



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

Link Modules

Examination 2004

WEDNESDAY, 5th MAY, 2004: 10.00 A.M. – 12.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Examination Number in the box.

Write all answers into this Answer Book.

There are **three** Sections in this Examination.

Examination Number

Section A – Audio Visual

There are **eight** questions.

All questions must be answered.

(30 marks)

Section B – Case Study

There are **three** questions.

All questions must be answered.

(30 marks)

Section C – General Questions

There are **six** questions.

Four questions must be answered.

(100 marks)

- You will have **three** minutes to read the questions in Section A.
- You will be shown a video with the theme of “Employment”.
- You will see the video three times.
 - The first showing will include the whole sequence.
 - It will then be shown in three parts. After each part is shown you will be given time to write your answers in the appropriate section of the answer book.
 - You will then see the entire video sequence again.

This page may be used for notes.

Answer all questions.

Part 1

Q1. What does Keogh Software do?

2 marks

Q2. Explain how Keogh Software recruits employees.

2 marks

Q3. What qualities are looked for in employees?

2 marks

Part 2

Q4. What does Ronan's job involve?

4 marks

Q5. Where does he see himself in 5 years time and why?

4 marks

Q6. Ronan distinguishes between a job and a career. How does he illustrate this?

4 marks

Part 3

Q7. Explain how a company that is not unionized can be employee friendly.

6 marks

European Special Games 2004

In conjunction with Ireland's presidency of the E.U. Ireland has been asked to host a European Special Games in May 2004. Teams from all existing member states and teams from the new member states will take part in these games. The games will give an opportunity for those with Special Needs to take part in a variety of sporting events.

The Games will take place during the second week in May. The teams will arrive in the country during the first week of May and they will be staying in towns and cities throughout the country for the first week of their visit. This will allow the teams to settle into Ireland, meet Irish people and prepare to compete. The host towns will be organising events to make the visitors welcome, give them an understanding of our culture and will be providing facilities to help them train and prepare for the games.

The European Special Games will take place in and around Dublin. Ten different venues will be used to facilitate the different sports. The participants, their trainers and helpers will come to Dublin for the week of the games and will stay in hotels and universities across the city. Each day transport will be provided to bring the teams to the events.

The organising committee for the European Special Games have been planning the games for the past 3 years. They began by involving a number of people in different areas such as sponsorship, marketing, accommodation, catering, medical, transport and the competition events themselves. The committees have members who have responsibilities for each area. These members in turn have a team of people to help with the work. As the time of the games draws nearer they will be involving more and more people to ensure that all gets done.

Thousands of volunteers will be needed to help throughout the two weeks that the participants are in Ireland. These helpers will be needed to assist with the teams from when they arrive at the airport to when they leave. Some helpers will be needed in the host towns and cities, others will be needed during the week of the Games themselves to help at the accommodation venues and at the competition venues. Volunteers with a variety of skills, such as language or medical expertise, will be required. Training will be provided for all volunteers in the month before the Games and all volunteers must have obtained Garda clearance before they will be issued with their security passes and uniforms. Volunteers will be assigned to specific duties and can sign up for a number of days depending on their availability.

The event will be covered by national and international media. The formal opening and closing ceremonies will take place in Dublin. All the participants are likely to attend these occasions.

Answer all questions.

Q1 Outline **three** benefits of hosting the European Special Games for Ireland.

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6 marks

Q.2 A national advertising campaign invited those interested to volunteer to help during the two weeks of the games.

(i) Describe in detail **four** reasons why you would consider volunteering.

OR

(ii) Describe in detail **four** reasons why you would not consider volunteering.

12 marks

SUMMARY AND INDEX OF QUESTIONS

This section contains 6 questions of 25 marks each and you should answer any four. To assist you in deciding and locating the questions to attempt, the following is the text of all six questions with the page numbers for each. Answer your choice of questions in the appropriate pages that follow.

Q1. Career choice is important so that you select a career that best suits your aptitudes and abilities. Page 12, 13

- Name a career you have investigated.
- List 3 qualities you have which makes this a suitable career for you.
- Identify 2 of your Leaving Certificate subjects which you consider the most relevant for this career. Explain why each subject is relevant.
- Describe how you went about investigating the career mentioned.

