Assessment Arrangements
For Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate Examinations 2024

September 2023
Introduction

This updated document sets out the adjusted assessment arrangements for post-primary students taking certificate examinations in the 2023/24 school year. The adjustments, which are similar to those that were made for the students taking examinations in 2023, have been arrived at through discussions between the Department of Education (DE), the State Examinations Commission (SEC) and the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) and key stakeholders.

Changes to the national assessment arrangements have been made with due regard for the principles of equity, fairness and integrity as these principles apply to assessment and examinations and refer to student-to-student, subject-to-subject, and year-to-year comparisons. Overall, the changes can be viewed as reflecting and recognising the disruption to learning students experienced in a fair manner with contingency for future disruption to the learning experience of students that may occur during the 2023/24 school year also built in. They provide clarity, certainty and reassurance to students, their parents/guardians, teachers and schools in advance of the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

The document details the adjusted assessment arrangements for every subject/module descriptor in the Leaving Certificate Established, Leaving Certificate Applied, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and Junior Cycle programmes. When you click on the relevant subject title, you will be brought to the page detailing the particular arrangements for that subject.
For the Leaving Certificate Established (LCE), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) examinations, there will be no change to the duration of the written examinations. For LCE subjects, some additional choice will be incorporated into the written examinations as detailed on the relevant subject page.

For subjects where the State Examinations Commission (SEC) issues project briefs during the 2023/2024 school year, the intention is to generally issue these at least four weeks earlier than normal. Teachers are encouraged to plan and undertake these projects as early as possible in the programme of study within the context of any current and future public health measures which may apply. In the case of subjects where the coursework briefs issued in the 2022/2023 school year and have a completion date in the 2023/2024 school year, normal timelines for completion will apply.

The adjusted assessment arrangements to the LCA Programme and the LCVP are accessed by clicking the programme title on the right.
With regard to Junior Cycle, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) has published the revised arrangements for Classroom-Based Assessments for students entering third year in 2023, and these are available here:

_**CBA revised arrangements for students in third year in 2023/24.**_

Each student must complete a minimum of one CBA in each subject and short course. Students taking the junior cycle final examinations in 2024 will not be required to complete Assessment Tasks for the relevant subjects. The grade descriptor awarded for these subjects will be based on the examination paper only. Specific arrangements have been put in place for Music, Visual Art, Home Economics, Wood Technology, Applied Technology, Engineering and Graphics and are detailed in the relevant section.
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section 1 – Financial Accounting
Q1 – 120 marks

Q2, Q3, Q4 – answer any two

Section 2 – Financial Accounting

Section 3 – Management Accounting

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ACCOUNTING

SENIOR CYCLE

LEVEL

Higher & Ordinary

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

An additional alternative Q1 will be provided (Sole/Company/Manufacturing) to provide choice.

No adjustment.

Q. 5 will be on Interpretation of Accounts

No adjustment.
A Coursework Brief is issued annually by the SEC.

Total marks for the written paper is 300 marks.
Paper is 2.5 hours in duration at both levels.
The sample paper published in Autumn 2020 exemplifies the structure of examination papers. It contains 2 sections: A and B.

Section A comprises a series of unrelated short questions (10 questions at 10 marks each) some of which are structured, some synoptic and some a mixture of both. Some internal choice on two questions.

Section B comprises long questions (five questions to answer four at 50 marks each), with structured, synoptic and a mixture of both question types.
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Question 1

Question 2

Question 3: Prescribed Material
- Translation and related questions

Question 4: History, Art & Architecture, Literature
- Candidates are required to answer three questions, including at least one from section A and section B.

Prescribed Material

Or

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Question 1: No Adjustment.

Question 2: No Adjustment.

Question 3: Prescribed Material
- In addition to the reduction in the prescribed material for translation, the questions related to the prescribed material will also be based on the reduced content.

Question 4: History, Art & Architecture, Literature
- Candidates can now answer any three of the eight questions presented for Question 4 (with no requirement to answer from both section A and section B).

Prescribed Material

Or
**ANCIENT GREEK**

**PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS**

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Question 1

Question 2: Prescribed Material
- Translation and related questions

Question 3: History, Art & Architecture, Literature
- Candidates are required to answer three questions, including at least one from section A and section B.

Prescribed Material
The Joint Association of Classical Teachers’ Greek Course: *Reading Greek – Text and Vocabulary* (Cambridge University Press, 2nd edition 2007), Sections Fifteen to Twenty (inclusive).

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Question 1: No Adjustment.

Question 2: Prescribed Material
- In addition to the reduction in the prescribed material for translation, the questions related to the prescribed material will also be based on the reduced content.

Question 3: History, Art & Architecture, Literature
- Candidates can now answer any three of the eight questions presented for Question 3 (with no requirement to answer from both section A and section B).

Prescribed Material
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COURSEWORK
Annual brief to issue to schools. The project carries 100 marks.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Answer all questions. While the examination is contextualised within the unifying strand (mathematical modelling), questions assess strands 2, 3 and 4.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COURSEWORK
No change. Brief to issue to schools in November, with the work to be submitted in February. The project carries 100 marks.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Answer eight questions out of 10 – each question carries 50 marks. The additional material will assess each of the three non-unifying strands, approximately maintaining the balance between the strands.
Candidate must answer both of the questions set in any two of the following three areas:

- The Koran (35 marks x 2)
- Classical Arabic verse (35 marks x 2)
- Modern Arabic prose (35 marks x 2)

In total candidates answer four questions in the Literature section of the paper.

**LANGUAGE USE/GRAMMAR**

No adjustment.

**CONTINUOUS WRITING/COMPOSITION**

No adjustment.

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An increase in the level of choice will be made available to candidates. This will be achieved by including one extra question in each of the following areas:

- The Koran (35 marks x 3)
- Classical Arabic verse (35 marks x 3)
- Modern Arabic prose (35 marks x 3)

Candidates will be required to answer any four of the nine questions provided.

**LANGUAGE USE/GRAMMAR**

No adjustment.

**CONTINUOUS WRITING/COMPOSITION**

No adjustment.
COURSEWORK

Based on a brief issued by the SEC, each candidate must research, develop and execute one artefact as well as research and develop a second artefact during a coursework period. The research and development is carried out in a Visual Journal issued by the State Examinations Commission.

INVIGILATED PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

The second artefact will be realised during a practical examination. This examination will be held after the coursework window has closed and will be 5 hours in duration.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

This examination consists of three sections –

- Section A – Today’s world
- Section B – Europe and the wider world
- Section C – Ireland and its place in the wider world.

Each of the three sections will carry the same number of marks.

Section A will have a range of questions of varying lengths and varying mark allocations. Some of these will be based on visual stimulus material. The number of questions may vary from year to year – typically between 3 and 7, depending on their length. Candidates will answer all questions in this section.

Section B will have one question based on each of the sections of focus within Visual Studies. Candidates will answer one question from this section.

Section C will have one question based on each of the sections of focus within Visual Studies. Candidates will answer one question from this section.

COURSEWORK

The brief will be issued 3 weeks earlier than in a normal year. Candidates will not have to complete the Final Proposal page for either artefact or the Artist’s Statement for either artefact which between them form the last three pages of the Visual Journal.

INVIGILATED PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

In Section A there will be 7 questions with equal marks allocated to them. Candidates will answer any 5 questions.

Section B
No adjustment

Section C
No adjustment.
BIOLOGY

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Paper divided into three sections: A, B and C. Total mark for the paper is 400 marks. Paper 3 hours in duration at both levels.

Section A – short questions (Q1 to Q6) – five questions to answer from six.

Section B – Mandatory practical questions (Question 7 to Question 9) – two questions to answer from three. (Course has 22 mandatory activities).

Section C – Long questions (Q10 to Q15) – four questions to do from six. Two of the long questions have internal choice, answer two of three parts. Questions are awarded 60 marks each.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Increased choice will be provided by provision of additional questions. Section A will comprise Questions 1 to 7 (previously 1 to 6). Section B Questions 8 to 10 (previously 7 to 9) and Section C Questions 11 to 17 (previously 10 to 15).

Section A – an additional short question will be included – Question 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Candidates will answer any five of seven questions.

Section B – each of the three questions will be aligned with a specific learning unit or part of a unit:

- Question 8 will assess activities from Unit 1, sub-unit 2.1 and 2.5 – total of 8 practicals.
- Question 9 will assess activities from sub-unit 2.2. – total of 7 practicals (1 Higher Level only).
- Question 10 will assess activities from Unit 3 – total of 7 practicals.

Candidates will answer any two of three questions.

Section C – Increased choice by the inclusion of additional questions:

- An extra full long question will be introduced i.e. as well as Q13 there will be a similarly structured Q14.
- An additional part (d) will be added to both of the following questions Q16 and Q17 (formerly Q14 and Q15). In each of these two questions candidates will have a choice of four parts to answer any two. Candidates will answer any four of seven questions.
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section 1 – Short Questions
Answer eight from 10 questions.

Section 2 – ABQ Units 1, 2, 3.

Section 3 – Long Questions
Four questions to be answered.
One question to be answered from Part 1, two from Part 2, and the 4th question from either Part 1 or 2.

