

ONLINE MARKING

This year, some Leaving Certificate subjects will be marked online. You will sit your examinations in the normal way. Your scripts in the subjects in the table opposite will be scanned on return from the exam centre and will become an electronic script. The paper script will also be retained. The scanned images of your examination scripts will then be marked by examiners using software specially designed for this purpose which facilitates the marking. Your work is being marked **ON** a computer not **BY** a computer. Online marking facilitates high quality, reliable marking of your examination responses.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE	
Mathematics	Biology
Chemistry	History
Physics	Geography
English	French
Business	Home Economics

Are there any changes to examination papers that I should be aware of as a result of my scripts being marked online?

There have been some minor changes to the appearance of the papers to facilitate the scanning process such as the addition of barcodes to the cover and to each page. In addition, there is no separate answer book for Biology, all sections are written in the combined question and answer booklet. There is an answer book for use in Leaving Certificate subjects, English, History and Accounting and an answer book for use in Leaving Certificate Chemistry and Physics which will be provided to you by the Superintendent. If you are sitting any of these subjects, you will need to indicate the subject, level and paper version (Irish/English) you are using by fully shading in the relevant circles on the cover. You are required to clearly mark each question number in the space provided and to use a new page for every answer. The new answer book contains graph paper throughout so loose sheets of graph paper should not be required.

Can I request extra paper?

The exam papers and the new answer books contain plenty of space for your answers. This means that you should not require supplementary paper and Superintendents are instructed not to provide extra paper unless a candidate runs out of space in their main answer book. This is not a new instruction and applies to all examinations, not just those being online marked. If you do run out of space you can ask the Superintendent for supplementary paper. You will need to ensure that you write the question numbers to the right of the page margin on the supplementary answer sheet.

What if I write outside the margins/designated areas, will my answers be seen by the examiner?

You should complete your responses using the spaces provided on the examination paper/answer book to ensure that all responses are captured in the scanning process. While the scanning process will capture an image that includes more than just the spaces for writing, there is a small risk that material written outside these areas will not be seen by examiners.

Will I be allowed to use pencil in the examinations or must I just use Blue or Black pen?

The examination papers in subjects being marked online will include the following instruction *“Write your answers in black or blue pen. You may use pencil for graphs and diagrams only.”*

We have had lots of questions about this instruction from teachers, parents and candidates and would like to clarify this. We strongly recommend that you use blue or black pen for writing your answers. The use of pencils (incl. coloured pencils) should be restricted to graphs and diagrams. If you do use pencil, you should be aware that faint pencil may not be clearly visible to the examiner.

Is there anything I should not use when completing my examination?

Correcting fluid should not be used nor should you rub out any mistakes. Instead, you are advised to cross/strike out your mistake and carry on. You should also not use gel pens or highlighters.

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