

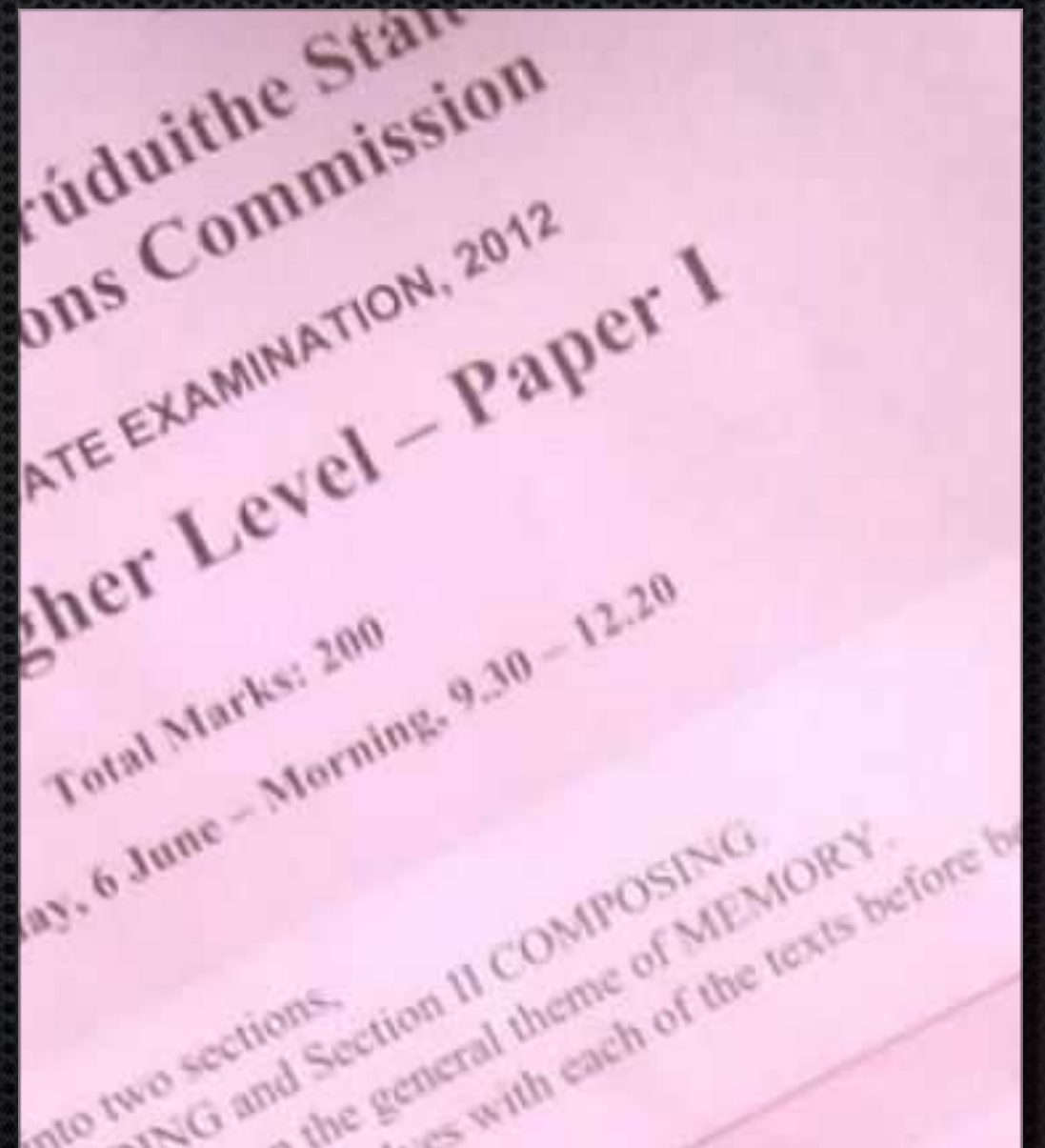
Introduction to Paper One

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Layout

- ✦ Both Paper One and Paper Two are worth **200** marks each, for a total of **400** marks for Leaving Cert English.
- ✦ Be sure to spend **equal time** revising and preparing material for both papers.
- ✦ You do not have to have every practice answer corrected: re-read them yourself with a critical eye.



