



**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit  
State Examinations Commission**

**Leaving Certificate Applied**

**STUDENT TASK**

**Personal Reflection Task  
(200 Marks)**

**Marking Scheme**

	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>Focus of Reflection</b>	20m	30m
<b>Ability to Reflect</b>	<b>40m</b>	<b>60m</b>
<b>Media of Reflection</b>	20m	30m
<b>200m</b>	<b>80m</b>	<b>120m</b>

**LCA PERSONAL REFLECTION TASK  
MARKING SCHEME SUMMARY**

**YEAR 1  
80 MARKS**

	Criteria	
<b>1. Focus of Reflection</b>  <b>Year 1 Total Marks available</b>  <b>20</b>	<u>Focus</u> <b>10m</b>  <u>Personalisation</u> <b>10m</b>	<p><b>Two</b> specific concrete learning experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Related to the LCA programme.</li> <li>• Year 1 on any aspect of the programme.</li> </ul> <p>Experiences must be personalised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning experiences must relate to candidate.</li> <li>• How well does the candidate come through in the statements?</li> <li>• Must be his/her own story, but not narrative.</li> <li>• Use of meaningful 'I' statements.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Ability to Reflect</b>  <b>Year 1 Total marks available:</b>  <b>40</b>	<u>Starting Point</u> <b>10m</b>  <u>Descriptions</u> <b>5+5m</b>  <u>Present Position</u> <b>10m</b>  <u>Future</u> <b>10m</b>	<p>Describe initial position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recall/describe/review past experiences/launch new experiences.</li> <li>• Yr 1 key learning experiences that influenced your decision to choose LCA.</li> </ul> <p>Describe each experience and its effect on your initial position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the experience?</li> <li>• Use specific examples to describe the experience.</li> <li>• How has the experience affected you?</li> <li>• Has your thinking changed as a result of the experience?</li> </ul> <p>Draw conclusions about <u>self</u>, based on key learning experiences. <u>Must</u> describe the outcome of <u>experiences</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the conclusions about self as a result of analysis?</li> <li>• Are the conclusions explained? ("I now know.....because")</li> <li>• How well are conclusions explained (i.e. is there <u>evidence</u> supporting conclusions about self?)</li> <li>• What level of self-awareness has been demonstrated?</li> </ul> <p>How have the experiences influenced your outlook for the future? Integrate what has been learned into future plans/ goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combine what was learned from the different experiences into a plan for the future.</li> <li>• Plans must be specific and not aspirational.</li> <li>• Plans must be linked to the learning experiences.</li> <li>• Yr 1 A short term plan based on learning experiences.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Media of Reflection</b>  <b>Year 1 Total marks available:</b>  <b>20</b>	<u>Communication</u> <b>10m</b>  <u>Organisation</u> <b>10m</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neatness.</li> <li>• Legibility .....spelling &amp; grammar.</li> <li>• Fluency.</li> </ul> <p>How logical is the task?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it easy to follow the pattern of thinking?</li> <li>• Does the task have a beginning, middle and end?</li> </ul>

**LCA PERSONAL REFLECTION TASK  
MARKING SCHEME SUMMARY**

**YEAR 2  
120 MARKS**

	Criteria	
<b>1. Focus of Reflection</b>  <b>Year 2 Total Marks available</b>  <b>30</b>	<u>Focus</u> <b>20m</b>  <u>Personalisation</u> <b>10m</b>	<b>Two</b> specific concrete learning experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Related to the LCA programme.</li> <li>• Year 2 must have a <b>vocational focus</b>, relevant to future career plans.</li> </ul> Experiences must be personalised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning experiences must relate to candidate.</li> <li>• How well does the candidate come through in the statements?</li> <li>• Must be his/her own story, but not narrative.</li> <li>• Use of meaningful 'I' statements.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Ability to Reflect</b>  <b>Year 2 Total marks available:</b>  <b>60</b>	<u>Starting Point</u> <b>10m</b>  <u>Descriptions</u> <b>15+15m</b>  <u>Present Position</u> <b>10m</b>  <u>Future</u> <b>10m</b>	Describe initial position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recall/describe/review past experiences/launch new experiences.</li> <li>• Yr 2 LCA learning experiences that influenced your career decision.</li> </ul> Describe each experience and its effect on your initial position: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the experience?</li> <li>• Use specific examples to describe the experience?</li> <li>• How has the experience affected you?</li> <li>• Has your thinking changed as a result of the experience?</li> </ul> Draw conclusions about <u>self</u> , based on key learning experiences. <u>Must</u> describe the outcome of <u>experiences</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the conclusions about self as a result of analysis?</li> <li>• Are the conclusions explained? ("I now know.....because")</li> <li>• How well are conclusions explained (i.e. is there <u>evidence</u> supporting conclusions about self?)</li> <li>• What level of self-awareness has been demonstrated?</li> </ul> How have the experiences influenced your outlook for the future? Integrate what has been learned into future plans/ goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combine what was learned from the different experiences into a plan for the future</li> <li>• Plans must be specific and not aspirational.</li> <li>• Plans must be linked to the learning experiences.</li> <li>• Yr 2 A specific career oriented plan is required.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Media of Reflection</b>  <b>Year 2 Total marks available:</b> <b>30</b>	<u>Communication</u> <b>15m</b>  <u>Organisation</u> <b>15m</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neatness.</li> <li>• Legibility .....spelling &amp; grammar.</li> <li>• Fluency.</li> </ul> How logical is the task? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it easy to follow the pattern of thinking?</li> <li>• Does the task have a beginning, middle and end?</li> </ul>