General Information

- Investigation Topics are common to Higher and Ordinary Level.
- All candidates (Higher and Ordinary) are required to complete and submit a report on one investigation topic selected from the list of six given overleaf.
- Candidates are required to submit the report on the investigation using the official Geographical Investigation Reporting Booklet.
- The date for submission to the teacher of completed investigation reports will be 16th April 2021.
- Completed investigation reports must be submitted to the SEC following the completion date. The SEC will issue a further communication to schools about the return of completed investigation reports in advance of the completion date.

Information for Teachers

- Candidates will be expected to complete the Practical Coursework component – the Geographical Investigation Report – for submission to their school authorities by 16th April 2021.
- The report based on the selected investigation topic must be completed using the prescribed structure as set out in the Geographical Investigation Reporting Booklet.
- The written element of the Report should not exceed a total length of 1000 words. Graphs, sketch-maps or diagrams may also be drawn in the appropriate spaces provided. The Booklet gives a maximum number of words for each stage of the report. Where candidates present material in excess of the required length marks will be lost. Any extra material inserted into the booklet will not be marked. Examiners will mark only what is presented on the pages of the booklet itself.
- The Investigation and Report must be completed under the supervision of a teacher.
- The Report presented for assessment must be the candidate’s own individual work – authenticated by the candidate and teacher.
- All secondary sources used [books, journals, web-sites, etc.] must be duly acknowledged.
List of Geographical Investigation Topics for Candidates sitting the Leaving Certificate Examination in 2021

N. B. Each candidate is required to complete a report on one of the following Investigation Topics.

1. Changing land-use in a local area.
2. The impact of migration in a local area.
3. An investigation of a local environmental issue.
4. A study of the geology of a local area.
5. Investigate the impact of two specific processes of erosion (e.g. abrasion, attrition, solution etc.) on the shaping of the landscape in a fluvial or coastal or glacial environment.
6. The impact primary or secondary economic activity in a local area.