Division of Marks and Time

- ✦ Total time for Paper 1 - **2 hours and 50 minutes**
- ✦ Comprehension Question A - 50 marks - **45 minutes**
- ✦ Comprehension Question B - 50 marks - **45 minutes**
- ✦ Composition - 100 marks - **1 hour and 20 minutes**

PCLM Marking Scheme

- ✧ P= Clarity of Purpose
- ✧ C= Coherence of Delivery
- ✧ L = Efficiency of Language
- ✧ M = Mechanics

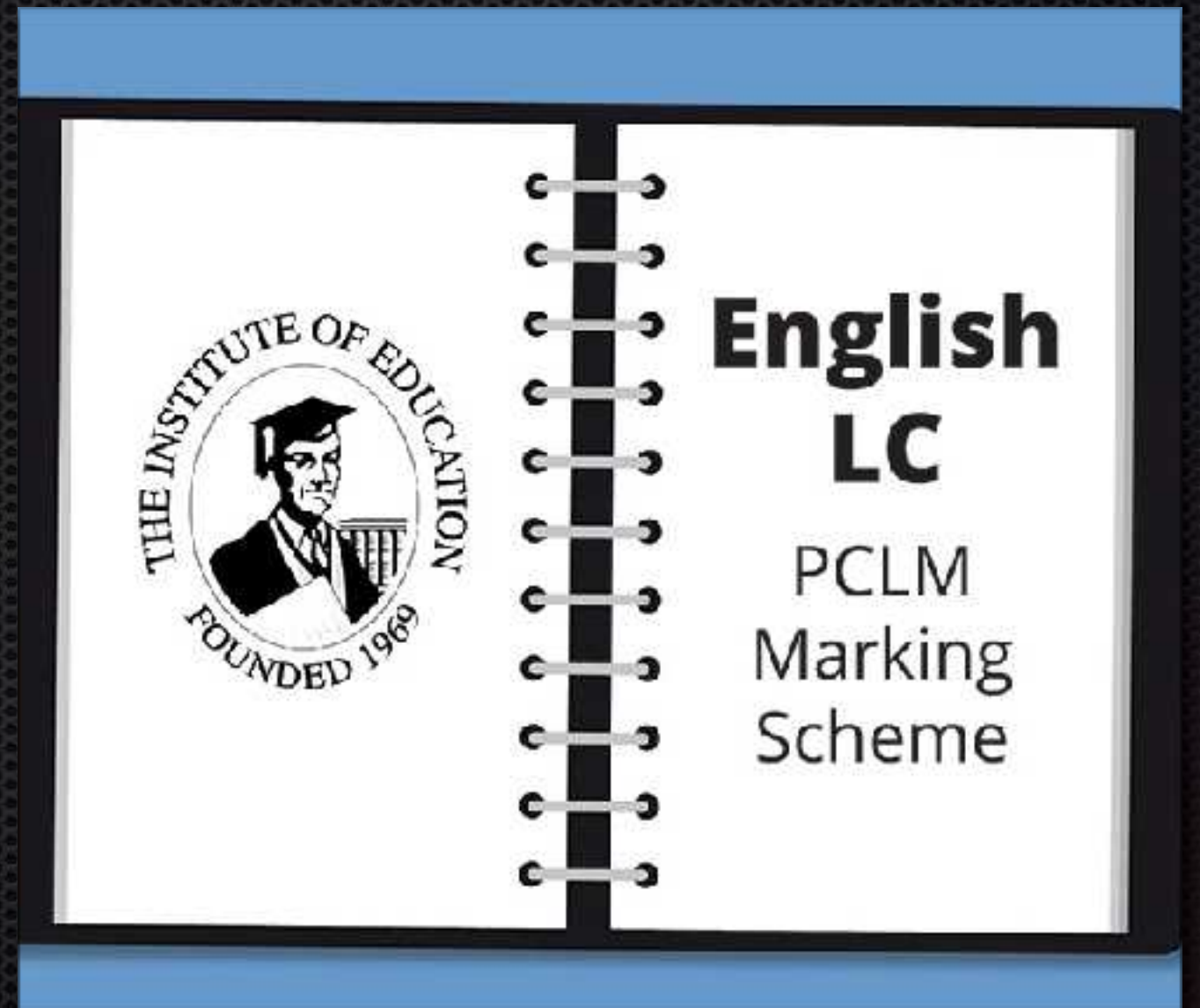


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Marking Scheme

Helpful video from Cian Hogan at the Institute of Education

- ✦ Cian Hogan is a teacher at the Institute of Education and the author of Leaving Cert English poetry books. Here, he explains the PCLM marking scheme.
- ✦ <https://www.instituteofeducation.ie/studynotes/exam-times-supplement-3-english/>



Theme - Each year the paper is based around a certain theme

- ✦ 2018 - Young Writers
- ✦ 2017 - Different Worlds
- ✦ 2016 Journeys
- ✦ 2015 - Challenges
- ✦ 2014 - Influence
- ✦ 2013 - Story-telling
- ✦ 2012 - Memory
- ✦ 2011 - Mystery
- ✦ 2010 - The Future