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Answer eight from 12 questions.

Section 2 – ABQ Units 1, 2 and 3.
In light of the choice introduced within the examination the SEC will be cognisant of the word count of the ABQ.

Section 3 – Long Questions
Part 1 and Part 2 – increased choice with four questions in each (i.e. one additional question in part 1).

Candidates must answer one question from Part 1 and one question from Part 2 and any other two questions.
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section 1 – Short Questions
Answer 10 from 15.

Section 2 – Long Questions
One question to be answered from Part 1 and two from Part 2, and the 4th question from either Part 1 or 2.

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Part 1 and Part 2 – increased choice (i.e. one additional question in part 1).

Candidates must answer one question from Part 1 and one question from Part 2 and any other two questions.
Answer eight questions in all; these must include at least two questions from Section A.

Q4(k) and Q11(c) are based on the Options.

Answer any eight questions.

Q4 will have 12 parts of which 8 must be answered. The first 11 parts, 4(a) to 4(k), will be based on the Core syllabus and Q4(l) will be based on the Options.

Q11 will have 4 parts of which two must be answered. Q11(a), Q11(b) and Q11(c) will be based on the Core syllabus and Q11(d) will be based on the Options.

Questions 4 (l) and 11(d) are included to accommodate those teachers and students who spent time on the Options in Fifth Year.
**RESEARCH STUDY**

Annual Research Study Report Brief issued to schools.
The project carries 100 marks.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

- There are 400 marks in total for the written paper.
- The written paper is 2.5 hours in duration.
- It contains two sections, A and B.

Section A: Stimulus Questions
- Answer all questions presented.

Section B: Extended Answer Questions
- Question 11: answer the parts to this question (internal choice included).
- Questions 12–15: answer one of the four questions.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**RESEARCH STUDY**

No adjustment.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

There will be no adjustment to the total mark allocation or to the duration of the examination.

Section A: No adjustment.

Section B: The questions in this section have been adjusted to allow for increased choice.
- Question 11a: no adjustment
- Question 11b: answer one of the three questions presented (11bi, 11bii, or 11biii).
- Questions 12–16: answer one of the five questions.
The coursework project is completed over ten weeks, commencing in January. Students are asked to create a computational artefact and an accompanying 2500-word report. The coursework is based on Strand 3 of the curriculum specification, with any, or all, of the four Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs) being assessed.

### WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- Section A – complete all 12 short questions
- Section B – complete all 3 long questions
- Section C – complete 1 programming question

Javascript, HTML and Python programming languages are assessed.

### COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL

- The time period to complete the coursework project will be increased to 12 school weeks with the brief being released in mid December 2023, and a completion date of mid March 2024.
- Teachers will be informed which two of the four Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs) will be the primary focus of the coursework for 2023/2024. This will allow teachers to focus primarily on these two ALTs between September and the release of the coursework brief in December. Candidates would still be permitted to use the skills they have acquired from the remaining two ALTs, if they have been studied, but could adequately complete the coursework project if they have only completed the two listed ALTs.

### WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- Section A – complete 9 of 12 short questions
- Section B – complete 2 of 3 long questions
- Section C – there will only be 2 parts to the question, rather than 3 that appeared in the sample paper. Part (b) will be an open-ended question with candidates enabled to design their own solution to a programming task.

Python is the only programming language to be assessed in the written examination.
COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL

The coursework project is completed over ten weeks, commencing in January. Students are asked to create a computational artefact and an accompanying 2500-word report. The coursework is based on Strand 3 of the curriculum specification, with any, or all, of the four Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs) being assessed.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A – complete all 12 short questions
Section B – complete all 3 long questions
Section C – complete 1 programming question
Javascript, HTML and Python programming languages are assessed.

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

Ordinary

COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL

• The time period to complete the coursework project will be increased to 12 school weeks with the brief being released in mid December 2023, and a completion date of mid March 2024.
• Teachers will be informed which two of the four Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs) will be the primary focus of the coursework for 2023/2024. This will allow teachers to focus primarily on these two ALTs between September and the release of the coursework brief in December. Candidates would still be permitted to use the skills they have acquired from the remaining two ALTs, if they have been studied, but could adequately complete the coursework project if they have only completed the two listed ALTs.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A – complete 9 of 12 short questions
Section B – complete 2 of 3 long questions
Section C – there will only be 2 parts to the question, rather than 3 that appeared in the sample paper. Part (b) will be an open-ended question with candidates enabled to design their own solution to a programming task. Python is the only programming language to be assessed in the written examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL

• The time period to complete the coursework project will be increased to 12 school weeks with the brief being released in mid December 2023, and a completion date of mid March 2024.
• Teachers will be informed which two of the four Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs) will be the primary focus of the coursework for 2023/2024. This will allow teachers to focus primarily on these two ALTs between September and the release of the coursework brief in December. Candidates would still be permitted to use the skills they have acquired from the remaining two ALTs, if they have been studied, but could adequately complete the coursework project if they have only completed the two listed ALTs.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A – complete 9 of 12 short questions
Section B – complete 2 of 3 long questions
Section C – there will only be 2 parts to the question, rather than 3 that appeared in the sample paper. Part (b) will be an open-ended question with candidates enabled to design their own solution to a programming task. Python is the only programming language to be assessed in the written examination.
CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Candidates must answer Question 1 (compulsory) (60 marks) and four other questions from 9 (60 marks each).

PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)
Candidates are required to complete a 4 hour practical skill test in the first week of May.

COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMON LEVEL)
Candidates must submit an artefact, design folio and three experiments as part of their coursework. Coursework must be complete by the last Friday in April.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Increased choice in written examination. Candidates to answer any five from 10 questions.

PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)
No adjustment.

COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMON LEVEL)

• The experiments requirement will be removed for the 2024 examinations. The marks will be reallocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme for the artefact (50%) and design folio (50%).
• 'Instruction to candidates' on coursework to issue in early September instead of November 2023.
• The 'Instructions to candidates' document to include the revised marking scheme highlighting the coursework requirements and mark allocations for 2024.
Candidates must answer Question 1 (compulsory) (50 marks) and three other questions from eight (50 marks each).

Candidates are required to complete a 4 hour practical skill test in the first week of May.

Candidates must submit an artefact, design folio and three experiments as part of their coursework. Coursework must be complete by the last Friday in April.

Increased choice in written examination. Candidates to answer any four from nine questions.

No adjustment.

- The experiments requirement will be removed for the 2024 examinations. The marks will be reallocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme for the artefact (50%) and design folio (50%).
- ‘Instruction to candidates’ on coursework to issue in early September instead of November 2023.
- The ‘Instructions to candidates’ document to include the revised marking scheme highlighting the coursework requirements and mark allocations for 2024.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

Output 1: Suggested one to two pages.
Output 2: Suggested two to three pages.
Output 3: Suggested one page.
50 marks.

Output 4: One electronic assembly file, plus unlimited part files.
eDrawing file.

Output 5: SolidWorks hardcopies – Suggested two to four pages.
Output 6: One page.
50 marks.

Output 7: Suggested two to four pages.
Output 8: Suggested one page.
Output 9: Suggested two to four pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files.
60 marks.

No restriction on parts created.
Total portfolio: Max fourteen pages.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each.

Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 45 marks each.

Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any two of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 45 marks each.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

Combine Output 1 & Output 2: Suggested max of three pages.
Output 2 (was Output 3): Suggested max of one page.
50 marks.

Output 3 (was Output 4): Max one electronic assembly file, plus a max of ten part files (but no less than five).
eDrawing file.

Output 4 (was Output 5): SolidWorks hardcopies – Suggested max of two pages.
Photorealistic representation (was Output 6) is no longer required. 50 marks.

Output 5 (was Output 7): Suggested max of three pages.
Output 6 (was Output 8): Suggested one page.
Output 7 (was Output 9): Suggested max of three page plus Electronic SolidWorks files.
60 marks.

No less than five parts and no more than ten parts. Total portfolio: Max ten pages.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each.

Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 60 marks each.

Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any one of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 60 marks.
SENIOR CYCLE

DESIGN AND COMMUNICATIONS GRAPHICS

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

Output 1: Suggested one to two pages.
Output 2: Suggested two to three pages.
Output 3: Suggested one page.
50 marks.

Output 4: One electronic assembly file, plus unlimited part files. eDrawing file.

Output 5: SolidWorks hardcopies – suggested one to three pages.
Output 6: One page.
60 marks.

Output 7: Suggested one to two pages.
Output 8: Suggested one page.
Output 9: Suggested one to three pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files.
50 marks.

No restriction on parts created.

Total portfolio: Max twelve pages.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each.

Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 45 marks each.

Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any two of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 45 marks each.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

STUDENT ASSIGNMENT

Combine Output 1 & Output 2: Suggested max of two pages.
Output 2 (was Output 3): Suggested max of one page. 50 marks.

Output 3 (was Output 4): Max one electronic assembly file, plus a max of six part files, (but no less than three). eDrawing file.
Output 4 (was Output 5): SolidWorks hardcopies – suggested max of two pages. Photorealistic representation (was Output 6) is no longer required. 60 marks.