Q2 Voluntary bodies/community enterprises play an important role in the areas where they operate. Page 14, 15, 16

- Name two voluntary bodies/community enterprises working in your area.
- Outline the work of one of the organisations you mentioned, stating who benefits from this organisation.
- Write a letter asking a speaker from one of the organisations to visit your class. Mention why you want them to visit.
- Outline two ways you would evaluate this visit, stating why you have chosen each one.

Q3 Business Enterprise is very important for any area. Consider a business enterprise with which you are familiar. Page 17, 18, 19

- State the type of business involved (what the business does). State three enterprising characteristics the owner/manager possesses.
- Describe the study/training the owner/manager required for this position.
- Carry out a SWOT analysis for this business.
- Outline three benefits the area gains from having this business enterprise.

Q4 Specifications for a job are outlined here. Page 20, 21, 22

- Give two reasons why you think good IT skills are important for the position advertised.
- Describe three ways by which you would show Smyth Products you have good communication skills.
- Describe three ways you would prepare for the job interview, stating why in each case.
- Explain two rights/entitlements workers have.

Q5 Work placement (work shadowing/work experience) is an important element of the LCVP programme. Page 23, 24, 25

- What are the advantages of this?
- Describe three ways in which the work placement can be evaluated.
- Explain three obligations an employer has under the Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act (1993).
- Describe two ways the work placement can help you in school and subsequently.

Q6 Your local area community association has asked for the help of your class. They want to improve the local facilities for young people and they have asked you to carry out research for them in your school. Page 26, 27, 28

- Why is research important?
- Draw up the questionnaire you would use to carry out the research in your school.
- What would you need to consider/plan for to ensure the survey was successful?
- What areas should be examined in evaluating the process?

Q1. Career choice is important so that you select a career that best suits your aptitudes and abilities.

(a) Name a career you have investigated.

Career:

1 mark

(b) List 3 qualities you have which makes this a suitable career for you.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

6 marks

(c) Identify 2 of your Leaving Certificate subjects which you consider the most relevant for this career. Explain why **each** subject is relevant.

1. _____

2. _____

8 marks

(d) Describe how you went about investigating the career mentioned.

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10 marks

Q2 Voluntary bodies/community enterprises play an important role in the areas where they operate.

- (a) Name **two** voluntary bodies/community enterprises working in your area.

1.
2.
2 marks

- (b) Outline the work of **one** of the organisations you mentioned, stating who benefits from this organisation.

6 marks

(d) Outline **two** ways you would evaluate this visit, stating **why** you have chosen each one.

6 marks

Q3. Business Enterprise is very important for any area. Consider a business enterprise with which you are familiar.

(a) State the type of business involved (what the business does). State three enterprising characteristics the owner/manager possesses.

Type of Business:
Characteristics:
7 marks

(b) Describe the study/training the owner/manager required for this position.

4 marks

Q4. Specifications for a job are outlined here.

Are you enterprising, interested in people, with good communication and IT skills?

Smyth Products have the job for you, working as part of a team introducing a new range of electronic products onto the Irish market.

Excellent salary opportunities available for the right person.

Further information from: Smyth Products, Sligo Business Park, Seatown Road, Sligo.

Telephone: **077 123456** email: smythproducts@irl.ie

- (a) Give **two** reasons why you think good IT skills are important for the position advertised.

4 marks

- (b) Describe **three** ways by which you would show Smyth Products you have good communication skills.

6 marks

- (d) Explain **two** rights/entitlements workers have.

6 marks

Q5. Work placement (work shadowing/work experience) is an important element of the LCVP program.

(a) What are the advantages of this?

4 marks

(b) Describe **three** ways in which the work placement can be evaluated?

6 marks

- (d) Describe **two** ways the work placement can help you in school and subsequently.

6 marks

(c) What would you need to consider/plan for to ensure the survey was successful?

6 marks

(d) What areas should be examined in evaluating the process?

4 marks

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