

New LC Examination First Run

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Caveat

- Have not yet had time to read all Examiners' reports
- These thoughts are however based upon reports during the marking and upon initial reading of the CAE's reports
- Appeals not yet complete, so I may not discuss the operation of the marking scheme.

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Geographical Investigation

- Now mandatory, separate
- Standard very high
- Overall length not generally an issue
- Conclusions, Evaluation often weak
- Presentation skills generally good
- Inserts found in a small nr of cases

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G.I. Topic Frequency

- 1 Erosion in a Fluvial Environment.
- 2 Land Use in an Urban Area
- 3 Erosion in a Coastal Environment.
- 4 Local Environmental Issue
- 5 Traffic Management

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Authentication

- A number of issues arose concerning the authenticity of coursework [the GI]. These were investigated and a number of results for this component were withheld.
- Investigative/advisory visits by EAM

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Authentication Issues

- Content too similar across candidates
- External handouts used too literally
- Different handwriting GI & Script
- Additional argument inserted in different hand
- Candidate not presenting work for monitoring by teacher [Form P20]

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Final Examination

- Part One → Wide-ranging coverage
- Level of skills demonstrated was high
- Rubrics clear → fewer incorrect Q-combinations or extra Qs [old GL!]
- SRPs encouraged less waffle/padding
- Less memory-recall → better performance [live grappling – with exam!]

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Admin Review

- Greater workload for examiners
- Need for more examiners & advisers
- Need to actually count nrs in bunks?
- Logistics for examiners; envelopes etc
- "Opening centre packets and individual candidate envelopes is a day's work in itself..." – A Senior Adviser
- Further enhance fee
- Review has already commenced

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Schedule

- Early October: Appeals completed and Final Result Published
- Oct: CE Reports completed
- Dec: EV Drafts '07 completed
- Jan '07: Uni Obs and drafts to press
- June '07: '07 Mkg Schemes agreed
- Oct '07: First 2 Years of Exam reviewed

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Amendments 2007

- "European Regions – Not Ireland"
- "Continental/Sub-Continental Region" = stet.
- Candidate nr box on cover of paper
- GI Booklet:
 - Blank graphics pages in stages 1, 2 & 3.
 - Graph paper pages only in Stage 4
 - Clarifications of Report Structure Content
 - Punch at top left

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GI Booklet – Structure

- 1. Introduction:
 - Aims or hypotheses

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- 2. Planning
 - Identifying Information Required
 - Selecting Methods of Gathering


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➤ 3. Gathering of Information

- Methods Used
- Instruments Used
- Recording of Information
- Discussion of Gathering Process
- Secondary Sources, if Used




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➤ 4. Results, Conclusions, Evaluation

- Analysing Information
- Establishing Results
- Drawing Conclusions
- Evaluating Outcomes in Context of Aims or Hypotheses




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➤ Presentation of Results

➤ Examiners will expect you to present your results in graphic form and to discuss them in stage 4. Your presentation of results will be marked out of a total of 20 marks



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Blank Graphic Pages


➤ In Stages 1,2 and 3

➤ Facing pages for written argument

➤ You must use this space to draw any sketches, maps or diagrams you wish to include

➤ Ni mór duit an spás seo a úsáid chun sceitseanna, léarscáilteaprá nó léaráidí a tharraingt ar mian leat iad a chur isteach.

Blank Page



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Graph Paper Pages


You must use this space to draw any graphs or diagrams to illustrate your results

Ni mór duit an spás seo a úsáid chun graif nó léaráidí a tharraingt chun do chuid thortha a léiriú

➤ In Stage 4 only

➤ Facing pages for written argument

Graph Paper



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Sustainability?

➤ One or two marking operations?


➤ Annual topic-list

➤ Settings and totally open questions

➤ Examiner recruitment

➤ Review of syllabus plus exam?

