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Admhálacha

Ba mhaith leis na foilsitheoirí a mbuíochas a ghabháil leis na heagraíochtaí agus leis na daoine seo a leanas as cead a thabhairt dóibh ábhar atá faoi chóipcheart a atáirgeadh:

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Beidh na foilsitheoirí sásta socruithe cuí a dhéanamh le haon sealbhóir cóipchirt nach raibh fáil air a dhéanann teagmháil leo tar éis fhoilsiú an leabhair.

2

Léamhthuiscint & Gramadach

25%

aims

You will learn:

- The layout of this section of the exam.
- Useful tips and sample exam questions to help you achieve maximum marks in this section and in the comprehension sections of Paper Two (Prose & Poetry).
- Key vocabulary and common question words in this section.
- Key grammar points you will need to complete this section, and handy grammar points to help with composition.

Léamhthuiscint

Exam layout

- This section is called **Roinn II Léamhthuiscint** on Páipéar I.
- Two reading comprehensions A & B, worth 20 marks each, must be answered.
- Each comprehension section has **five questions**.
- Each comprehension consists of four to five paragraphs.
- The **first three questions** are broken into smaller **questions (a) and (b)**.
- Questions (iv) and (v) are different from the previous questions.
- An example of a question posed is: **Cén t-alt sa sliocht thuas a dtagraíonn an abairt seo a leanas dó?** (Which paragraph in the above passage does the following sentence refer to?) See the sample reading comprehension on page 38.
 - The sentence will be a summary of the main ideas contained in one of the paragraphs. Students must match the sentence to the relevant paragraph. Each paragraph will be written on the paper with a box to tick beside it. This must be completed in the student's exam script.



This section is also relevant for the reading comprehension on Páipéar II about the prose and poetry.



- Study and **know all the question words** (see table on page 37 and pages 5–7 for basic question words).

- Try to learn **five new words** in each revision period before the exam.

- Read all questions carefully. Attempt **all questions**.

- Read title carefully and look at picture(s) to help you understand the text.

- In Léamhthuiscint B in question (iv) and (v) be sure to select one of the paragraphs. Even **if you don't know, guess!** No answer = No marks!

- Sometimes you're told which paragraph the answer is in! Sometimes Q (i) corresponds with Paragraph (i).

- The first time you read the text **underline/highlight main points** e.g. placenames, dates etc.

- It is not necessary to understand every word.

When asked to give two points/reasons/examples use the following structure:

Dhá phointe faoi X ná...

(i) ... agus

(ii) ...

- Many of the questions deal with the **traits and characteristics** of people in the text. See list on page 10 'Describing People – Tréithe'.
- You may sometimes need **to give your own opinion**, so make sure you are familiar with phrases such as 'Is é mo thuairim,' 'Ceapaim,' See page 60.
- Most of the marks in this question (about 90%) are for your ability to understand the text, and therefore some sentences or phrases may be copied directly from the passage. **But do not copy too much** from the text or you will lose marks.



Underline question words.



Practise, practise, practise!

Test yourself with the sample tests included.

Léamhthuisicint – common question words

Ainmnigh an duine/an té a...	Name the person/the person who...
Cén tslí bheatha?	<i>What job?</i>
Cén bhaint?	<i>What connection/association?</i>
Luaigh.	<i>Mention.</i>
Tabhair dhá shampla.	<i>Give two examples.</i>
Tabhair dhá phointe eolais.	<i>Give two points of info.</i>
Tabhair dhá chúis/fháth.	<i>Give two reasons.</i>
Tabhair sampla/cúis/pointe amháin	<i>Give one example/reason/point.</i>
Cén aidhm?	<i>What aim?</i>
Cén t-eolas?	<i>What info?</i>
Déan cur síos ar...	<i>Describe...</i>
Mínigh	<i>Explain</i>
Cé mhéad/Cén méid?	<i>How many/What amount?</i>
Breac síos	<i>Jot down</i>
Ainmnigh bua/laige amháin.	<i>Name one strength/weakness.</i>
Cén fhianaise?	<i>What evidence?</i>
Cad a chruthaíonn?	<i>What proves?</i>
Cén tionchar?	<i>What influence?</i>
Cén chomhairle?	<i>What advice?</i>
Cad a bhí cearr/mícheart?	<i>What was wrong?</i>
Cén buntáiste/míbhuntáiste?	<i>What advantage/disadvantage?</i>
Cén suíomh/Cad iad na suíomhanna?	<i>What situation(s)/location(s)?</i>
Cén fhadhb/Cad iad na fadhbanna?	<i>What problem(s)?</i>
Cén comhartha/na comharthaí?	<i>What sign(s)?</i>
Luaigh difríocht/codarsnacht	<i>Mention a difference/contrast</i>
Luaigh cosúlacht	<i>Mention a similarity</i>

3

Scríobh – Composition

20%+

aims

You will learn:

- The layout of this section of the exam.
- Useful tips and sample exam answers to help you achieve maximum marks in this section.
- Key vocabulary and phrases that will be helpful in all composition questions.

Exam layout

You must do **one** of the following options:

- (A) Aiste (Essay): Three titles, you choose **one**.
- (B) Scéal (Story): Two openings, you choose **one**: An opening sentence is given, you complete the story.
Or write about an incident that happened to you.
- (C) Díospóireacht/Óráid (Debate/Argument): Two motions, you choose **one** and write a speech for or against.
- (D) Alt (Article): Write an article for a magazine/newspaper: two topics, you choose **one**.

exam focus

There are 50 marks to be gained here, so it's worth putting in lots of study for this section!

exam focus

Breakdown of marks:

- 10 marc – Ábhar (Subject)
- 40 marc – Gaeilge.

exam TIPS



- Read titles carefully. See list of titles each year in table on page 2.
- Be sure that you know ten to fifteen handy phrases that will suit any essay/article/debate.
- Be sure that you know a wide range of 'foclóir' for each topic (Use vocabulary lists by topic from Chapter 2).
- One and a half A4 pages are required (two pages, if your writing is large).
- Do a rough plan or brainstorm of what you'll write in each paragraph.
- Be sure to have a beginning, a middle and an end.
- The Essay and Article are broadly similar, the Debate requires a different beginning and end.
- Be careful with spelling and tenses and read your work back at the end.

key point

Check which tense the title is and then write in that tense (usually present tense).