



# Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 2003

## English - Ordinary Level - Paper 1

Total Marks: 200

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June – Morning, 9.30 – 12.20

- This paper is divided into two sections, Section I COMPREHENDING and Section II COMPOSING.
- The paper contains **three** texts on the general theme of ENTERTAINMENT.
- Candidates should familiarise themselves with each of the texts before beginning their answers.

- Both sections of this paper (COMPREHENDING and COMPOSING) must be attempted.
- Each section carries 100 marks.

### SECTION I – COMPREHENDING

- Two Questions, A and B, follow each text.
- Candidates must answer a Question A on one text and a Question B on a different text. Candidates must answer only one Question A and only one Question B.
- **N.B.** Candidates may NOT answer a Question A and a Question B on the same text.

### SECTION II – COMPOSING

- Candidates must write on **one** of the compositions 1 – 7.



# SECTION I

## COMPREHENDING (100 marks)

### TEXT I

#### U2 – LIVE AT SLANE

Here is an account of the U2 concert given at Slane Castle in 2001. It is adapted from a review written by James Malone and it was published on the entertainment website [www.wheressthecaic.com](http://www.wheressthecaic.com) in 2001.



1. 80,000 U2 fans were not put off by the dreary misty skies as they made their way to Slane Castle for what was to be an awesome return for U2 to Ireland.

2. As the crowds shuffled their way along the mile path that leads into the grounds of Slane, the drizzle and rain stopped as if by divine order. Everyone had this magical feeling of entering a kingdom where you knew all your dreams were about to be realised. Spirits were running high in expectation of a wonderful concert. We were not disappointed!

3. Irish pop act, **Relish**, were first to hit the stage at 12pm with almost 45,000 already in attendance. The semicircular shape to Slane echoed with the happy pop tunes of “*Let it fly*” and “*Rainbow Zephyr*” which lifted the crowd gently

into the mood. Relish were followed closely by another Irish act, **JJ72**, which amazingly had the opposite effect on the crowd with their angst ridden pop wannabe tunes which didn’t seem to make much of an impact. Later on in the day the bewildered **Kelis** took centre stage with her entourage of singers and groovers. Unfortunately she looked and sounded more like a Sesame Street throw-back rather than the angry girl that her songs portray her as. The sun was in full force, however, and our hearts were waiting so we didn’t mind too much as the atmosphere mounted.

4. Shortly after 5pm the crowds, now content with over-priced drink and burgers, rose en masse to “*Yellow*” by **Coldplay**. The set consisted mostly of songs from their award-winning album

“*Parachutes*” and placed the benchmark for the night to follow. And follow it did!

5. As darkness fell, the tension mounted and I steered my way to the front rows. It was as if we knew that the gods of pop had arrived and would walk among us. Then it happened. The screens erupted and the wrath of hell broke upon us as **Bono** began “*Elevation*”. The ecstatic crowd sang each word like it was their last and you couldn’t fail to see the passion and sheer love that we felt for the band.

6. “*Beautiful Day*” was next, followed by songs from their current album “*All that you can’t leave behind*”. The ecstatic response of this delighted audience was later rewarded by an amazing performance of “*Sunday*

*Bloody Sunday*” which evoked such passion that you could feel the tears welling up inside.

7. An emotional but collected Bono paid tribute to his father, Bob Hewson, who recently passed away. “I want to thank God for taking my old man away from his pain”, he said. Responding to audience emotion he sang “*Kite*” which was written for his father. We were given “*Bad*” and “*One*” among other brilliant sets, before they encored with “*Walk On*” and a grand finale of fireworks. Whatever you did to get your ticket, it was worth it! And so, after a day of passion, high emotions, and tears, we were left with the fondest of treasured memories.

