



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Applied 2013

Sign Language (100 Marks)

Examination Centre Stamp

Thursday, 6 June 2013

(Duration of Examination – 20 to 30 minutes approximately)

Directions to Examiner

Please enter Candidate's EXAMINATION NUMBER here.

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	
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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 do you like to do after school? 1b. What do you and your friends like to do at the week-end? 1c. Where was the last place you went on holidays?	(1)
2a. What date is Valentine's day? 2b. What date is St. Patrick's Day? 2c. What date is it today?	(1)
3a. Fingerspell the name of the place where you were born. 3b. Fingerspell the word 'COMMUNICATION'. 3c. Fingerspell DEAF VILLAGE.	(1)
4a. Name a popular type of fast food. 4b. Name your favourite type of food. 4c. Name a type of food you do not like.	(1)
5a. What colour do you associate with St Patrick's Day? 5b. What colour do you associate with Valentine's Day? 5c. What colour do you associate with peace?	(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. Sign four sports that are played at the Deaflympics. 6b. Sign four organisations that are involved with the Deaf community. 6c. Sign two of your favourite subjects at school and two subjects that you dislike.	(4)
7a. Explain how to withdraw money from an ATM machine. 7b. Sign four services available at the Post Office. 7c. What is a credit union?	(4)
8a. Sign what job you would love to have and explain why you would like to have this job. 8b. Sign what job you would hate to have and explain why you would hate to have this job. 8c. Sign a job that Deaf people are good at and explain why Deaf people are good at this job.	(4)
9a. If you could go on holidays anywhere in the world, where would you go? Explain why you would like to go there. 9b. What was the best holiday you ever had? Explain what made it so good. 9c. What was the worst holiday you ever had? Explain what made it so bad.	(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. There are more teachers in the Deaf schools now than in the past, what do you think are the advantages of this change? Explain your answer. 10b. What are the advantage and disadvantages to being sent to a Deaf school as opposed to a main-stream school? Explain your answer. 10c. In your opinion, is it easier for a Deaf person to go to third level education now than it was 10 or 15 years ago? Explain your answer.	(6)
11a. The Centre for Deaf Studies was set up over ten years ago in Trinity College, Dublin to train ISL teachers and interpreters. Outline how this has changed things in the Deaf community in the last ten years. 11b. Outline the changes that you would like the government to make to help Deaf people have better access to the world around them. 11c. In Ireland, do all Deaf people sign in the same way? E.g. Do Deaf men sign differently to Deaf women, or do young Deaf people sign differently to older Deaf people?	(6)
12a. Do ISL and English have the same grammar and structure? Explain your answer. 12b. What are the main differences and similarities between Deaf and hearing culture? Explain your answer. 12c. Do you think it is important for Deaf children to learn about Deaf history? Explain your answer.	(7)
Total Marks (Maximum – 19 marks)	

PART TWO – PRESENTATION – (60 MARKS)

Section A: (40 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. The Deaflympics are scheduled to take place in 2013. Provide a brief history of the Deaflympics and discuss why they were established. Explain why the Deaflympics are held separately from the Paralympics. Give your opinion on the value of such an event.
2. The Paralympics took place in 2012. Provide a brief history of the Paralympics and discuss why they were established. Explain why the Paralympics are held separately from the Deaflympics. Give your opinion on the value of such an event.
3. People now communicate through a variety of social networks such as Facebook and Twitter. Provide a brief history of ONE of these social networks and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of such networks. Give your views on the value of social networks.
4. The number of Deaf pupils attending Deaf schools is falling, both in Ireland and internationally. Many parents now decide to send their Deaf child to a mainstream school. Discuss the advantages and/or disadvantages of sending a Deaf child to either a Deaf school or mainstream school. Give your views on the subject.

Section A: (40 marks)

Category	Marks 1 - 2	Marks 3 - 4	Marks 5 - 6	Marks 7 - 8	Marks 9 - 10
Grammatical Control					
Vocabulary					
Phonology					
Fluency					
Total Marks (Maximum 40 marks)					

Section B: Questions (20 marks)

1. Content of presentation, including evidence of research and personal reflection	14 Marks	
2. Response to questions relevant to the project.	6 Marks	
Total Marks (Maximum 20 marks)		