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To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools

Leaving Certificate Religious Education 2016

Prescribed Titles for Practical Coursework

1. A new syllabus for Leaving Certificate Religious Education was introduced in September 2003 and was examined for the first time in 2005.
2. The syllabus indicates that the assessment of Religious Education will have two elements:
(1) a final written paper, and (2) coursework.
3. The subject will be assessed externally at Ordinary Level and at Higher Level. At both levels, coursework will account for 20% of the marks.
4. The titles for coursework for the Leaving Certificate examination 2016 are attached. These titles are common to Ordinary Level and Higher Level. Candidates are required to submit coursework on **one title only** taken from *either* Section E *or* Section H. Candidates should note that they will not be examined on these sections of the syllabus in the written examination in 2016.
5. Guidelines for undertaking coursework are included in *Religious Education Leaving Certificate Higher and Ordinary Level - Guidelines for Teachers* which was issued with the syllabus in June 2003.
6. The coursework must be submitted in a standard form in a booklet, which will be issued in due course for that purpose. The coursework booklet will be broken into two components, Part A and Part B.
 - Part A will request a summary of the candidate's investigation of the chosen title.
 - Part B will be for the candidate's personal reflection on the learning, skills and experience gained through undertaking coursework on the chosen title.
7. Please bring this circular and the attached list of coursework titles to the notice of the teachers concerned.
8. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.
9. If you have any queries regarding this circular please telephone 0906442746/0906442825.

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**PRESCRIBED TITLES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSEWORK
FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2016**

A choice of two titles is given in each of Sections E and H below. Candidates should base their coursework on **one** title only, taken from *either* Section E *or* Section H.

SECTION E: RELIGION AND GENDER

- E. 1 An examination of the extent to which a person's gender influences the roles he/she performs within **one** of the following world religions:
◆ BUDDHISM ◆ CHRISTIANITY ◆ HINDUISM ◆ ISLAM ◆ JUDAISM
- E. 2 An investigation into the impact of Jesus' treatment of women on the role they played in **one** early Christian community, as presented in the Christian Scriptures.

SECTION H: THE BIBLE: LITERATURE AND SACRED TEXT

- H.1 ● The Labourers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) ● The Sower (Matthew 13:1-9)
● The Ten Wedding Attendants (Matthew 25:1-13) ● The Unjust Steward (Luke 16:1-13)
A case study on how Jesus' use of story in **one** of the above parables impacted on the original audience and on an early Christian community.
- H.2 *The written word can preserve the past and picture the potential.*
An assessment of the evidence for this statement in the reasons why the Bible has been described as a 'classic' text.