

Examination Number

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**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit
State Examinations Commission**

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION 2004

**RUSSIAN
HIGHER LEVEL**

DAY, DATE

LISTENING COMPREHENSION (80 marks)

CENTRE STAMP

SECTION I	
SECTION II	
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TOTAL	

SECTION I

Listen to the following four news reports.

The material will be played **three times**: first right through, then in **four segments** with pauses and finally, right through again.

Answer all questions **in English**.

20 marks

1. i. Name **either** the country **or** the city Ludmila Putin was visiting

- ii. (a) Where was the first place she visited?

- (b) What did she do there?

- iii. What gifts were exchanged in the university?

2. i. What is going to happen in Moscow on Friday?

- ii. Give a brief account of what had happened to “Two women on the roadside”. Give **three** details.

3. i. What festival is about to open in Moscow?

ii. Who will be taking part in the festival?

4. i. What facilities already exist in the former pioneer camp?

ii. The camp's management outlined their development plan to the President. Give **three** details of this plan.

SECTION II

Listen to a report on the preliminary round of the World Championship of Computer Games.

The material will be played **three times**: first right through, then in **three segments** with pauses and finally, right through again.

Answer all questions **in English**.

16 marks

1. Give **three** pieces of information about the participants.

2. Give **two** details about how Russian competitors did at last year's championship?

3. For what **two** rewards are the participants competing?

SECTION III

Listen to a question and answer session held with a representative from the Department of Education.

The material will be played **three times**: first right through, then in **four segments** with pauses and finally, right through again.

Answer all questions **in English**.

24 marks

1. i. The questioner claims he has to pay for a number of services in the school. Name **four** of them.

ii. According to the representative from the Department of Education, what service do they have to pay for?

2. Parents are required to pay for some school subjects and not others. What explanation does Liubov' Kezina give for this?

3. The Department of Education is providing additional funding on condition schools introduce a change in the school day.

i. How will this reform affect school children?

ii. Why does the Department of Education consider this reform beneficial?

4. i. What concern does this parent express?

ii. What explanation does Liubov' Kezina supply?

iii. What solution does Liubov' Kezina suggest if the parent is still unhappy?

SECTION IV

Listen to the interview with Lev Ziman, director of the children's publishing company "August".

The material will be played **three times**: first right through, then in **four segments** with pauses and finally, right through again.

Answer all questions **in English**.

20 marks

1. Give **four** details about Lev Ziman's career to date.

2. Give **three** details to characterise Lev Ziman's attitude towards his family.

3. What principle does Lev Ziman apply in his work as a publisher of children's literature?

4. i. Why might listeners be surprised at the inclusion of Nabokov in one of Lev Ziman's projects?

ii. What will be the distinctive feature of his edition of stories for very young children?

iii. Give **three** details about Masha Baisman's book.

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