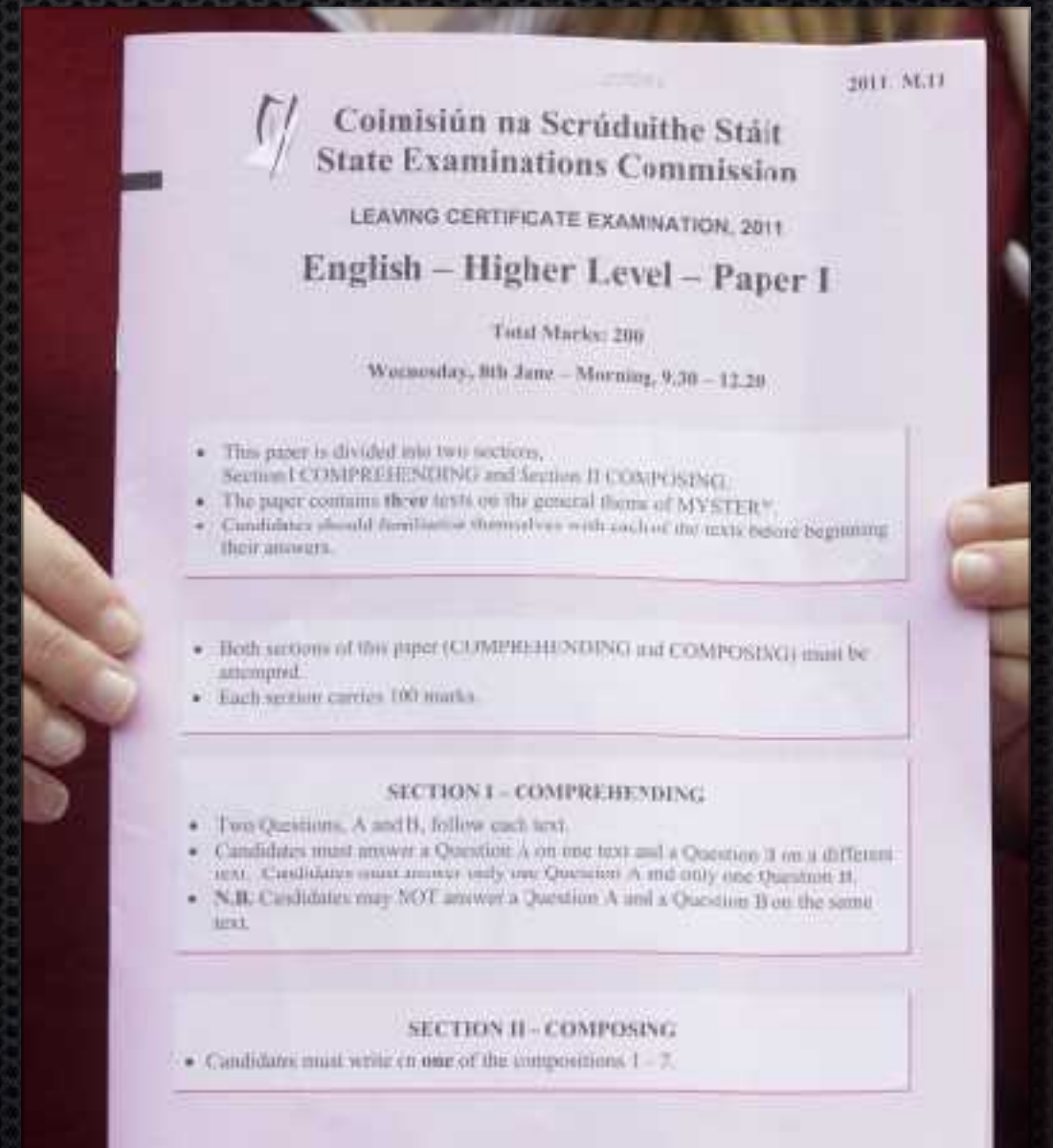


2009 - Decisions
2008 - Identity
2007 - Change
2006 - Pretence
2005 - Ordinary Lives
2004 - Work and Play
2003 - Journeys
2002 - Family
2001 - Irishness



Approaching the Paper

- ✦ Check the theme. It will be in capital letters on the front page of the exam booklet. The comprehensions will be based on this theme and the compositions will be based on the comprehensions.



- ✦ Choose your Comp B task first as some tasks will suit you better than others. When you have selected this, cross out the Comp A answers so you do not answer them on that comprehension text.
- ✦ When choosing which Comp A questions you will answer, consider the visual text and the style question. For example, you may like answering on the visual text or be more confident about answering a style question on discursive language rather than narrative language.
- ✦ More detailed instructions on approaching Comp A and B questions can be found in other slideshows on this website.