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**To: Management Authorities of Second-Level Schools**

## **Prescribed Material for English in the Leaving Certificate Examination in 2010**

1. The Department of Education and Science wishes to inform the management authorities of second level schools that the prescribed material for English in the Leaving Certificate Examination in 2010 is as indicated on the attached list.
2. Please bring this circular and the attached list to the notice of the teachers concerned
3. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.

Margaret Kelly  
Principal Officer  
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# Leaving Certificate Examination 2010

## English

Hereunder is the list of prescribed texts for the Leaving Certificate Examination

As the syllabus indicates, students are required to study from this list:

1. **One text on its own** from the following texts:-

BRONTE, Emily	Wuthering Heights (H/O)
FRIEL, Brian	Dancing at Lughnasa (H/O)
KEANE, John B	Sive (O)
McLAVERTY, Bernard	Lamb (O)
MOORE, Brian	Lies of Silence (O)
OZ, Amos	Panther in the Basement (O)
SHAKESPEARE, William	King Lear (H/O)
STEINBECK, John	The Grapes of Wrath (H/O)
TOIBIN, Colm	The Blackwater Lightship (H/O)

- One of the texts marked with H/O may be studied on its own at Higher level and at Ordinary Level.
- One of the texts marked with O may be studied on its own at Ordinary level.

2. **Three other texts in a comparative manner, according to the comparative modes prescribed for this course.**

- Any texts from the list of texts prescribed for comparative study, **other than the one already chosen for study on its own**, may be selected for the comparative study. **Texts chosen must be from the prescribed list for the current year.**
- At Higher level and at Ordinary level, a film may be studied as **one** of the three texts in a comparative study.

3. **The Comparative Modes for Examination in 2010 are:**

<u>Higher level</u>	(i)	Literary Genre
	(ii)	The General Vision and Viewpoint
	(iii)	The Cultural Context
<u>Ordinary Level</u>	(i)	Hero/Heroine/Villain
	(ii)	Theme
	(iii)	Social Setting

#### 4. Shakespearean Drama

At **Higher level** a play by Shakespeare **must be one of the texts chosen**. This can be studied on its own or as an element in a comparative study.

At **Ordinary level** the study of a play by Shakespeare is **optional**.

#### 5. Poetry

##### Higher level

A selection from the poetry of **eight** poets is prescribed for Higher level. Students will be expected to have studied **at least six poems** by each poet.

##### Ordinary level

A total of **36 poems** is prescribed for Ordinary level.

**Texts prescribed for comparative study, for examination  
in the year 2010**

AUSTEN, Jane	Pride and Prejudice
BANVILLE, John	Kepler
BARNES, Julian	Arthur and George
BECKETT, Samuel	Waiting for Godot
BINCHY, Maeve	Circle of Friends
BOWEN, Elizabeth	The Last September
BRONTË, Emily	Wuthering Heights
CHATWIN Bruce	In Patagonia
CHEVALIER, Tracy	Girl with a Pearl Earring
CURTIZ, Michael (Dir.)	Casablanca (Film)
DALDRY, Stephen (Dir.)	Billy Elliot (Film)
DICKENS, Charles	Hard Times
FRIEL, Brian	Dancing at Lughnasa
GAGE, Eleni	North of Ithaka
HARRIS, Robert	Pompeii
IBSEN, Henrik	A Doll's House
KEANE, John B	Sive
LONCRAINE, Richard (Dir.)	Richard III (Film)
MACKEN, Walter	The Silent People
MALOUF, David	Fly Away Peter
MCDONAGH, Martin	The Lonesome West
MCLAVERTY, Bernard	Lamb
MOORE, Brian	Lies of Silence
MURPHY, Tom	A Whistle in the Dark
NGOZI ADICHIE,	Chimamanda Purple Hibiscus
O'DONNELL, Damien (Dir.)	Inside I'm Dancing (Film)
OZ, Amos	Panther in the Basement
PATCHETT, Ann	Bel Canto
RADFORD, Michael (Dir.)	Il Postino (Film)
SEIERSTAD, Asne	The Bookseller of Kabul
SHAKESPEARE, William	King Lear
	The Tempest
SOPHOCLES	Oedipus the King
STEINBECK, John	The Grapes of Wrath
SYNGE, JM	The Playboy of the Western World
TAYLOR, Mildred	The Road to Memphis
TOIBIN, Colm	The Blackwater Lightship
TREVOR, William	The Story of Lucy Gault
WEIR, Peter (Dir.)	The Truman Show (Film)

