



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Applied 2011

Sign Language
(100 Marks)

Examination Centre Stamp

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Thursday, 9 June 2011

(Duration of Examination – 20 to 30 minutes approximately)

Directions to Examiner

Please enter Candidate's EXAMINATION NUMBER here.

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There are two parts in this examination.

Part One has 3 Sections – **A, B, C.**

Part Two has 2 Sections – **A, B.**

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Total Mark for Part One Section A	
Total Mark for Part One Section B	
Total Mark for Part One Section C	
Grand Total – Part One	
Total Mark for Part Two Section A	
Total Mark for Part Two Section B	
Grand Total – Part Two	
OVERALL TOTAL MARK	

PART ONE – SHORT QUESTIONS – (40 MARKS)

Candidates will be asked 12 questions from the following three sections:

Section A – Candidates will be asked 5 questions worth 1 mark each.

Section B – Candidates will be asked 4 questions worth 4 marks each.

Section C – Candidates will be asked 3 questions: 2 questions will be worth 6 marks and one question will be worth 7 marks.

Section A (1 mark each – maximum 5 marks)

Candidates to answer 5 out of 15 questions; one question from Subsection 1; one question from Subsection 2 and so on.

Question	Mark
1a. What is the title of your favourite film? 1b. What TV programme do you like to watch? 1c. What book or magazine do you like to read?	(1)
2a. What does the acronym 'IDS' stand for? (Irish Deaf Society) 2b. What does the acronym 'IDYA' stand for? (Irish Deaf Youth Association) 2c. What does the acronym 'IDSA' stand for? (Irish Deaf Sports Association)	(1)
3a. What time do you get up at in the morning? 3b. What time does your first class start at in the morning? 3c. What time do you arrive home after school?	(1)
4a. Which mobile phone network do you use? 4b. Which shop do you like to buy most of your clothes in? 4c. About how much phone credit do you use every month?	(1)
5a. Which type of transport would you prefer to take if you were going to Kerry? 5b. Which type of transport would you prefer to take if you were going to London? 5c. How do you travel to school?	(1)
Total Marks (Maximum – 5 marks)	

Section B (4 marks each – maximum 16 marks)

Candidates to answer 4 out of 12 questions; one question from Subsection 6, one from Subsection 7 and so on.

Question	Mark
6a. What subjects are you studying in school? 6b. Of all the subjects you are studying, which one is your favourite? Sign why it is your favourite. 6c. What do you think of the Irish Sign language LCA module/subject?	(4)
7a. Explain/sign how you would make a lodgement to a bank or post office. 7b. Explain/sign how you would go about making a loan application to the bank or Credit Union. 7c. Explain/sign what are the advantages and disadvantages of having or not having a credit card.	(4)
8a. Describe four methods that Deaf people use to communicate when they are in the bank. 8b. Explain/sign how you would book an interpreter. 8c. Describe four ways to gain the attention of Deaf people.	(4)
9a. Explain/sign the procedure of what you would do when looking for a job. 9b. Sign some of the advantages and disadvantages for Deaf people when they have a job interview. 9c. Do you think it is difficult looking for a job at the moment? Explain your answer.	(4)
Total Marks (Maximum – 16 marks)	

Section C (6 or 7 marks each – maximum 19 marks)

Candidates to answer 3 out of 9 questions, one question from Subsection 10, one from Subsection 11 and so on.

Question	Mark
10a. Which do you feel is better for Deaf people, to be mainstreamed or to go to a Deaf school? Explain your answer. 10b. Explain some customs that are rude for both Deaf and Hearing Cultures. Explain your answer. 10c. Can all Deaf people sign? If so, can they all sign well? Explain your answer.	(6)
11a. International Sign Language – explain where and why this is used. 11b. Can Deaf Irish people understand other countries signed languages e.g. BSL, ASL? Explain your answer. 11c. When an Irish Deaf person meets a Deaf person from another country explain how they communicate to each other.	(6)
12a. Explain/sign the different types of deafness and the reasons why some people become deaf. 12b. Can all Deaf people lip-read? Explain your answer. 12c. What barriers do Deaf people come across in their everyday lives? Explain how they overcome these barriers.	(7)
Total Marks (Maximum – 19 marks)	

PART TWO – PRESENTATION – (60 MARKS)

Section A: (45 marks)

Students are given four topics at the beginning of Year 2 of their course.

They must choose one of these topics and prepare a 3 to 5 minute presentation in Sign Language on the chosen topic.

After the presentation, the examiner will ask a number of questions on the topic.

- Topics:**
1. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of mainstream education and Deaf School education for Deaf or hard of hearing people.
 2. Choose a Deaf role model, either a well-know personality or a less famous person whom you admire. This person may be Irish or from abroad. Sign about why you admire this person and what he/she has achieved for the Deaf community.
 3. A massive oil spill occurred in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2010 following an oil rig explosion. Sign about the effects of the spill on the economy and on the environment, including wild life in the area. Use local and international comparisons in your presentation.
 4. The current recession in Ireland has many consequences both nationally and individually. Discuss how the recession has affected the country on a national level and also the impact it has had on people individually.

Student's Expressive Skills in Sign Language	(20)
Content of Presentation	(25)
Total Marks (Maximum – 45 marks)	

Section B: Questions (5 marks each)

1. General question on the development/elaboration of an aspect of the presentation.	(5)
2. Describe the methods of research you used to prepare for your presentation.	(5)
3. What have you learned from preparing this topic?	(5)
Total Marks (Maximum – 15 marks)	