Output 5 (was Output 7): Suggested max of two pages
Output 6 (was Output 8): Suggested one page.
Output 7 (was Output 9): Suggested max of two pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files. 50 marks.

No less than three parts and no more than six parts.

Total portfolio: Max eight pages.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each.

Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 60 marks each.

Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any one of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 60 marks each.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT
Brief to issue to schools in September.
Further information in relation to completion and submission of the coursework and the digital Student Research Project reporting booklet are available on the SEC website.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Short Response Questions
Answer eight questions (internal choice within two questions).

Extended Response Questions
Answer four out of five extended response questions.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT
Brief to issue to schools in September.
Further information in relation to completion and submission of the coursework and the digital Student Research Project reporting booklet are available on the SEC website.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Answer eight questions out of 10.
Internal choice within three questions at HL – answer (a) and either (b) or (c).

Answer four out of six extended response questions.
**STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT**

Brief to issue to schools in September.

Further information in relation to completion and submission of the coursework and the digital Student Research Project reporting booklet are available on the SEC website.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Short Answer Questions
Answer eight questions with choice in two questions.

Extended Response Questions
Answer four out of five extended response questions.

**STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT**

Brief to issue to schools in September.

Further information in relation to completion and submission of the coursework and the digital Student Research Project reporting booklet are available on the SEC website.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Answer eight Short Questions from 10 with choice in three at OL – answer either (a) or (b).

Answer four out of six extended response questions.
**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Candidates answer Section A (50 marks) and Section B (50 marks) of Question 1 and four other questions (50 marks each). Total: 300 marks.

**DESIGN PROJECT**

**PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION**

Candidates are required to prepare material sand make components according to the materials list and drawing shown in M74A (ML2) by late April, in advance of the three-day Engineering Practical Examination schedule. M74A (ML2) issues from SEC from mid-October of 6th year.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Increased (Open) choice in written examination. Question 1, Section A (50 marks) and Question 1, Section B (50 marks) each become standalone questions. Candidates now asked to answer any six from nine questions (50 marks each). Total: 300 marks.

**DESIGN PROJECT**

Early release of project September 2023.

**PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION**

Candidates not required to prepare any of the material for this examination component.

The Engineering teacher may prepare the materials and make the components required for the examination, according to the materials list and drawings that will issue from the SEC in M74A(ML1). Alternatively, the school may outsource this preparatory work.

The marking scheme for this component will be adjusted as candidates will not be awarded any marks for prepared work. These marks will be allocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme.
Written Examination

Candidates answer Section A (30 marks) and Section B (35 marks) of Question 1 and three other questions (45 marks each). Total: 200 marks.

Within Section A of Question 1, candidates are asked to answer six from eight parts and in Section B candidates are asked to answer three from five parts.

Design Project

Practical Skills Examination

Candidates are required to prepare material sand make components according to the materials list and drawing shown in M74A (ML2) by late April, in advance of the three-day Engineering Practical Examination schedule. M74A (ML2) issues from SEC from mid-October of 6th year.

Adjustments for 2024

Written Examination

In Question 1 combine Sections A and Section B to form a standalone question now worth 50 marks.

In this new Question 1 candidates are asked to answer any eight from 13 parts.

Mark totals for remaining questions will be increased from 45 to 50 marks.

Candidates will be asked to answer any four from seven questions (50 marks each). Total: 200 marks.

Design Project

Early release of project September 2023.

Practical Skills Examination

Candidates not to be involved in preparing material for this examination component.

The Engineering teacher may prepare the materials and make the components required for the examination, according to the materials list and drawings that will issue from the SEC in M74A(ML1). Alternatively, the school may outsource this preparatory work.

The marking scheme for this component will be adjusted as candidates will not be awarded any marks for prepared work. These marks will be allocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme.
**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 1**

**Section I, Comprehending:** Three texts on a general theme appear on the examination paper. Two questions, A and B, follow each text. Candidates must answer a Question A on one text and a Question B on a different text. Candidates must answer only one Question A and only one Question B. Candidates may **not** answer a Question A and a Question B on the same text.

**Section II, Composing:** Candidates must answer on one of the seven compositions set.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 2**

**Section I: Single Text**
Candidates are required to answer one of two questions.

**Section II: Comparative Studies**
Candidates have a choice of questions (one of two questions) on each of two of the three modes prescribed for study in a given year. Candidates are required to answer on a question on Shakespearean drama. They may do so may do so in Section I, The Single Text, or in Section II, Comparative Studies.

**Section III: Poetry**

Part A: Unseen poetry – Candidates are required to answer one of two questions. Part B: Prescribed poetry – Candidates are required to answer one of four questions.
## Written Examination Paper 1

### Section I, Comprehending:
Three texts on a general theme appear on the examination paper. Two questions, A and B, follow each text. Candidates must answer a Question A on one text and a Question B on a different text. Candidates must answer only one Question A and only one Question B. Candidates may **not** answer a Question A and a Question B on the same text.

### Section II, Composing:
Candidates must answer on one of the seven compositions set.

## Written Examination Paper 2

### Section I, Single Text:
Candidates are required to answer three questions. Question 1 (10 marks x 2) and Question 2 (10 marks) are compulsory. Candidates have a choice of three test items to answer one in Question 3 (30 marks each).

### Section II, Comparative Studies:
Candidates have a choice of questions (one of two questions) on each of two of the three modes prescribed for study in a given year.

### Section III, Poetry

**Part A: Unseen Poetry**
Candidates are required to answer all questions.

**Part B: Prescribed Poetry**
Candidates are required to answer on one of four poems. Two questions are based on the list of poems by poets common to both Higher and Ordinary Level, and two from the list of poems prescribed for study at Ordinary Level only. Candidates are required to answer Question 1 and one test item from a choice of three in Question 2.

## Adjustments for 2024

### Written Examination Paper 1

- **Section I, Comprehending:** No adjustment
- **Section II, Composing:** No adjustment

### Written Examination Paper 2

- **Section I, Single Text:** There will be no compulsory question. Candidates will be required to answer any two of the four questions on the paper. Each question will be worth 30 marks. This change will be achieved by amalgamating the current Question 1 and Question 2 into one three-part question (10 marks x 3) and designating each part of the current Question 3 as three individual 30 mark questions. This change will widen candidate choice.
- **Section II, Comparative Studies:** The examination paper will include questions on all three modes prescribed for examination in 2024. The internal choice will remain the same.
- **Part A: Unseen Poems**
  - No adjustment.
- **Part B: Prescribed Poetry**
  - The examination paper will include two additional poems – one from the list of poems by poets common to both Higher and Ordinary Levels, and one from the list of poems prescribed for study at Ordinary Level only. Candidates will be required to answer on one of six poems. The internal choice will remain the same.
**FRENCH**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

Twelve-minute general conversation including discussion of optional "Document".

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A

Two reading comprehensions (120 marks)

One journalistic piece and one literary piece, 60 marks each.

Section B

Written production (100 marks)

Question 1 is compulsory. It uses the reading comprehensions as a springboard. Answer (a) or (b) – 40 marks (90 words approx.)

Answer two other questions from Questions 2, 3 and 4. Each question has a choice of two parts, (a) or (b) – 30 marks each (75 words each approx.)

(Questions may include diary entry, email, opinion pieces etc....).

**PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

All candidates will be asked questions on three set topics and also on a wider variety of themes/topics as part of the general conversation. The "document" will remain optional. The three themes/topics and the set of illustrative type questions are the same as for 2023 and are published on the SEC website.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

No adjustment.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A – no adjustment

Section B

Written production (100 marks), candidates will be required to answer TWO questions.

Question 1 is still compulsory and uses the reading comprehensions as a springboard.

Candidates will now have three options. Answer (a) or (b) or (c) – 60 marks (90 words approx.).

Candidates answer one other question from questions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 40 marks (75 words approx.). There will be no internal choice in questions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve minute general conversation including discussion of optional "Document".

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A – four reading comprehensions (160 marks).

Section B

Written production, answer two questions from Question 1(a) or (b) or Question 2(a) or (b) (Candidates are given three points to respond to all three) or Questions 3(a) or (b) (Candidates are given three points to respond to all three).

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

ORAL EXAMINATION

All candidates will be asked questions on three set topics and also on a wider variety of themes/topics as part of the general conversation. The "document" will remain optional. The three themes/topics and the set of illustrative type questions are the same as for 2023 and are published on the SEC website.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A – no adjustment

Section B

Written production, candidates will be required to answer any TWO questions from questions 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), 2(b), 3(a) and 3(b). Question 1(a) – cloze test is unchanged.

Questions 1(b) – Form – candidates will answer parts one to five and three of the four remaining parts.

Questions 2(a), 2(b) 3(a) and 3(b) internal choice will be introduced – Candidates will respond to three of the five points in the question(s) they choose. Each question will be marked out of 30.
COURSEWORK

There is no adjustment to the geographical investigation. One topic is to be chosen from the list of six topics that was circulated to schools in Autumn 2022. The list can be found here.

As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2022/23 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Time and mark allocation stays the same. No adjustment.