### Poets Prescribed for Higher level

BOLAND, Eavan

The War Horse  
Child of Our Time  
The Famine Road  
The Shadow Doll  
White Hawthorn in the West of Ireland  
Outside History  
The Black Lace Fan my Mother Gave Me  
This Moment  
The Pomegranate  
Love

ELIOT, Thomas Stearns

The Lovesong of J. Alfred Prufrock  
Preludes  
Aunt Helen  
*from* The Waste Land II. A Game of Chess  
Journey of the Magi  
*from* Landscapes  
III Usk  
IV Rannoch, by Glencoe  
*from* The Four Quartets East Coker IV

KAVANAGH, Patrick

Inniskeen Road: July Evening  
Shancoduff  
*from* The Great Hunger Section I  
Advent  
A Christmas Childhood  
Epic  
Canal Bank Walk  
Lines Written on a Seat on the Grand Canal  
The Hospital  
On Raglan Road

KEATS, John

To one who has been long in city pent  
Ode To A Nightingale  
On First Looking into Chapman's Homer  
Ode On A Grecian Urn  
When I have fears that I may cease to be  
La Belle Dame Sans Merci

To Autumn  
Bright star, would I were steadfast as thou  
art

LONGLEY, Michael

Badger  
Wounds  
Poteen  
Carrigskewaun  
Wreaths  
Last Requests  
Mayo Monologues 3: Self-Heal  
An Amish Rug  
Laertes  
Ceasefire

RICH, Adrienne

Aunt Jennifer's Tigers  
Uncle Speaks in the Drawing Room  
Power  
Storm Warnings  
Living in Sin  
The Roofwalker  
Our Whole Life  
Trying to Talk with a Man  
Diving Into the Wreck  
From a Survivor

WALCOTT, Derek

For Adrian  
Endings  
Saint Lucia's First Communion  
*from* The Schooner Flight  
6. The Sailor Sings Back to the Casuarinas  
*from* Omeros Chapter XXX, I (ll. 1 - 65)  
A Letter from Brooklyn  
To Norline  
Pentecost  
Summer Elegies I  
The Young Wife

YEATS, William Butler

The Lake Isle of Innisfree

September 1913

The Wild Swans at Coole

An Irish Airman Foresees his Death

Easter 1916

The Second Coming

Sailing to Byzantium

*from* Meditations in Time of Civil War:

VI, The Stare's Nest by My Window

In Memory of Eva Gore-Booth and Con Markiewicz

Swift's Epitaph

An Acre of Grass

*from* Under Ben Bulbin: V and VI

Politics

## Poetry Prescribed for Ordinary Level

ADCOCK, Fleur	For Heidi With Blue Hair
BOLAND, Eavan	Child of Our Time This Moment
BOLAND, Rosita	Naming My Daughter
ELIOT, Thomas Stearns	Preludes Aunt Helen
GRENNAN, Eamonn	Taking My Son to School
JENNINGS, Elizabeth	One Flesh
KAVANAGH, Patrick	Shancoduff A Christmas Childhood On Raglan Road
KEATS, John	On First Looking into Chapman's Homer La Belle Dame Sans Merci
KENNELLY, Brendan	Night Drive
LOCHHEAD, Liz	Kidspoem/Bairnsang
LONGLEY, Michael	Last Requests An Amish Rug Wounds
MC GOUGH, Roger	Bearhugs
MEEHAN, Paula	My Father Perceived as a Vision of St Francis
MILTON, John	When I consider how my light is spent
NEMEROV, Howard	Wolves in the Zoo
O'CALLAGHAN, Julie	The Great Blasket Island
O'DONOGHUE, Bernard	Gunpowder
RICH, Adrienne	Aunt Jennifer's Tigers Storm Warnings
THOMAS, Dylan	The Hunchback in the Park
VAUGHAN, Henry	Peace
WALCOTT, Derek	To Norline Summer Elegies 1 The Young Wife



WILLIAMS, William Carlos

The Red Wheelbarrow

WRIGHT, Judith

Request to a Year

YEATS, William Butler

The Lake Isle of Innisfree

The Wild Swans at Coole

An Irish Airman Foresees His Death