➤ Two years required to establish exam




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Stats


- Based on provisional figures only
- AL and GL



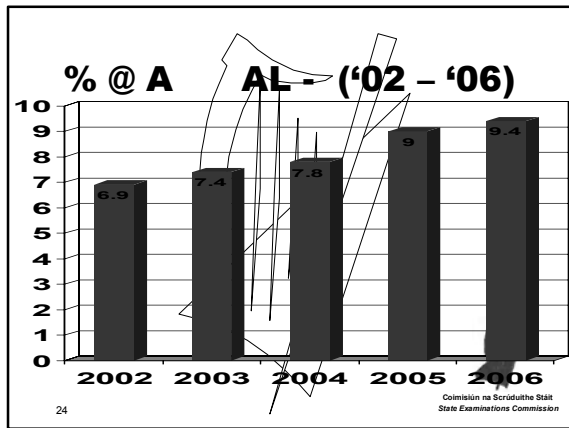
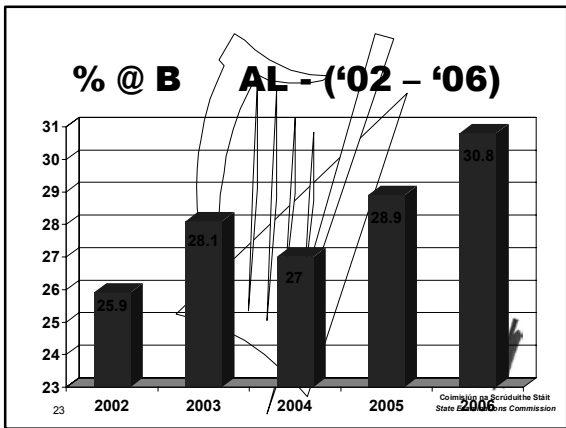
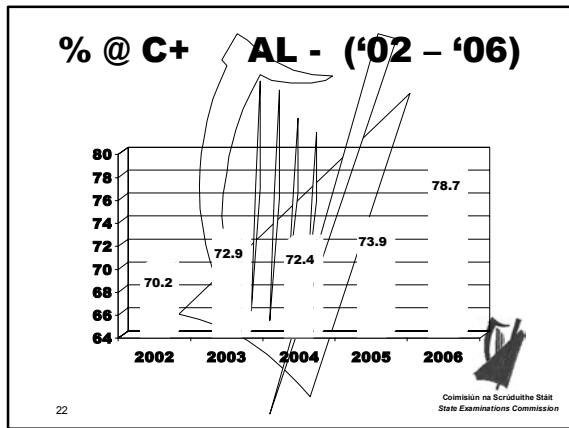
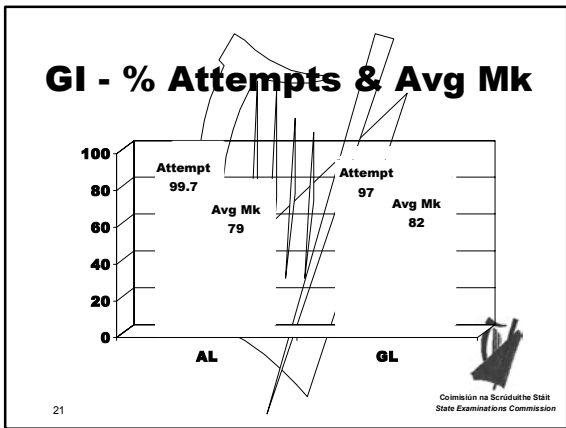
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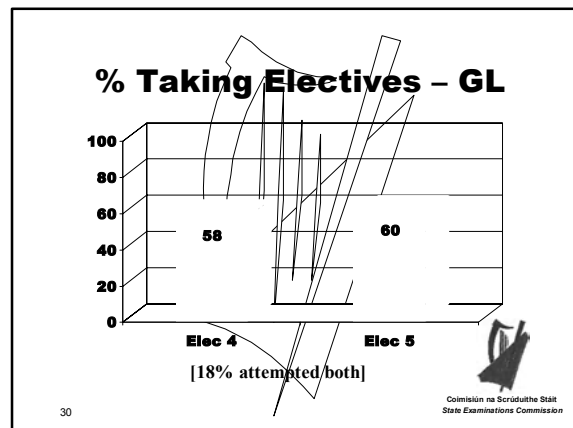
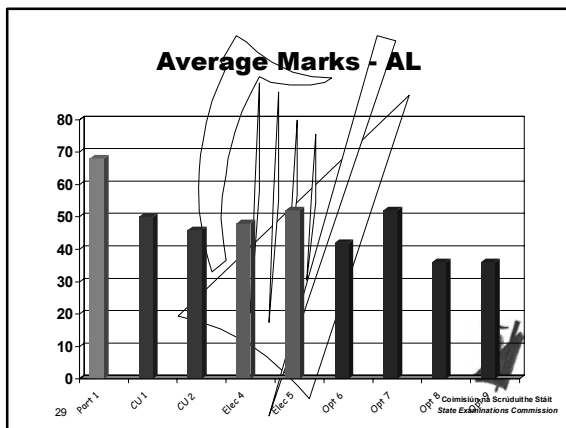
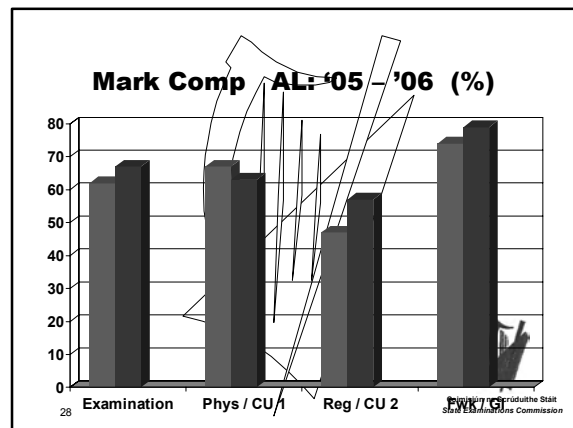
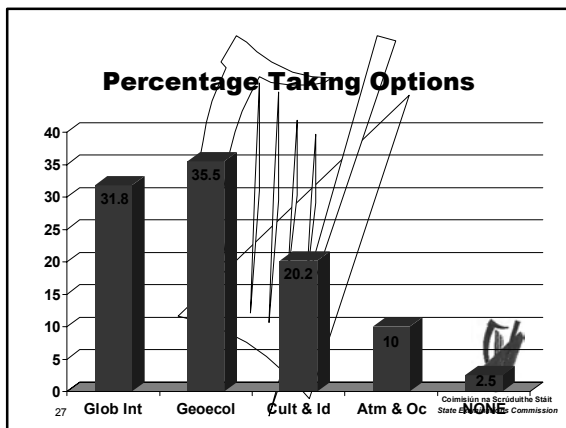