Part Two – Structured and Essay Questions – 320 marks.
Candidates must attempt four questions. This must include one question from three of the sections below:

- Section 1: Patterns and Processes in the Physical Environment (Questions 1-3)
- Section 2: Regional Geography (Questions 4-6)
- Section 3: Electives (Questions 7-12)
- Section 4: Options (Questions 13-24)

The fourth question can be from any section.
COURSEWORK

There is no adjustment to the geographical investigation. One topic is to be chosen from the list of six topics that was circulated to schools in Autumn 2022. The list can be found here.

As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2022/23 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Part One – Short Questions – 100 marks – There are 12 short questions on the paper and candidates attempt 10 (each question is worth 10 marks).

Part Two – Structured Questions – 300 marks
Candidates attempt three questions (each question is worth 100 marks) as follows:

- One question from patterns and processes in the physical environment (Questions 1-3)
- One question from regional geography (Questions 4-6)
- One question from their chosen elective unit (Questions 7-12).

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COURSEWORK

Time and mark allocation stays the same. No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Part Two - Structured Questions – 300 marks
Candidates must attempt three questions. This must include one question from two of the sections below:

- Section 1: Patterns and Processes in the Physical Environment (Questions 1-3)
- Section 2: Regional Geography (Questions 4-6)
- Section 3: Electives (Questions 7-12)
- The third question can be from any section.
ORAL EXAMINATION

Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates must prepare five picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story.

Candidates must prepare five role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The final question of the unseen literary passage is one of tone/theme of text where candidates are asked to find three to four examples of the tone/theme in the text.

The Applied Grammar section of the paper comprises Question 1 and Question 2 where candidates must answer both.

Written Production
(Candidates answer Option a or b).

Option (a): Candidates normally offered and answer four points.

Option (b): Candidates normally answer five from five points.

GERMAN

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ORAL EXAMINATION

Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates must prepare three picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story.

Candidates must prepare three role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The final question of the unseen literary passage is one of tone/theme of text where candidates are asked to find three to four examples of the tone/theme in the text.

The Applied Grammar section of the paper comprises Question 1 and Question 2 where candidates must answer both.

Written Production
(Candidates answer Option a or b).

Option (a): Candidates normally offered and answer four points.

Option (b): Candidates normally answer five from five points.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

ORAL EXAMINATION

Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates prepare three picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story.

Candidates must prepare three role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates will be asked to find one to two examples of tone/theme in the text.

Candidates will answer either Question 1 or Question 2 for full marks.

Candidates will be offered five points – to answer four.

Candidates will be offered six points – to answer five.
ORAL EXAMINATION

Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates must prepare five picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story.

Candidates must prepare five role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The Applied Grammar section of the paper comprises Question 1 and Question 2 where candidates must answer both. Questions require candidates to (1) deconstruct compound nouns and examine their meaning and (2) select (from a given list) the correct preposition for the sentences.

Written Production
(Candidates answer Option a or b)

Option (a): Candidates are offered and answer five points.

Option (b): Candidates write three sentences on each of the five pictures [2-6].

OPTION (a): candidates will be offered six points (excluding the closing sentence), candidates to answer five.

Option (b): candidates will be expected to write three sentences on two of the pictures and two sentences on three of the pictures [2-6]. Candidates will be free to choose the pictures on which they will write the two or three sentences.
HEBREW STUDIES

LEVEL

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates must answer one of two questions from each of the four sections in the paper (A, B, C and D); each question is divided into three parts carrying 25, 25 and 50 marks respectively.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates will be required to answer one of two questions from three of the four sections in the paper (A, B, C and D); each question is divided into three parts carrying 25, 25 and 50 marks respectively. This will reduce the total marks for the examinations from 400 to 300.
RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)

No adjustment.
As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2022/23 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates may answer the paper in the usual way, if they wish.

OR

Section 1: answer the DBQ as normal.
Sections 2 and 3: answer three questions from two topics in Section 2: Ireland and Section 3: Europe and the Wider World, as set out below. This means that candidates would answer two questions from one of their chosen topics. A candidate could decide to answer one of the following combinations:

- All three answers from two Irish topics.
- Two answers from one Irish topic and one answer from a topic in Europe and the Wider World.
- One answer from one Irish topic and two answers from one European topic.
ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2024

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

**RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)**
No adjustment.

As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2022/23 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section 1: Documents Based Question (100 marks).

Section 2: Answer Part A, Part B and Part C from each of two topics on Irish History (2 x 100m).

Section 3: Answer Part A, Part B and Part C from one topic on Europe and Wider World (100m).

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

**RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)**

Candidates may answer the paper in the usual way, if they wish.

Or

Section 1: answer the DBQ as normal.
Sections 2 and 3: answer three sets of questions from two topics from Section 2: Ireland and Section 3: Europe and the Wider World.

This means that candidates would answer two questions from Part B and two questions from part C in one of their chosen topics.

As the candidate would have already answered the Part A questions in that topic, an additional Part A (stimulus material with five questions) will be provided on p. 15 of the examination paper.

A candidate could decide to work through the examination paper in one of the following ways:

- Answer Parts A, B and C from two Irish topics. Answer a second question from Part B and Part C from one of these topics and the extra Part A on page 15 of the exam paper.
- Answer Parts A, B, and C from one Irish topic and one European and the Wider World topic. Answer a second question from Part B and Part C of the same Irish topic and the extra Part A on p. 15 of the exam paper.
- Answer Parts A, B, and C from one Irish topic and one European and the Wider World topic. Answer a second question from Part B and Part C of the same European and the Wider World topic and the extra Part A on p. 15 of the exam paper.
COURSEWORK: FOOD STUDIES
Candidates are required to present and record a record of any four assignments from five assignments issued by the SEC.

COURSEWORK: TEXTILES FASHION AND DESIGN
Assignment brief issued to schools
Marks = 100 – weighted to 10%. Three processes (i), (ii), (iii) outlined in assignment, two mandatory process required in completed garment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Section A – 60 marks
Twelve questions, answer 10 questions.

Section B (core)
Section C
Answer one elective question:
1. Home Design and Management
2. Textiles, Fashion and Design
3. Social Studies

Answer part (a) and either part (b) or (c) in chosen elective.

Electives 1 and 3 = 80 marks
1(a), 3(a) = 50 marks
1(b) or (c), 3(b) or (c) = 30 marks each.

Elective 2 = 40 marks
2 (a) = 25 marks
2 (b) or (c) = 15 marks.

COURSEWORK: FOOD STUDIES
Candidates present and record two assignments from five assignments issued by SEC. Where candidates present more than two assignments they will be awarded marks for the two highest scoring assignments.

COURSEWORK: TEXTILES FASHION AND DESIGN
Completed garment to include one mandatory process from a choice of three processes.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Increased choice, 14 questions, answer 10 questions.

No adjustment.

An additional 80 mark question (Question 4) will be included in Section C.

Question 4 will examine the core areas of the syllabus – Food Studies, Resource Management & Consumer Studies and Social Studies, using the same layout format and choice as in elective questions C1, C2 and C3.

Candidates may answer one elective question from this Section or Question 4.
**AN BHALTRIAL CHOMONTA (ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL) (240 MARC)**

- An Fáiltilú (5 mharc)
- Léamh na Filíocht (5 dhán ainmnithe) (35 marc)
- An Comhrá (120 marc)

**PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)**

- An Chlúastuiscint (60 marc)
- An Cheapadóireacht (100 marc)

**PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)**

- Ceist 1: An Léamhthuisceint (100 marc)
  Dhá phíosa léamhthuisceana.
- An Litriocht 1 (100 marc)
- Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc)
  Bionn ceist éigeantach 2A ar shaothar ainmnithe amháin agus ceist éigeantach 2B ar shaothar roghnach amháin ar an scrúdpháipéar.
  Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an cheist éigeantach 2A nó an cheist éigeantach 2B.
- Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc).
  Bionn ceist éigeantach 3A ar dhán ainmnithe amháin agus ceist éigeantach 3B ar dhán roghnach amháin ar an scrúdpháipéar.
  Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an cheist éigeantach 3A nó an cheist éigeantach 3B.
- Ceist 4: Litriocht Bhreise (40 marc)
  Ceist amháin le freagairt ar shaothar amháin as na sé shaothar ainmnithe.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

- An BHALTRIAL CHOMONTA (ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL) (240 MARC)
  Gan leasú.
- An tSraith Pictiúr (80 marc) – ullmhoídh gach iartróir 10 Sraith Pictiúr as 20 Sraith Pictiúr 2024.

**PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)**

- Gan leasú.
- Gan leasú.

**PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)**

- Ceist 1: An Léamhthuisceint (100 marc)
  Gan leasú.
- An Litriocht 1 (100 marc)
- Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc)
  Beidh dhá cheist 2A (a) agus 2A (b) ar dhá shaothar ainmnithe agus dhá cheist 2B (a) agus 2B (b) ar dhá shaothar roghnach a raíscrúdpháipéar.
  Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir ceist amháin as a rogha de, 2A (a) nó 2A (b) nó ceist amháin as a rogha de, 2B (a) nó 2B (b).
- Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc).
  Beidh dhá cheist 3A (a) agus 3A (b) ar dhá dhán ainmnithe agus dhá cheist 3B (a) agus 3B (b) ar dhá dhán roghnach a raíscrúdpháipéar.
  Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir ceist amháin as a rogha de, 3A (a) nó 3A (b) nó ceist amháin as a rogha de, 3B (a) nó 3B (b).
- Ceist 4: Litriocht Bhreise (40 marc)
  Gan leasú.

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1. Bhíonn an rogha ag scoláire a dhalann ar théacsanna ar an gcúrsa ainmnithe litriúchta nó ar chúrsa roghnach. Rognaitear na téacsanna roghnacha bunaithe ar an treoir a churtear ar fáil san tseachtain a léasann na théacsanna don chúrsa ainmnithe. Sa scrúdú, freagraíonn iartróirí ceisteanna ón gcúrsa ainmnithe nó ón gcúrsa roghnach.
AN BHÉALTRIAL CHOMÓNTA (ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL) (240 MARC)

An Fáililtiú (5 mharc)
Léamh na Filiochta (5 dháinmni the) (35 mparc)
An Comhrá (120 mparc)

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PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)

An Chluastuiscint (60 mparc)
An Cheapadóireacht (100 mparc)

PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)

Ceist 1: An Léamhthuisceánta (100 mparc)
Dhá phiosa léamhthuisceána le déanamh.

An Litriocht¹ (100 mparc)
Ceist 2: Prós Aímnmithe nó Roghnach (50 mparc)

Bionn dhá cheist éigeanachtacha 2A (a) agus 2A (b) ar dhá shaothar aímnmithe agus dhá cheist éigeanachtacha 2B (a) agus 2B (b) ar dhá shaothar roghnach ar an scrúdpháipéar.

Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an dá cheist éigeanachtacha 2A (a) agus 2A (b) nó an dá cheist éigeanachtacha 2B (a) agus 2B (b).

Ceist 3: Fíliocht Aímnmithe nó Roghnach (50 mparc)

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Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an dá cheist éigeanachtacha 3A (a) agus 3A (b) nó an dá cheist éigeanachtacha 3B (a) agus 3B (b).

¹ Bhionn an rogha ag scoláirí staídéar a dhéanamh ar fhíliocht, ar aímnmithe, ar aímnmithe nó aímnmithe. Rghiadhnaíonn an scrúdpháipéar an cheist a bhíonn ar fáil an scrúdpháipéar, ar aímnmithe, nó aímnmithe nó aímnmithe. An scrúdpháipéar, a bhíonn ar fáil an scrúdpháipéar, a bhíonn ar fáil an scrúdpháipéar, ar aímnmithe, nó aímnmithe. An scrúdpháipéar, a bhíonn ar fáil an scrúdpháipéar, ar aímnmithe, nó aímnmithe. An scrúdpháipéar, a bhíonn ar fáil an scrúdpháipéar, ar aímnmithe, nó aímnmithe. An scrúdpháipéar, a bhíonn ar fáil an scrúdpháipéar, ar aímnmithe, nó aímnmithe.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

AN BHÉALTRIAL (240 MARC)

Bloc 1 = An teaghlach agus áit chónaithe
Bloc 2 = An scoil agus cúrsaí scoile
Bloc 3 = Caithreamh aimsire
Bloc 4 = Laethanta saoire, am agus aimsir, obair

PÁIPÉAR CLUASTUISCEANA, LÉAMHTHUISCEANA AGUS SCRÍBHNEOIREACHTA (360 MARC)

AN CHLUASTUISCINT (120 MARC)

AN LÉAMHTHUISCINT (150 MARC)

Ceist 1: Meáitseáil (40 marc)
Ceist 2 : 2 cheann le freagairt as litir nó bróisiúr nó scéal nuachta (50 marc)
Ceist 3: 2 cheann le freagairt as alt nó giota nó dán (60 marc)

SCRÍÓBH NA TEANGA (90 MARC)

SCRÍÓBH NA TEANGA (90 MARC)

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AN BHÉALTRIAL (240 MARC)

Gan leasú

PÁIPÉAR CLUASTUISCEANA, LÉAMHTHUISCEANA AGUS SCRÍBHNEOIREACHTA (360 MARC)

Gan leasú.

AN CHLUASTUISCINT (120 MARC)

Gan leasú.

AN LÉAMHTHUISCINT (150 MARC)

Gan leasú.

SCRÍBHNEOIREACHTA (90 MARC)

Beidh dhá thasc scríbhneoireachta le déanamh ag an iarrthóir ach beidh rogha níos leithne aige/aici agus leasófar riarr na marcanna i gcás an rannáin seo amháin.

Ceist 4 (45 marc) agus Ceist 5 (45 marc) = 90 marc
## ITALIAN

### SENIOR CYCLE

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**ITALIAN**

**PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**
- General conversation
- Role-plays
  - Prepare five role-plays, one examined
- Picture sequence
  - Prepare five picture sequences, one examined

**AURAL EXAMINATION**

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**
- 220 marks
  - Section A: Reading Comprehension
  - Section B: Publicity Pieces/Advertisements.
  - Section C: Written Section
    - Question 1: answer (a) Informal Letter – write on four points or (b) Dialogue – write on four points.
    - Question 2: Questionnaire
      - Approx. 15 questions however, the number of questions varies from year to year.
    - Question 3: Order sentences, total of eight.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**
- No adjustment.
  - Prepare three role-plays, one examined
- Picture sequence
  - Prepare three picture sequences, one examined

**AURAL EXAMINATION**
- No adjustment.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**
- No adjustment.
  - Increase internal choice.
  - (a) or (b) write on any four points from six provided
  - Choice will be provided by increasing the number of questions so that two more will be provided than required to be answered.
- No adjustment.
ORAL

100 marks approx. 15 mins:
General conversation: approx. 4 – 4½ mins

Topic cards: approx. 4½ – 5 mins:
Prepare three topics
Three cards presented with three topics on each. Candidate picks one card and chooses one topic

Picture sequence: 4½ – 5 mins
Prepare four picture sequences, examined on one.

AURAL EXAMINATION

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Reading Comprehension 120 marks (30%)

Question 1:
Reading comprehension, Katakana based.

Question 2:
Part A: Reading comprehension, questions in English and Japanese
Part B: Kanji, Ten questions in Kanji, no choice.
Part C: Grammar, Ten questions on forms of verbs nouns and adjectives, no choice.

ORAL

No adjustment.

Prepare two topics.
Two cards presented with three topics on each. Candidate picks one card and chooses one topic.

Prepare three picture sequences, examined on one.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

No Adjustment.

No adjustment.

Answer 10 from 12 questions

Answer 10 from 12 questions
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Question 3:
Reading comprehension, Part A and B reading comprehension questions in English and Japanese.

Part C: Kanji, answer five questions, no choice.

Part D: Grammar (particles), answer 10 questions, no choice

Written Production 100 marks (25%)

Question 4:
Presentation / diary entry / article to include answers to two questions. Choice of (a) or (b) of two presentations / diary entries / articles.

Question 5: 60 mark (15%), Guided composition / email.
Six points given, and candidates choose any four points.

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No Adjustment.

Part C: Kanji, answer five from six questions.

Part D Grammar (particles), Answer 10 from 12 questions.

Increased choice by allowing a choice of 1 out of 3. Answer part (a), (b) or (c).

Question 5: 60 mark (15%). Increased choice with eight points given, and candidates choose any four.
ORAL EXAMINATION
Current arrangement:
100 marks approx. 15 mins:
General conversation: approx. 4 – 4½ mins

Topic cards: approx. 4½ – 5 mins:
Prepare 3 topics
3 cards presented with 3 topics on each.
Candidate picks 1 card and chooses 1 topic

Picture sequence: 4½ – 5 mins
Prepare 4 picture sequences, examined on 1

AURAL EXAMINATION

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Reading Comprehension 120 marks (30%)

Question 1
Reading comprehension, Katakana based.

Question 2
Part A reading comprehension in Japanese, questions, and answers in English.

Part B
True or false, answer five, no choice

Part C Kanji
Answer 10 multiple choice type questions, no choice.

Part D
Japanese culture.

ORAL EXAMINATION
No adjustment.

Prepare 2 topics.
2 cards presented with 3 topics on each.
Candidate picks 1 card and chooses 1 topic.

Prepare 3 picture sequences, examined on one.

AURAL EXAMINATION
No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
No adjustment.

No Adjustment.

Allow answer five from six.

Answer 10 questions from 13.

No adjustment.
**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Question 3
Reading comprehension.


Part B Grammar
Tense or negative and particles

Part B (1) five questions, no choice.
Part B (2) five questions, no choice.

Written Production 80 marks (20%)

Question 4
Insert the correct word from the box below form. Answer all 10, no choice.

Question 5: 50 mark (15%)
Choose five out of seven questions.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Part A, question 5
Answer three questions from four

Answer five questions from six.

Answer five questions from six.

