

COIMISIÚN NA SCRÚDUITHE STÁIT State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Examination, 2020

Geography

Geographical Investigation (20% of Total Marks)

Prescribed List of Investigation Topics, 2020

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 **24th April, 2020**.
- Reports will be retained securely in schools until the day of the written examination in June, when the centre superintendents will associate them with the relevant written scripts, for transmission to Athlone.

Information for Teachers

- Candidates will be expected to complete the Practical Coursework component – the Geographical Investigation Report – for submission to their school authorities by **24th April, 2020**.
- 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 2020

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

1. Undertake a comparative study of the demographic profile of **two** local residential areas.
2. A study of the impact of the European Union on economic activity (primary, secondary **or** tertiary economic activity) in a local area (urban or rural).
3. Carry out an investigation of the factor(s) that influence traffic flow patterns in a local area.
4. Water pollution – A local study.
5. A study of the impact of the geomorphic processes of transportation and deposition on the formation of any **ONE** landform.
6. An investigation of the impact of human activity on geomorphic processes in a fluvial **or** coastal **or** glacial environment.