**N.B. Candidates may NOT answer Question A and Question B on the same text.**

**Questions A and B carry 50 marks each.**

### **Question A**

- (i) Read paragraphs 1 and 2 again. How does the writer show that the fans were expecting a good day’s entertainment as they made their way to Slane? (15)
- (ii) Do you think that **Kelis** (mentioned in paragraph 3) might be offended by what the writer says about her? Explain your view. (15)
- (iii) In your opinion, what one aspect of the U2 concert did the writer most enjoy? Explain your answer. (20)

### **Question B**

Write a letter to your favourite pop star or celebrity inviting him or her to come to the launch of a charity to help the homeless. In your letter you should explain how you intend to raise money for the charity. (50)

## TEXT 2

### ENTERTAINMENT IS.....

The editor of *The Bizz*, a magazine dedicated to students' hobbies and entertainment, asked a group of Leaving Certificate students the question: what does entertainment mean to you? Read their replies.

#### 1. Michael

Going to the cinema is my idea of an entertaining evening. When you see a movie on the big screen you see it as it was meant to be seen. You get the total experience of cinema. Seeing it on video just isn't the same. In the cinema the pictures are huge and the sound effects seem to come from everywhere. My favourite film is TITANIC. The fact that I know almost everything there is to know about the story of the ship only makes it more entertaining for me in a sad sort of way. It's a weepy film and in the darkness of the cinema you can shed a tear and not get slagged for it! The director had a huge replica of the Titanic built for the film and that made the special effects real and very entertaining for me.



#### 2. Geraldine

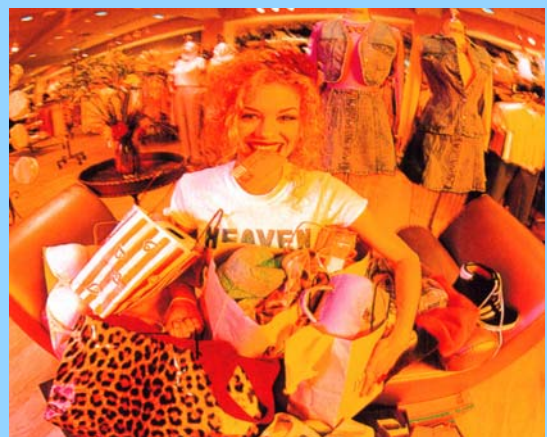
For me it's going to a really great match. I love the buzz of excitement as you join the thousands of fans streaming to Croke Park for an All Ireland Final. I was there last September for the final between Clare and Kilkenny and, yes, I was supporting Kilkenny! From the parade of the players, to the soaring cheers of both sets of fans, to the first puc, and then the wonderful flowing play as each team tried to gain the advantage, I was completely captivated.

It's hard to explain the feeling of joy and relief that you get from a great match, especially when your side is victorious.



#### 3. Nadia

Shopping, shopping and more shopping! If you want entertainment, then come shopping with me. The moment my friends and I step into a clothes shop we're in heaven. We want everything! I love trying things on and getting the opinions of my friends and then they try things on and I tell them what I think. I don't have much money at the moment since I'm studying and so I don't get to buy a lot. I'm sure I drive the shop staff insane when I end up buying a strappy top for 20 euro after spending ages trying to get things to match! Roll on summer when I can get a job and start buying up the town again.



#### 4. Rory

What entertains me? Surfing is my big thing and I can't get enough of it. I surf everywhere there are good waves but my favourite spot is Bundoran, one of the top five surf destinations in the entire world. Surfers don't care if it's sunny and warm or cold and wet. It's all to do with the waves. It's a spectacular and entertaining sport practised by over 17 million people in 70 countries worldwide. There are international surfing competitions, though most surfers see their sport as a way of life.

We love coming into contact with our environment in its purest, unpolluted form. I hope to travel the world in the quest for the ultimate wave - for adventure, challenge and excitement.



**N.B. Candidates may NOT answer Question A and Question B on the same text.**

**Questions A and B carry 50 marks each.**

#### Question A

- (i) You are the editor of **The Bizz** and you want to choose one of the images above for the front cover of the magazine. Which image would you choose? Explain your choice. (15)
- (ii) The magazine, **The Bizz**, is offering a 50 euro voucher for the best answer to the question: what does entertainment mean to you? To which of the answers above would you give the prize? Explain your choice. (15)
- (iii) From your reading of the four answers, do you think that life for today's young people is entertaining? Explain your answer. (20)