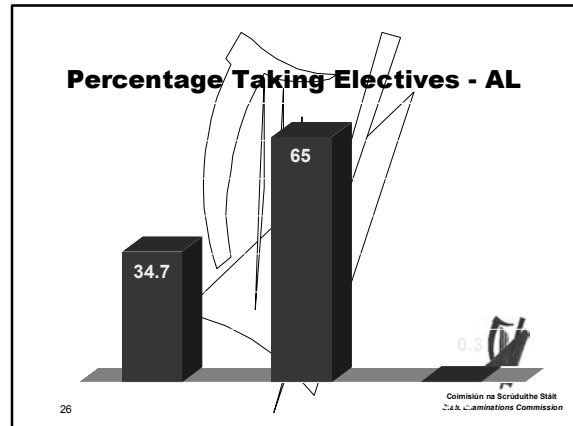
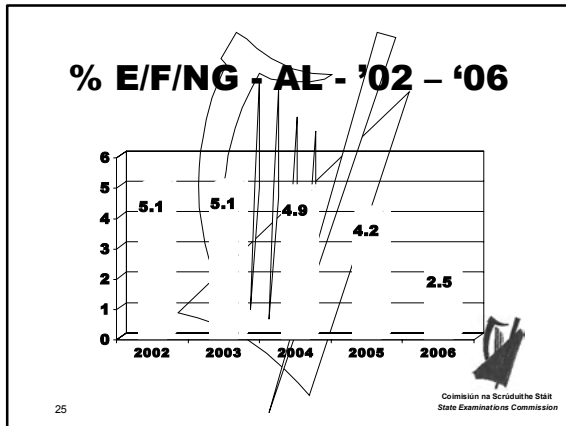
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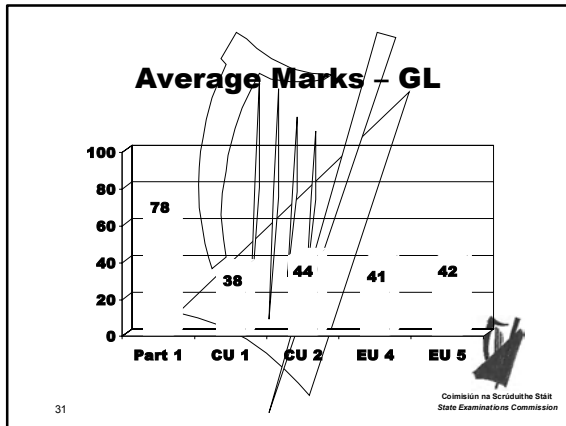
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Result Profiles AL & GL

		A	B	C	A/B/C	D	E/F/NG
AL	2005	8.5	29	35.9	73.4	22	4.6
	2006	9.4	30.8	38.4	78.7	18.8	2.5
GL	2005	7.0	27.7	35.2	69.9	27.7	7.4
	2006	4.2	25.6	41.7	71.6	22.3	6.1

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- Teams of Drafters & Setters
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