

LEAVING CERT HISTORY FINAL EXAM



4 TOPICS COVERED IN CLASS



Higher Level

Document Based Question			Essay Question	
Part	Explanation	Marks	Section 2 - Ireland	Section 3 - Europe and the Wider World
(a)	Comprehension	You will be expected to answer questions that will show you understand the source. (20%)	Later Modern Ireland Topic 3: The Pursuit of Sovereignty and the Impact of Partition, 1912-1949	Later Modern Europe and the Wider World Topic 3: Dictatorship and Democracy in Europe, 1920-1945 (DBQ for 2024-2025)
(b)	Comparison	Here you will be asked to compare or note differences between the two sources. (20%)	Later Modern Ireland Topic 5: Politics and Society in Northern Ireland, 1949-1993	Later Modern Europe and the Wider World Topic 6: The United States and the World, 1945-1989
(c)	Criticism	This section may ask you to detect bias, propaganda, opinions or to make judgements about the reliability of the sources (20%)	All topics follow the same format and are examined through the same three perspectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politics and administration • Society and economy • Culture, science and religion In each of the topics, you will be given four essay titles and you must choose one to write about. You have, maximum, 40 minutes for each essay.	
(d)	Contextualisation	Here you will be asked to show that you know this historical background to the documents by writing a short essay. (40%)		

Ordinary Level

Document Based Question			Essay Question	
Part	Explanation	Marks	Section 2 - Ireland	Section 3 - Europe and the Wider World
(a)	Comprehension	Asks you about the content of the documents (40 Marks)	Later Modern Ireland Topic 3: The Pursuit of Sovereignty and the Impact of Partition, 1912-1949	Later Modern Europe and the Wider World Topic 3: Dictatorship and Democracy in Europe, 1920-1945 (DBQ for 2024-2025)
(b)	Comparison	Asks you to compare the two documents (20 marks)	Later Modern Ireland Topic 5: Politics and Society in Northern Ireland, 1949-1993	Later Modern Europe and the Wider World Topic 6: The United States and the World, 1945-1989
(c)	Criticism	Asks you to judge if the documents are reliable or biased (20 marks)	(a) You are given a visual or a short document and asked questions about it. This is worth 30 marks. (b) You have to write a short paragraph which is also worth 30 marks. This part is usually based on Case Studies or Key Personalities. (c) You have to write a short essay. This is worth 40 marks. This part is usually based on Case Studies or Key Personalities.	
(d)	Contextualisation	Asks you to write about the background to the document (20 marks)		

400 Marks

Exam: 1 DBQ and 3 Essay Questions

2 Hours 50 Mins

Questions Answered in Answer Booklet

