



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Applied 2012

Sign Language (100 Marks)

Examination Centre Stamp

Thursday, 7 June 2012

(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 your favourite hobby? 1b. Name a sport you like to watch. 1c. Name a sport you find boring to watch.	(1)
2a. In which month is your birthday? 2b. Where were you born? 2c. What age are you?	(1)
3a. Fingerspell the word 'LANGUAGE'. 3b. Fingerspell the word 'COMMUNITY'. 3c. Fingerspell the word 'CULTURE'.	(1)
4a. I (the examiner) will fingerspell 'CHEESE BURGER' and you (the candidate) will sign the vocabulary. 4b. I (the examiner) will fingerspell 'DEAF CLUB' and you (the candidate) will sign the vocabulary. 4c. I (the examiner) will fingerspell 'HOT DRINK' and you (the candidate) will sign the vocabulary.	(1)
5a. What colour is your school uniform? 5b. What colour is your hair? 5c. What colour are your eyes?	(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. Which subject, that you are studying, do you find the most difficult? Explain your answer. 6b. Explain why you would or would not like to study at third level when you leave school. 6c. Which aspect of the LCA Sign Language course did you most enjoy? Explain your answer	(4)
7a. The News for the Deaf is shown on RTE, do you think this is good for Deaf people and their community, or do you feel it is of no particular consequence? Explain your answer. 7b. Which presenter of The News for the Deaf, shown on RTE, do you prefer? Explain your answer. 7c. What aspects of The News for the Deaf shown on RTE would you like to change or what else would you include to make the programme better?	(4)
8a. Describe the job of an ISL/English interpreter. 8b. Describe the job of an ISL teacher. 8c. Describe the job of an SNA (Special Needs Assistant)	(4)
9a. Describe the different ways that Deaf and hearing people can communicate when a Deaf person goes for a job interview. 9b. Sign the process a Deaf person would have to follow to get an ISL/English interpreter for a job interview if they needed one. 9c. What kind of job would you like to have when you leave school? Explain why you would like to work in this area.	(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. Describe five different ways in which a Deaf person's attention can be attained. 10b. Which Deaf person do you feel is a good Deaf role model or one whom you most admire? Explain your answer. 10c. The new Deaf village is now under way (construction), do you think it is a good idea to have the old buildings demolished and replaced with new ones? Explain your answer.	(6)
11a. What does the term 'Deaf Community' mean? Explain your answer. 11b. Recently more and more Deaf people are learning ISL, explain why you think this is so. 11c. Explain what you think the advantages and disadvantages of recognising ISL in the Irish Constitution would be.	(6)
12a. Do you think it is important that people use facial expression when signing and using ISL? Explain your answer. 12b. Which Deaf technology available today do you think is of most benefit to the Deaf person or the Deaf community? Explain your answer. 12c. Choose one of the Deaf organisations that are in Ireland today and explain what services they offer and what their goals and aims are.	(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. Sometimes young peoples' life style choices have a negative impact on their health and well being. Please choose **one** of the following topics and discuss the impact such lifestyle choices have on the health and well being of young people, as well as on the health care system in Ireland.

I. Obesity **OR** II. Addiction e.g. smoking, drugs, alcohol, etc.
2. Identify a person, contemporary or from history, who you feel has influenced our world for the better. Provide a biography of this person and explain what their influence has been.
3. The development of the Deaf Village is now underway on the grounds of St. Joseph's School for Deaf Boys. Outline what you think are the advantages and disadvantages of such a project. Explain your answer.
4. Education for Deaf people in Ireland has changed down through the years. Outline the changes that have occurred. Do you feel the changes have been more advantageous or disadvantageous to Deaf people? What developments would you like to see implemented in education for Deaf people in the future? Explain your answer.

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)		