Answer 10 questions from 12

Question 5: 50 mark (15%)
Choose five out of eight questions.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Prescribed Material:
Livy, Book XXI (Chapters 16–38, inclusive).
Or
Virgil, Aeneid Book IX (Lines 1–524).

Question 1

Question 2

Question 3: Prescribed Material
- Translation and related questions

Question 4: Grammar and Scansion

Question 5: History, Art & Architecture, Literature
- Candidates are required to answer three questions, including at least one from section A and section B.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Prescribed Material:
Livy, Book XXI: Chapters 31–38 will not be examined in 2024.
Or
Virgil, Aeneid Book IX: Lines 367–524 will not be examined in 2024.

Question 1: No adjustment.

Question 2: No Adjustment.

Question 3: Prescribed Material
- In addition to the reduction in the prescribed material for translation, the questions related to the prescribed material will also be based on the reduced content.

Question 4: Grammar and Scansion
- The extracts from the prescribed material will be chosen from the reduced content.

Question 5: History, Art & Architecture, Literature
- Candidates can now answer any three of the six questions presented for Question 5 (with no requirement to answer from both section A and section B).
Higher

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate’s Language Portfolio.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Reading comprehensions:
Two reading comprehensions.

Written production: Three questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b).

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**PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate’s Language Portfolio.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Reading comprehensions:
Two reading comprehensions.

Written production: Three questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b).

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**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2024 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

No adjustment.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

No adjustment.

Written production: Candidates will answer three questions. Each question will have internal choice (a) or (b) or (c).
**LITHUANIAN**

**LEVEL**

**ORDINARY**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language portfolio.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Reading comprehensions:
Three reading comprehensions.

Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) of the first question and part (a) or (b) of the second question.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2024 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

No adjustment.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

No adjustment.

Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) or (c) of the first question and part (a) or (b) or (c) of the second question.
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Two sections do all questions

Section A (150 marks)
Concepts and Skills
- No choice
- Six questions x 25 marks
- 150 marks.

Section B (150 marks)
Contexts and Applications
- No choice
- Two or three or four questions
- Marks per question may vary
- 150 marks

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Two sections with limited choice in each section

Section A (150 marks)
Concepts and Skills
- Six questions x 30 marks
- Do five questions
- 150 marks.

The questions in Section A of the paper will be similar in content and length to those that the candidates will be familiar with from previous years, but they will be required to attempt one less question.

Section B (150 marks)
Contexts and Applications
- Four questions x 50 marks
- Do three questions
- 150 marks

In Section B, where candidates may choose to answer any 3 of the 4 questions, it is intended that the amount of material presented in each question will be reduced somewhat from what might be typically expected in a 50-mark question at this level.

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PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Two sections do all questions

Section A (150 marks)
Concepts and Skills
- No choice
- Six Questions x 25 marks
- 150 marks.

Section B (150 marks)
Contexts and Applications
- No choice
- Two or three or four questions
- Marks per question may vary
- 150 marks.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

2 sections with limited choice in each section

Section A (150 Marks)
Concepts and Skills
- Six Questions x 30 marks
- Do five questions
- 150 marks.

The questions in Section A of the paper will be similar in content and length to those that the candidates will be familiar with from previous years, but they will be required to attempt one less question.

Section B (150 marks)
Contexts and Applications
- Four questions x 50 marks
- Do three questions
- 150 marks.

In Section B, where candidates may choose to answer any 3 of the 4 questions, it is intended that the amount of material presented in each question will be reduced somewhat from what might be typically expected in a 50-mark question at this level.
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Foundation

Two sections do all questions

Section A (200 marks)
- Contexts and Applications
- No choice
- Eight Questions x 25 marks
- 200 marks

Section B (100 marks)
- Contexts and Applications
- No choice
- Two or three questions
- Marks per question may vary
- 100 marks

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Two sections with limited choice in each section

Section A (210 marks)
- Concepts and Skills
- Eight Questions x 30 marks
- Do seven questions
- 210 marks

The questions in Section A of the paper will be similar in content and length to those that the candidates will be familiar with from previous years, but they will be required to attempt one less question.

Section B (90 marks)
- Contexts and Applications
- Three questions x 45 marks
- Do two questions
- 90 marks

In Section B, where candidates may choose to answer any 2 of the 3 questions presented, it is intended that the amount of material presented in each question will be reduced somewhat from what might be typically expected in a 45-mark question at this level.
PERFORMING

Answer two questions, one from each section: (Melody writing & Harmony)

Questions are set in major and minor keys of up to four sharps and four flats.

COMPOSING ELECTIVE

Candidates submit original compositions/songs/pieces/arrangements/orchestrations.

LISTENING

Six questions – all to be answered.
- One question on each of four set works;
- One two-part question on Irish music. In the second part (Q5B), candidates choose one out of four topics on which to respond.
- One question on general aural skills.

LISTENING ELECTIVE

Candidates sit a paper of 45 minutes duration on a special study topic of the candidate’s own choice.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

PERFORMING

No adjustment.

COMPOSING

Number and choice of questions to remain the same

Questions will be set in major and minor keys of up to three sharps and three flats.

COMPOSING ELECTIVE

Normal completion timeline.

LISTENING

Number of questions to remain the same.

1. Reduction in content in set works:
   * Cantata Jesu, der du meine Seele BWV 78 by J.S. Bach

   Questions will not be set on:
   - ARIA.DUETTO: “Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen Schritten”
   - RECITATIVO: “Ach, ich bin ein Kind der Sünden”
   - ARIA: “Dein Blut, so meine Schuld durchstreicht”
   - RECITATIVO: “Die Wunden, Nägel, Kron’ und Grab”
   - ARIA: “Nun, du wirst mein Gewissen stillen”

2. Extra choice in Irish music:
   - Question 5B Candidates choose one out of five topics on which to respond.

LISTENING ELECTIVE

No Adjustment.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

PERFORMING

No adjustment.

COMPOSING

Answer two questions, one from each section: (Melody writing & Harmony).

LISTENING

Six questions on paper – no choice.

- One question on each of four set works
- One question on Irish music
- One question on general aural skills

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

PERFORMING

No adjustment.

COMPOSING

Number and choice of questions to remain the same.

The opening phrase for continuation in questions 1-3 will start on the downbeat, i.e. melodies will not start on the upbeat.

LISTENING

Number of questions to remain the same.

Reduction in content in set works:
*Cantata Jesu, der du meine Seele BWV 78* by J.S. Bach

Questions will not be set on:
- ARIA.DUETTO: “Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen Schritten”
- RECITATIVO: “Ach, ich bin ein Kind der Sünden”
- ARIA: “Dein Blut, so meine Schuld durchstreicht”
- RECITATIVO: “Die Wunden, Nägel, Kron' und Grab”
- ARIA: “Nun, du wirst mein Gewissen stillen”
MANDARIN CHINESE

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate’s Language Portfolio.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

A selection of aural pieces and associated questions.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Reading comprehensions:
Four Reading Comprehensions.

Written production: Two questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b).

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

ORAL EXAMINATION

As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2024 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Reading comprehensions:
No adjustment.

Written production: Two questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b) or (c).
**LEVEL**

**PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS**

**GENERAL EXAMINATION**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate’s Language portfolio.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

A selection of aural pieces and associated questions.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Reading comprehensions:
Four Reading Comprehensions.

Written production: Two questions to be answered. Each question has some internal choice (e.g. complete 5 of the 7 parts).

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2024 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

No adjustment.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Reading comprehensions:
No adjustment.

Written production: Two questions to be answered. Internal choice will be increased in each question (e.g. complete 5 of the 9 parts).
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Answer any three questions from Section I and any three questions from Section II.

In Question 1 and in Question 7 answer 11 items from 15.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Answer at least two questions from Section I, at least two questions from Section II and any 2 other questions.

In Question 1 and in Question 7 answer 11 items from 18.
Candidates are required to complete a Physical Activity Project. Candidates are required to complete a performance analysis of the physical activity in its entirety, based on that analysis formulate four distinct performance goals, design and implement ongoing training/practice programmes which address the performance goals identified, provide evidence of engaging with these programmes, engage in ongoing reflection for each performance goal, and complete a concluding analysis.

Candidates can undertake the Physical Activity Project in an out of school setting with the co-operation of their school and teacher, if the physical activity concerned complies with the definition of competitive sport as outlined in the Irish Sports Council Act, 1999, and has a national governing body (NGB) affiliated to Sport Ireland. Candidates must complete the Physical Activity Project in a different physical activity area to the one selected by them for Performance Assessment.

Projects must be completed by mid-December.
## Performance Assessment
Candidates are required to complete a performance assessment between January and March. Candidates are required to complete the Performance Assessment in one of the three physical activities as selected by their school. The information for the Performance Assessment issues from SEC from mid-December.

## Written Examination
Candidates answer all questions in Section A (80 marks) and all questions in Section B – Case Study (50 marks) and answer any three of the five questions in Section C (120 marks - 40 marks each question). Total: 250 marks.

