[60]

A. What would the poet live on if it weren't for his mum? (Stanza 1) (10)

Cola, Crisps and Cake

(4+3+3)

B. How would the house look if the poet lived alone?(Stanzas 2&3) (10)

Clothes scattered about, Bedroom painted black and red,dishes everywhere.

(4+3+3)

OR ex impression (0-10)

C. What do you think the poet means by “*find out what it's like to be me*”? (10)

(0-10) ex impression Expect candidates to respond in context of poem.

- D. Which word best describes the poet, do you think - Silly, Trouble- Maker, Independent, Well-behaved?.
Give reasons for your answer. (10)

(0-10) ex impression Expect candidates to use evidence from the poem.

- E. Think about a poem you have studied that described:
A Family Event OR a School Event

Name the poem and the poet (2)

Describe the family event or school event. (8)

Give the poem marks out of ten and explain why you gave those marks (10)

SECTION 6

DRAMA

[60]

- A. List the ingredients that George put into the medicine for Grandma? (10)
Shaving foam, Shoe Polish, Dandruff cure, hair-remover
(4+2+2+2)

- B. Do George and Grandma get on well together?
Give reasons for your answer. (10)

No (2 marks)

Reasons (0-8 marks) ex impression

Expect well developed reasons based on the extract for full marks

- C. Do you think Grandma is a nice person? Give reasons for your answer? (10)
No (2 marks)
Reasons (0-8 marks)

Expect well developed reasons based on evidence for full marks.

Possible answers:

"is not a nice person" (Preface)

shouts, is rude, never says anything nice to George.

- D. You have been asked to act out this scene on stage. (10)

Describe how Grandma should act when she tastes the medicine (5 marks)

Describe how George should act when he gives Grandma the spoonful

of medicine.

(5 marks)

Actions described should be appropriate to the context.

Expect well developed responses for full marks.

“Act” may include gestures, tone of voice etc.

- E. Think about a play or film you have studied. (20)

Name the play or film

(2 marks)

Describe either the opening scene or closing scene

(0- 8 marks)

Was the scene interesting? Give reasons for your answer

(0-10 marks)

SECTION 7

MEDIA STUDIES

[60]

Look at the advertisement on Page 2 of Paper X

- A. 1. What is the name of the magazine being advertised? (5)
Top of the Pops magazine.

2. What is the website address of the magazine? (5)
www.totpmag.com

3. Where is the magazine to be delivered to? (5)
To your PC.

4. How much does the magazine cost for a year? (5)
£9.99

- B. What age group do you think would read this magazine?
Give reasons for your answer? (10)

Teenagers, Young People. Expect reference to content.

(0-10 marks) ex impression

- C. What kind of articles would you expect to read in this magazine?
Give reasons for your answer. (10)

(0-10 marks) ex impression

Reasons should include: Music, Bands, Singers,
Celebrities, Reference to Front Cover.

- D. Do you think the advertisement is designed to make people notice it?
Give reasons for your answer? (10)

Reference to colour, letters, images required for full marks.

(0-10 marks) ex impression

E. There are two versions of this magazine on sale:

- The normal one you can get in the shops
- The digital one being advertised

Which version of the magazine do you think will sell better?
Give reasons for your answer?

(10)

(0-10 marks) ex impression

Well developed reasons making clear comparisons required for full marks.