



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Applied 2014

Sign Language (100 Marks)

Examination Centre Stamp

Thursday, 5 June 2014

(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	
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. Name a city in Ireland. 1b. Name a city in France. 1c. Name a city in America.	(1)
2a. What year is it now? 2b. What year was it last year? 2c. What year will it be next year?	(1)
3a. Fingerspell TELEVISION. 3b. Fingerspell FIREPLACE. 3c. Fingerspell LIVING ROOM.	(1)
4a. Name one sport that is played in your school. 4b. Name one sport that is popular in Ireland. 4c. Name one sport that you think is dangerous.	(1)
5a. What is your favourite fruit? 5b. What is your favourite vegetable? 5c. What is your favourite food treat?	(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. Describe a teacher's job. 6b. Describe a taxi-driver's job. 6c. Describe a doctor's job (General Practitioner).	(4)
7a. Would you prefer to bank online or in person? Explain your answer. 7b. Would you prefer to shop online or in person? Explain your answer 7c. Would you prefer to meet your friends in person or use social media? Explain your answer.	(4)
8a. What type of television programmes do you most enjoy? Explain your answer. 8b. What type of films do you most enjoy? Explain your answer. 8c. What type of material do you like to read? Explain your answer.	(4)
9a. If you could travel to anywhere in the world, where would you choose to go? Explain your answer. 9b. If you could travel to anywhere in Ireland, where would you choose to go? Explain your answer. 9c. If you could travel to anywhere in Europe, where would you choose to go? 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. Explain/sign what your experience of Irish Sign Language in the LCA has been like up to now. 10b. Explain/sign about your best experience on your LCA course up to now. 10c. Explain/sign about the most interesting thing you have done on your LCA course up to now.	(6)
11a. Deaf people are very proud of their Deaf culture. Discuss what is meant by Deaf culture. 11b. Irish people are very proud of their Irish culture. Discuss what is meant by Irish culture. 11c. Discuss the differences and similarities between Deaf culture and Hearing culture.	(6)
12a. Will it benefit Deaf people if the government officially recognise Irish Sign Language? Explain your answer. 12b. Should Irish Sign Language be taught in all Deaf and mainstream (Hearing) schools? Explain your answer. 12c. Should Irish Sign Language be taught in all primary schools? 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. More and more species of plants and animals around the world are becoming endangered. Briefly explain why this is the case and outline the measures being taken by at least one organisation to remedy the situation.
2. Former South African leader, Nelson Mandela, is known and respected throughout the world. Provide a brief overview of his life and achievements and explain why he is so widely admired.
3. The Catholic Institute for Deaf People are planning to amalgamate St. Joseph's School for Deaf Boys and St. Mary's School for Deaf Girls in 2014. Provide a brief history of both schools and outline your views on the merger.
4. Imagine that you have been given the job of promoting awareness of Irish Sign Language (ISL) in Ireland. Briefly explain why you think more Irish people should be made aware of Irish Sign Language and outline the steps you would take to help the campaign gain momentum.

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)		