### Adjustments for 2024

#### Performance Assessment
No adjustments.

#### Written Examination
Increased (Open) choice in Section A written examination. Candidates to answer any 10 of 12 questions in Section A.
Section B: Answer all questions related to case study. The questions will draw general skills acquired across the specification. Any questions that springboard from the information provided in the stimulus case study will be such as to allow adequate opportunities for candidates to display their broader knowledge and understanding.
Section C: Answer any three of the five questions in this section.
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Three questions from four)
Section B (Five questions from eight)
First question from Section B: eight parts from 10.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Three questions from five)
Section B (Five questions from nine)
First question from Section B: eight parts from 12.
**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

**Section A: Q.1**
Twelve questions of which candidates are asked to attempt 10.

**Section B: Q.2**
Section B – Short answer and extended response questions on data-based case studies. All questions are compulsory. This section tests candidates on the analysis and interpretation of qualitative and/or quantitative social and political data. Data analysis is core to the teaching and learning in Politics and Society. The last question in this section asks candidates to draw on their wider knowledge of the theme presented in the data based documents to write a short discursive piece.

**Section C: Q.3, 4, 5 and 6**
Candidates have to answer two questions out of four. These questions focus on four of the eight topics from the specification. Two of these four questions offer an (a) or (b) choice. These two options offer candidates different questions on broadly similar themes from the same topic. Due to the breadth of the course, this restricted choice means that candidates cannot present two essays on a similar theme.

**CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT**

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

**Section A: Q.1**
Fifteen questions of which candidates will be asked to attempt 10.

**Section B: Q.2**
The focus of the last question in this section will be narrowed to the information presented in the data based documents. This question will now ask candidates to analyse / compare / critique / discuss / evaluate / justify / comment on the given data pieces. Consequently, all candidates will be able to answer the question without drawing on further knowledge or information. There will be no advantage to candidates who will have previously studied the theme.

**Section C: Q.3, 4, 5, 6 and 7**
Candidates will be asked to answer two questions out of five where only one question will have a restricted choice.

**CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT**

No adjustment. As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2022/2023 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.
WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A: Q.1
There are 20 short answer questions in this section of which candidates are asked to attempt 15.

Section B: Q.2, 3 and 4
This section consists of short answer and extended response questions on data-based case studies.
All questions are compulsory.

Section C: Q.5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
Candidates have to answer 3 questions out of 6.
These questions focus on a selection from the eight topics from across the specification.

CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT

No adjustment.
As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2022/2023 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.
## Pre-Adjusted Arrangements

### Oral Examination
Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language Portfolio.

### Listening Comprehension
A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.

### Written Examination
Reading comprehensions:
Two reading comprehensions.

Written production: Three questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b).

## Adjustments for 2024

### Oral Examination
As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2024 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.

### Listening Comprehension
No adjustment.

### Written Examination
No adjustment.

Written production: Candidates will answer three questions. Each question will have internal choice (a) or (b) or (c).
LEVEL

Ordinary

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate’s Language portfolio.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Reading comprehensions:
Three reading comprehensions.

Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) of the first question and part (a) or (b) of the second question.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

ORAL EXAMINATION

As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2024 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) or (c) of the first question and part (a) or (b) or (c) of the second question.
PORTUGUESE

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate’s Language Portfolio.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Reading comprehensions:
Two reading comprehensions.

Written production: Three questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b).

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

**ORAL EXAMINATION**

As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2024 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.

**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

No adjustment.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

No adjustment.

Written production: Candidates will answer three questions. Each question will have internal choice (a) or (b) or (c).
LEVEL

Ordinary

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate’s Language portfolio.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Reading comprehensions:
Three reading comprehensions.

Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) of the first question and part (a) or (b) of the second question.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

ORAL EXAMINATION

As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2024 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) or (c) of the first question and part (a) or (b) or (c) of the second question.
Candidates must answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows:

Unit one — one question from a choice of two must be answered; each question involves two or more parts and carries a total of 80 marks.

Unit two — questions from two of three sections must be answered and carry a total of 160 marks; each section contains two or more questions/parts and carries a sub-total of 80 marks.

Unit three — questions from one of four sections must be answered; each section comprises one or more questions/parts and carries a total of 80 marks.

Candidates must answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows:

Unit one — No adjustment.

Unit two — questions from two of three sections as currently given must be answered carrying a total of 160 marks; each section will contain a choice of three questions/parts, two of which must be answered and carry a sub-total of 80 marks.

Unit three — questions from one of four sections as currently given must be answered; each section would contain a choice of two or more questions/parts and carry a total of 80 marks.
COURSEWORK

Candidates must answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows:

Unit one — two questions from a choice of three must be answered and carry a total of 80 marks; each question involves two or more parts and carries a sub-total of 40 marks.

Unit two — questions from two of three sections must be answered and carry a total of 160 marks; each section contains two or more questions/parts and carries a sub-total of 80 marks.

Unit three — questions from one of four sections must be answered; each section comprises one or more questions/parts and carries a total of 80 marks.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates will be required to answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows:

Unit one — one question from the choice of three as currently given; each question will involve two or more parts and carry a total of 80 marks.

Unit two — questions from two of three sections as currently given must be answered carrying a total of 160 marks; each section will contain a choice of three questions/parts, two of which must be answered and carry a sub-total of 80 marks.

Unit three — questions from one of four sections as currently given must be answered; each section will contain a choice of two or more questions/parts and carry a total of 80 marks.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve to 15 minute oral examination with three sections given equal time

General conversation (narrative) candidates talk about themselves and their lives (40 marks)

General conversation (discursive) candidates talk about an aspect of Russian life or culture (30 marks)

Five picture sequences prepared of which one will be asked in the examination

OR

Prepared project on which questions will be asked during the examination (30 marks).

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section I
Two reading comprehensions (100 marks) each with compulsory questions concluding with language and/or cultural awareness questions.

Structuring Discourse – compulsory (20 marks)

Section II
Written expression with grammar (30 marks), a short essay based on Russian culture (30 marks) and guided writing with an option to choose between writing a letter, a narrative or a discussion. There are no choices within this choice (40 marks).

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

ORAL EXAMINATION

General conversation – discursive.

Reduce the cultural awareness topics from five to three identified topics (see below).

- Everyday life in Ireland and Russia
- Aspects of Russian culture
- Aspects of contemporary Russian life

Picture sequences: Three picture sequences to be prepared of which one will be asked in the examination.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Comprehensions: Choice will be built into the language and/or cultural awareness questions at the end of the two comprehensions.

Guided writing – increased choice. Choice between two letters, two narratives, two discussions – candidates attempt one only.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ORAL EXAMINATION

Twelve to 15 minute oral examination with three sections given equal time

General conversation (narrative) candidates talk about themselves and their lives (40 marks)

General conversation (discursive) candidates talk about an aspect of Russian life or culture (30 marks)

Five picture sequences prepared of which one will be asked in the examination

OR

Prepared project on which questions will be asked during the examination (30 marks).

AURAL EXAMINATION

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section I
Two reading comprehensions (60 marks) each with compulsory questions concluding with language and/or cultural awareness questions followed by a Mix and match exercise (40 marks); structuring discourse (20 marks) and a comprehension (40 marks) – all of which are compulsory.

Section II
Short answers: Two three-five sentence answers from a choice of five topics based on candidates’ cultural awareness of Russia (30 marks).

Extended writing: (30 marks) candidates are directed to use the prompts given in the question

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

ORAL EXAMINATION

General conversation - discursive.

Reduce the cultural awareness topics from five to three identified topics (see below).

- Everyday life in Ireland and Russia
- Aspects of Russian culture
- Aspects of contemporary Russian life

Picture sequences: Three picture sequences to be prepared of which one will be asked in the examination.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Comprehensions: Choice will be built into the language and/or cultural awareness questions at the end of the two comprehensions.

Structuring discourse: offer a choice between the two exercises here.

Candidates will write about one topic instead of two.

It is proposed to insert a clause in the instructions for candidates (see below) in order to provide flexibility in answering this question, "You may use the following prompts:"
ORAL EXAMINATION

General Conversation – 10 minutes

Role play (one of five) – approx. 3-5 minutes

AURAL EXAMINATION

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A = 70 marks (choice of (a) Prescribed literature or (b) Journalistic text = 50 marks) and two short comprehensions = 20 marks.

Section B Question five, candidates write one opinion piece out of a choice of two.

Section C

1. Candidates complete (a) Dialogue construction or (b) Formal Letter = 30 marks. Both have five points to be completed in Spanish.

2. Candidates complete (a) Diary entry or (b) Note in Spanish = 20 marks. Both have four points to be completed in Spanish.

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ORAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

ORAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Candidates prepare three role plays instead of five and will be examined on one role play.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Section B, Question five, candidates write one opinion piece out of a choice of three.

Section C

1. Candidates will be given a choice of completing any five of the following six 'turns' in Spanish in (a) Dialogue and the 'turns' to be shortened in length to two sentences each. In (b) Formal letter, candidates can do any five out of a possible eight points, allowing greater choice.

2. Candidates to be given a choice of completing any four of the following five points in Spanish in either (a) or (b), allowing greater choice.
ORAL EXAMINATION

General Conversation = 70 marks, 10 minutes

Role play (one of five) = 30 marks, approx. 3-5 minutes.

