



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Applied 2015

Sign Language (100 Marks)

Examination Centre Stamp

Thursday, 4 June 2015

(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. What is the name of your home area? 1b. What is the name of your school? 1c. Name one road near your school.	(1)
2a. Fingerspell GERMANY. 2b. Fingerspell FRANCE. 2c. Fingerspell HOLLAND.	(1)
3a. Name your favourite hot drink. 3b. Name your favourite cold drink. 3c. Name a type of drink you do not like.	(1)
4a. How long have you been learning ISL? 4b. How long a break do you have at 11am? 4c. How long is your break at lunchtime?	(1)
5a. Name the first month of the year. 5b. Name the last month of the year. 5c. Name the sixth month of the year.	(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 some of the services provided by banks.	(4)
6b. Describe some of the services provided by credit unions.	
6c. Describe some of the services provided by post offices.	
7a. What is the role of an ISL/English interpreter?	(4)
7b. What is the role of an ISL teacher?	
7c. What is the role of a special needs assistant (SNA)?	
8a. Name a film you have enjoyed and explain why you enjoyed it.	(4)
8b. Name a TV series you have enjoyed and explain why you enjoyed it.	
8c. Name a sport you enjoy and explain why you enjoy it.	
9a. List some of the things that you are not allowed to bring on board an aeroplane.	(4)
9b. List some of the things you would do when applying for a job.	
9c. List some of the jobs Deaf people normally apply for.	
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 how you would communicate with a deaf/blind person.	(6)
10b. Explain how you would book an ISL/English interpreter.	
10c. Explain how Deaf people communicate with hearing people.	
11a. Identify various types of deafness and explain their causes.	(6)
11b. Can all Deaf people lip-read? Explain your answer.	
11c. Do all Deaf males and Deaf females sign in the same way? Explain your answer.	
12a. What changes would you like to make to Deaf education in your school? Explain your answer.	(7)
12b. What changes do you think would help to make public buildings (e.g. museums, art galleries, etc) more accessible to Deaf people? Explain your answer.	
12c. What changes do you think would help to make work places more accessible to Deaf people? Explain your answer.	
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 8 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 following people are well known among the Deaf Community: Marlee Matlin (Deaf Actress); Abbe Charles Michel de L’epée (The Father of the Deaf); Marko Vuoriheimo (Signmark).

Choose one of the people listed above, describe their background and explain why they are well known in the Deaf community.

2. Outline how a person could qualify to become an ISL/English interpreter in Ireland. Explain why interpreters are so important to the Deaf Community.
3. Choose a film or a play that features a deaf character. Outline the role played by the Deaf character in the film or play. Discuss whether you think Deaf people are accurately represented in the film or play.
4. As a result of recent developments some GAA matches are now broadcast to an international audience. Identify the countries outside of Ireland where it will now be possible to see Gaelic games on television and explain why you think people in these countries would or would not be interested in watching them.

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)		