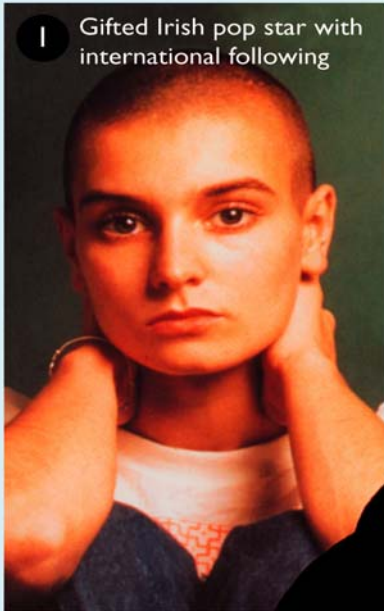
#### Question B

Write the answer you would give to the question: what does entertainment mean to you?  
(50)

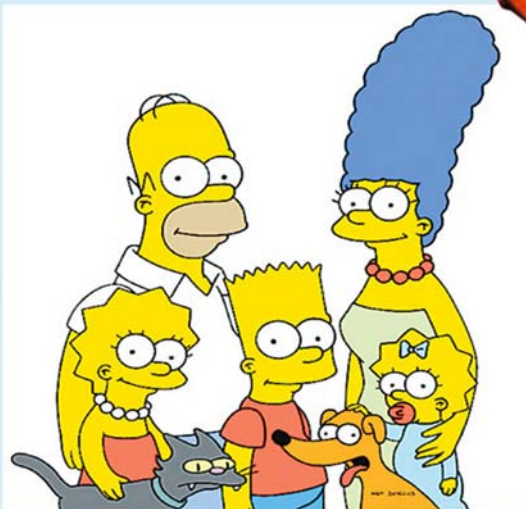
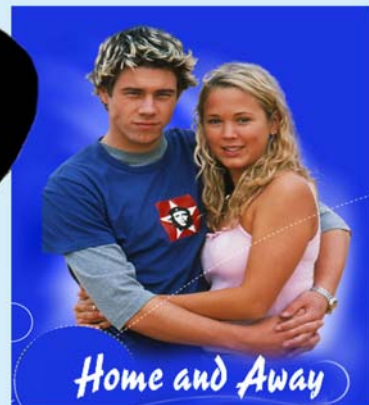
# TEXT 3

## ENTERTAINING THE WORLD

Here are pictures of some popular types of entertainment. Look at them and then answer the questions.



In *Nightmare on Elm Street* nightmare becomes reality



**N.B. Candidates may NOT answer Question A and Question B on the same text.**

**Questions A and B carry 50 marks each.**

**Question A**

- (i) Choose the image that you think is the one that most young people would recognise.  
Describe that image. (15)
- (ii) Which type of entertainment pictured above most appeals to you?  
Explain your choice. (15)
- (iii) In your opinion what makes a great entertainer? Give reasons for your answer. (20)

**Question B**

Write a review of your favourite film **or** TV programme **or** radio programme. (50)

## SECTION II

### COMPOSING (100 marks)

Write a composition on **any one** of the following.

Each composition carries 100 marks.

The composition assignments below are intended to reflect language study in the areas of information, argument, persuasion, narration, and the aesthetic use of language.

1. “Everyone had this magical feeling of entering a kingdom where you knew all your dreams were about to be realised.” (TEXT 1)

**Tell about a time when one of your dreams came true.**

2. “Unfortunately she looked and sounded more like a Sesame Street throw-back...” (TEXT 1)

**Write out a talk that you would give to a group of young people telling them how to look good and feel good about themselves.**

3. “*“Beautiful Day”* was next, followed by songs from their current album *“All that you can’t leave behind”*.” (TEXT 1)

**Give a personal account of your favourite music. You may, if you wish, write about music videos.**

4. “We love coming into contact with our environment...” (TEXT 2)

**Write a composition describing an outdoor activity you enjoy.**

5. “It’s hard to explain the feeling of joy and relief that you get from a great match, especially when your side is victorious.” (TEXT 2)

**You are a reporter for a sports newspaper. Write an account of a sporting event you thought was “great”.**

6. “Roll on summer...” (TEXT 2)

**Write about your plans for the coming summer.**

7. **Write a short story or narrative based on any of the pictures in TEXT 3.**