AURAL EXAMINATION

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Section A (Five reading comprehensions)

Section B

1. Candidates complete an informal letter in Spanish. This has five points to be completed.

2. Candidates complete (a) Diary entry or (b) Note in Spanish. Both have four points to be completed in Spanish.

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

ORDINARY LEVEL

ORAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Candidates prepare three role plays instead of five and are examined on one role play.

AURAL EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.

Candidates to be given a choice of completing five out of eight points in Spanish on the letter, giving greater choice.

Candidates will be given a choice of completing four out of five points in Spanish in either (a) or (b) giving greater choice.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024
COURSEWORK
Briefs issue 1st October approx.
Completion date 30th March approx.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
Section A
(core – compulsory)
Answer 12 of 15 short questions

Section B
(core – compulsory)
Answer 2 long questions.

Section C
(optional topics)
Answer two of five long questions

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COURSEWORK
Early release of coursework briefs September 2023.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
No adjustment.

No adjustment.

Answer one of five long questions.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

**COURSEWORK**
Briefs issue 1st October approx.
Completion date 30th March approx.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

Section A
(core - compulsory)
Answer 9 of 12 short questions

Section B
(core - compulsory)
Answer 2 long questions

Section C
(optional topics)
Answer two of five long questions.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

**COURSEWORK**
Early release of coursework briefs September 2023.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

No adjustment.

No adjustment.

Answer one of five long questions.
General information on the assessment of non-curricular EU languages can be accessed at https://examinations.ie/?l=en&mc=ex&sc=eu.

No adjustment.

Additional information on the adjustments to the assessment arrangements for students entering Year 2 of LCA 2022/23 are set out below.

**PRACTICAL COURSEWORK BRIEFS**

All briefs that do not already issue at the start of the year, will be issued to schools earlier than normal. The disruption to teaching and learning during session 2 owing to Covid-19 restrictions and the school closure period will be taken into account in the assessment of the component.

**ORAL TESTS**

Oral tests in English and Communications, Gaeilge and Modern European Languages will transact as normal. However, allowances will be made in the assessment of, and the marking of the oral test as required. The same arrangements will apply for students in Year 2 in cases where a school has opted to study Gaeilge or a Modern European Language over the two years of the programme rather than completing it in either year one or year two.

**FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

There will be no adjustment to the final examination papers but a scaling, by a factor of 1.15 will be applied to the mark awarded. For example, if a candidate is awarded a mark of 200 out of a total of 300 marks, this mark will be scaled by 1.15 so that the mark awarded for grading purposes will be 230 marks out of 300. The scaling will be implemented up to the total mark for the examination and capped at that total. For example, if a student is awarded 280 marks out of a total of 300 marks, then the scaling would give a mark of 322, but because this exceeds the total of 300, the candidate will be awarded the maximum mark available, which is 300 marks.
COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - CORE (140 MARKS)

Four Core compulsory items with marks distributed as follows:

- CV (25 marks)
- Career Investigation (40 marks)
- Summary report (40 marks)
- Enterprise/Action plan (35 marks)

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO -(optional (100 MARKS)

Two out of four to be completed with marks allocated as follows:

- Diary of work experience (50 marks)
- Enterprise report (50 marks)
- Recorded interview/presentation (50 marks)
- Report on 'My Own Place' (50 marks)

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - CORE (170 MARKS)

The CV remains compulsory with an adjusted mark of 40 while candidates can choose to submit any two of the remaining three items:

- Career Investigation (adjusted to 65 marks)
- Summary Report (adjusted to 65 marks)
- Enterprise/Action plan (adjusted to 65 marks)

The Summary Report will prove challenging in the coming year due to the type of activities generally undertaken for reporting purposes. Building in a choice here will allow those who have already completed it to submit it, if desired, but removes the obligation for those who haven’t.

In the event that a candidate has completed all three of the remaining items, the three items may be submitted and marks will be awarded for the highest scoring two of these optional three items.

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - OPTIONAL (70 MARKS)

Candidates submit one of the four optional items for assessment. The marks for this item will be adjusted from 50 to 70.

The Diary of Work Experience and the Enterprise Report will prove challenging in the coming year due to the type of activities generally undertaken for reporting purposes. Building in a choice here will allow those who have already completed it to submit it, if desired, but removes the obligation for those who haven’t.

In the event that a candidate has completed two of these items, both may be submitted and marks will be awarded for the highest scoring one.
LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

1. PORTFOLIO (60%)
2. EXAMINATION PAPER (40%)

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

Common Level

EXAMINATION PAPER – (160 MARKS)

All sections to be attempted

- Audio visual – all questions to be answered
- Case study – all questions to be answered
- General questions – six questions of which four must be answered.

Case study issues to schools four school weeks prior to the examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

Explanatory note:
The weighting assigned to the Portfolio (60%) and the Written Paper (40%) needs to remain in place. In order: (a) to preserve the current balance between the core and optional elements of the portfolio; and (b) to provide an equitable choice between the core portfolio items. Maintaining the 60% weighting of the Portfolio means that the marks awarded to each Portfolio item needs to be adjusted up to the total of 240 marks.

Optional Items – 1 item only

- Diary of Work Experience (70 marks)
- Enterprise Report (70 marks)
- Recorded Interview (70 marks)
- My Own Place (70 marks)

EXAMINATION PAPER – (160 MARKS)

Increase the number of questions to seven of which four must be answered.

Issue the case study to schools six-school weeks prior to the examination.
**APPLIED TECHNOLOGY**

**LEVEL**

**PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS**

**COMPONENTS**

Assessment includes an externally marked coursework and written examination.

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**COURSEWORK**

The Junior Cycle Applied Technology Coursework briefs document will issue immediately after the completion date for CBA 2.

Candidates will be required to complete and present three specified headings only, of the six headings in the Design Folio, for 2024.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

No adjustment.
JUNIOR CYCLE

VISUAL ART

LEVEL

Common

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COURSEWORK
Based on a brief issued by the SEC in Sept. Each candidate must research, develop and execute two artefacts during a coursework period. This work is based on initial research which results in CBA2.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COURSEWORK
Based on a brief issued by the SEC in September, each candidate will research, develop and execute one artefact during a shorter coursework period.

The artefact will have to be submitted three weeks in advance of the usual timeline. As it is linked to the final assessment, students must complete CBA2.
COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS
All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COMPONENTS
The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2024.
The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
## LEVEL

### Common

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### PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

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JUNIOR CYCLE

ENGLISH

LEVEL

Higher & Ordinary

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
## Junior Cycle French

### Pre-Adjusted Arrangements

#### COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).

### Adjustments for 2024

#### COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
JUNIOR CYCLE

GERMAN

LEVEL

Common

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
## JUNIOR CYCLE GEOGRAPHY

### LEVEL

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JUNIOR CYCLE GRAPHICS

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS

Assessment includes an externally marked coursework and written examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COURSEWORK

The Junior Cycle Graphics Student Project document will issue immediately after the completion date for CBA 2.

The ‘Sheet 3 – CAD Presentation’ element of the Student Project will not have to be completed and presented for 2024.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION

No adjustment.
JUNIOR CYCLE

HISTORY

LEVEL

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

**COURSEWORK**

Food Literacy Skills practical Examination:
1 hour and 30 minutes. An individual based examination.

Based on a Food Literacy Skills brief issued by the SEC in December. The candidate will use the design brief process to research the elements of the brief which will result in CBA2. The chosen solution will be what the candidate will prepare, cook and serve in their Food Literacy skills Examination.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

No adjustment.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

**COURSEWORK**

No adjustment.

Briefs to be issued earlier at the beginning of November to allow extra time for the completion of CBA2.

A reduction in the amount of items to be prepared and cooked in the Food Literacy Skills Examination.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

No adjustment.
JUNIOR CYCLE

IRISH (T1 & T2)

LEVEL

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COMPONENTS

The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

**COMPONENTS**
All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

**COMPONENTS**
The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
JEWISH STUDIES

LEVEL

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS
All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COMPONENTS
The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2024.
The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
## Junior Cycle Mathematics

### Pre-Adjusted Arrangements

#### Components

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

### Adjustments for 2024

#### Components

The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
**LEVEL**

**PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS**

**PRACTICAL**

Perform three pieces/songs
Unprepared test.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

**ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024**

**PRACTICAL**

Perform two pieces/songs
Unprepared test.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

No adjustment.
COMMON LEVEL

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COMPONENTS

The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2024.

The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
JUNIOR CYCLE  SCIENCE

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS
All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COMPONENTS
The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
Common Components

All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).

Adjustments for 2024 Components

The AT element will not be examined in 2024. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.
JUNIOR CYCLE  WOOD TECHNOLOGY

LEVEL
Common

PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS

COMPONENTS
Assessment includes an externally marked coursework and written examination.

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2024

COURSEWORK
The Junior Cycle Wood Technology Coursework briefs document will issue immediately after the completion date for CBA 2.

Candidates will be required to complete and present two specified headings only, of the six headings in the Design Folio, for 2024.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION
No adjustment.