



Circular Letter 0102/2008

To: Management Authorities of Second-Level Schools

Leaving Certificate Classical Studies Syllabus

The Department of Education and Science wishes to inform the management authorities of second-level schools of the following in relation to the prescribed material *The Republic* by Plato under Topic 9 in the Classical Studies Leaving Certificate Syllabus.

Topic 9 prescribes *The Republic* by Plato for both ordinary and higher levels. It specifies the Penguin Classics edition and cites the relevant sections and page numbers. The edition extant at the time was the second edition (revised) 1974, translated and with an introduction by Desmond Lee.

In 2007 the second edition reissued by Penguin translated by Desmond Lee but with a new introduction by Melissa Lane. This altered the pagination and there is now a discrepancy between the page numbering referred to in the syllabus and the new (2007) edition.

The attached Appendix sets out the relevant page numbers in the 1974 edition (as per the syllabus) and the corresponding page numbers in the 2007 edition.

The Syllabus (Irish and English versions) has been amended accordingly on the Department's website www.education.ie

Please bring this Circular to the notice of the relevant teachers and students.

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Leaving Certificate Classical Studies

Group III : Topic 9

The Philosopher In Society: a Study of Socrates and Plato

The Republic (Plato) is prescribed for both ordinary and higher levels:

Section Headings named in the syllabus	Page numbers 1974 edition	Page numbers 2007 edition
<i>The Introduction</i>	61-66	3-8
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<i>Civilised Society</i>	122-125	60-63
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<i>The Simile of the Cave</i>	317-325	240-248
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