

Leaving Cert Changes 2021

SUBJECT	CHANGES LISTED ONLY
Accounting	Section 1: Question 1 has two choices. Section 2: 3 questions with 1 to answer.
Ag Science	1. Section A: 12 short questions (Q1-Q12), with additional internal choice in 4 of these questions. Answer any 7 questions from Section A. Each question carries 10 marks. The total for Section A is 70 marks. 2. Section B: There are 6 long questions (Q13-Q18), with internal choice in 2 questions. Answer any 3 questions from Section B. Each question carries 50 marks. The total for Section B is 150 marks. 3. The total marks allocation is now 220 marks, instead of 300 marks.
Applied Maths	Answer 5 out of 10 questions (Normally 6 out of 10) The total marks allocation is 250 marks, instead of 300 marks.
Arabic	Answer either Part 1, Reading Comprehension OR Part 3, Language Usage/Grammar. • Answer any 4 of the 9 questions set in Part 2, Literature. • Write 1 of the listed compositions in Part 4, Continuous Writing/Composition
Art History Higher & Ord	Answer 2 questions (normally 3) 50 marks The total marks allocation is 100 marks (50 marks for each answer)
Biology	Section A: Answer any 4 short questions from 7. Section A is now worth 80 marks. Section B: Answer any 1 question from 3. Section B is now worth 30 marks. Section C: Answer any 3 questions from 7. Section C is now worth 180 marks. The total marks allocation is 290 marks , Instead of 400 marks.
Business	Short Questions - Student now answers 4 questions out of 12. (Normally 8 out of 10) Long Questions - Students now answers 3 questions out of 8. (Normally 4 out of 7)
Chemistry	Students to answer any 6 out of 11 questions. 50 marks per question. The total marks allocation is 300 marks and the exam is 3 hours in length.
Classical Studies	Students will now answer 4 questions instead of 6. Students must still select 1 topic from each of the 3 groups. The fourth question can be chosen from any topic in any group. The total marks allocation is 200 marks, instead of 300 marks.
DCG	Section A: Short-answer questions (60 marks) Attempt any 3 out of the 4 questions. Section B AND Section C: (120 marks) Attempt any 2 out of the 8 questions. presented in Section B and Section C. All questions carry equal marks (60 MARKS). Therefore, Students may choose to answer 2 questions from Section B, or 2 questions from Section C, or 1 question from each section.

Economics	<p>Short Questions - Students now do 5 questions out of 10. (Normally 8 out of 8)</p> <p>Long Questions - Students now do 3 questions out of 6. (Normally 4 out of 5)</p>
English Higher & Ordinary Level	<p>Paper 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both sections of this paper (COMPREHENDING & COMPOSING) must be attempted. Section I, Comprehending, 40 marks. / Section II, Composing, 100 marks. <p>Section I – Comprehending: Two Questions, A and B, follow each text.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates must answer ONE question in Section I: either one Question A OR one Question B on ONE text. <p>Section II – Composing: Candidates must write on one of the compositions 1 – 7.</p> <p>Paper 2</p> <p>Candidates must attempt the required number of questions in any TWO of the following sections: SECTION I – The Single Text SECTION II – The Comparative Study SECTION III – Poetry, Part A, Unseen Poetry and Part B, Prescribed Poetry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sections carry 70 marks. <p>N.B. Candidates are NOT required to answer on Shakespearean Drama.</p>
French Higher Level	<p>In the written paper:</p> <p>1 reading comprehension instead of doing both. Marks = 60 (Normally 120 marks)</p> <p>2 writing pieces worth 40 and 30 marks. Marks = 70 (Normally 100 marks)</p>
French Ord Level	<p>Changes in the reading section only:</p> <p>Students have to answer 2 reading comprehensions instead of 4.</p> <p>Students have the choice of answering questions 1 and 2 (with the questions in English/Irish, to be answered in English/Irish) OR questions 3 and 4 (with the questions in French to be answered in French)</p> <p>The reading section was worth 160 and is now worth 80 marks.</p> <p>Changes that were announced previously:</p> <p>In the written section, internal choice was introduced:</p> <p>Questionnaire: Students have to answer short questions 1 to 5 and three of the remaining four longer questions.</p> <p>Message / postcard / formal letter / diary: Students have to answer three of the five points in the questions.</p>
Geography	<p>Part 2. Answer 3 questions (previously 4 questions)</p> <p>Students may NOT choose all 3 questions from the same section.</p> <p>You may choose two questions from the same section if you wish.</p>
German	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer Text I (Reading Comprehension 1)(60 marks) AND Angewandte Grammatik (Applied Grammar) (Question 1 or Question 2) (25 marks). <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer Text II (Reading Comprehension 2)(60 marks) AND Äußerung zum Thema (short written piece) (Option (a) or (b)) (25 marks). <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer either option (a) or (b) in the Schriftliche Produktion (Written Production) section (50 marks).

History	American Document Question compulsory 2 essays that must be from two different topics Choose your 2 essays from Northern Ireland, Sovereignty, Dictatorship You must NOT take two essays from one topic.
Irish Ord	Both comprehensions have to be completed. Prose and poetry has been changed. 4 questions to be asked. 2 to be completed in any combination. ie 2 prose, or 2 poetry or one poetry and one prose. Both will be worth 25 marks each. In essence students need to know either the prose OR the poetry.
Irish Higher	Paper 2. Students will have a choice between Léamhthuisctint A NÓ B. They also have a choice to answer EITHER Ceist 2 Filíocht NÓ Ceist 3 Prós.
Home Economics	1. Students must answer 5 short questions out of 14 on Section A (previously 10 out of 14) 2. Students are required to answer 1 question out of a possible 4 from Q2,Q3,Q4,Q5 on Section B (previously 2 out of 4)
Italian	Students have a choice between Section A or Section B. (normally have to do both) Section c:Question 1: There will be an internal choice of 3 questions from 5. Question 2: An extended range of 10 points from which students choose 6 to develop in the guided composition. The total marksfor writen is now 160 marks, instead of 220 marks.
Maths Higher	No choice in previous years Section A: Answer 4 out of 6 questions (30 marks each question) Section B: Answer 2 out of 4 questions (50 marks each question)
Maths Ordinary	Section A: Answer 4 out of 6 questions (30 marks) (normally 6 short) Section B: Answer 2 out of 4 questions (50 marks) (normally 4 long) Each paper is 220 Marks, Total: 440 marks
Music	There has been a change to the composing paper. Students will now be required to answer only 1 question, either a melody or a harmony question. This question (and paper) will now be worth 50 marks.
Physics	Section A: Answer 2 questions out of 5. (normally 3 out of 4) Section B: Answer 4 questions out of 9. (normally 5 out of 8)
Politics & Society	Answer only 1 question from Section C (normally two)
Religion	Answer only 1 question from Unit 2 (normally two)
Spanish Higher	Oral - 3 out of 5 role plays. Written: Answer 1 out of 2 short questions. Answer 1 out of 1. Dialogue 2. Letter 3. Diary 4.Note Opinion Piece - 1 out of 3 (instead of out of 5)
Spanish Ord	Change to the 3 reading comprehensions, 2, 3, and 4 are still on the paper, but only 1 of them has to be answered.

