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To: Management Authorities of Second-Level Schools

Changes to the Leaving Certificate examination paper in Classical Studies from 2011

The Department of Education and Science wishes to inform the management authorities of second-level schools of the following changes to the Leaving Certificate examination paper in Classical Studies in 2011 and thereafter. These changes have been recommended by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) in the interests of candidates sitting the examination.

In the 2011 Leaving Certificate Classical Studies examination and thereafter, the number of questions that candidates are required to answer at both ordinary and higher levels will be reduced from eight to six.

Ten topics, common to both courses, are prescribed for examination. These topics are arranged in three groups as follows:-

- Group I: Topics (1-4)
- Group II: Topics (5-7)
- Group III: Topics (8-10)

Candidates are required to answer questions on **four** topics in the examination, taking at least one topic from each group.

In the 2011 Leaving Certificate Classical Studies examination and thereafter, candidates at both ordinary and higher levels are required to answer **six** questions drawn from the **four** topics they have studied as follows: **two** from each of two topics and **one** from each of the remaining two topics. This means that students have to answer at least **one** question on each of their **four** chosen topics and **two** questions on **two** of those topics.

In line with previous examinations, fifty (50) marks will be allocated to each question making a total of 300 marks for the examination paper.

The same regulations that currently govern choice of topics in both the ordinary level and higher-level courses will still obtain from 2011 onwards. These are set out in the Leaving Certificate Classical Studies syllabus.

The Leaving Certificate Classical Studies syllabus can be accessed on the Department's website at www.education.ie.

Please bring this circular to the notice of the teachers and candidates concerned, and to the notice of parent and teacher representatives as appropriate, for transmission to individual parents and teachers.

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Chug: Údaráis Bainistíochta Scoileanna Dara Leibhéal

Athruithe ar pháipéar scrúdaithe na hArdteistiméireachta i Léann Clasaiceach ó 2011 amach

Is mian leis an Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta údaráis bainistíochta scoileanna dara leibhéal a chur ar an eolas faoi na hathruithe seo a leanas ar pháipéar scrúdaithe na hArdteistiméireachta i Léann Clasaiceach ó 2011 amach. Tá na hathruithe seo molta ag an gComhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta (CNCM) ar mhaithe le leas na n-iarrthóirí atá ag seasamh an scrúdaithe.

Ag scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta sa Léann Clasaiceach i 2011 agus as sin amach, laghdófar an líon ceisteanna a bheidh le freagairt ag iarrthóirí óna hocht go dtí a sé ag an ngnáthleibhéal agus ag an ardleibhéal araon.

Tá deich dtopaic, a bhaineann leis an dá chúrsa, forordaithe don scrúdú. Tá na topaicí seo eagraithe i dtrí ghrúpaí mar seo a leanas:-

- Grúpa I: Topaicí (1-4)
- Grúpa II: Topaicí (5-7)
- Grúpa III: Topaicí (8-10)

Bíonn ar iarrthóirí ceisteanna a fhreagairt faoi **cheithre** thopaic sa scrúdú, agus topaic amháin ar a laghad a thógáil as gach aon ghrúpa.

Ag scrúdú na hArdteistiméireachta sa Léann Clasaiceach i 2011 agus as sin amach, beidh ar iarrthóirí ag an ngnáthleibhéal agus ag an ardleibhéal araon **sé** cheist a fhreagairt a bhainfead as na **ceithre** thopaic a ndearna siad staidéar orthu mar seo a leanas: **dhá cheist** as gach aon cheann de dhá thopaic díobh agus **ceist amháin** as gach aon cheann den dá thopaic eile. Ciallaíonn sé seo go bhfuil ar mhic léinn **ceist amháin** ar a laghad a fhreagairt faoi gach aon cheann de na **ceithre** topaicí atá roghnaithe acu agus **ceist amháin eile** (dhá cheist ar fad) i gcás **dhá cheann** de na topaicí céanna.

Ar aon dul leis na scrúduithe roimhe seo, leithdháilfear caoga (50) marc i leith gach aon cheiste i dtreo is go mbeidh iomlán de 300 marc ann don pháipéar scrúdaithe.

Beidh feidhm i gcónaí ó 2011 amach leis na rialacha céanna a rialaíonn an rogha topaicí faoi láthair ag an ngnáthleibhéal agus ag an ardleibhéal araon. Tá siad seo leagtha amach i siollabas na hArdteistiméireachta sa Léann Clasaiceach.

Is féidir siollabas na hArdteistiméireachta sa Léann Clasaiceach a rochtain ar shuíomh gréasáin na Roinne ag www.education.ie.

Cuir an Ciorclán seo ar a súile led thoil do na múinteoirí agus do na hiarrthóirí lena mbaineann, agus ar a súile d'ionadaithe na dtuismitheoirí agus na múinteoirí, de réir mar is cuí, lena chur ar aghaidh do thuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí aonair.

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