

Exam Paper Questions

Preparation Section

This section includes past exam paper questions that relate to each of the six modules. It also includes two examples of aural tests from previous exam papers. Practising these will be a great way to prepare for the exam.



There are three sections in the exam:

- Section A is the **Aural** section. You must answer **all** questions. It is worth 35 marks.
- Section B is the **Short Answer** (Multiple-Choice) section. You must answer **10** questions out of 15. It is worth 20 marks.

Note: Each year, there is usually a current affairs short question on the exam paper.

- Section C is the **Long Answer** section. There are **four** questions, Question C1, Question C2, Question C3 and Question C4. You must answer **Question C1** and any **two** other questions. It is worth 45 marks.

Aural Test

Section A – Aural Test (2019) (35 marks)



You will hear a recording of a report.

There are two parts to this report.

- **1st playing:** You will hear the entire report.
- **2nd playing:** You will hear only Part 1. You will be given time to answer Questions 1 to 5.
- **3rd playing:** You will hear only Part 2. You will be given time to answer Questions 6 to 9.
- **4th playing:** You will hear the entire report. You should then answer Question 10 which will be spoken on the recording.

This space may be used for notes.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

When you have heard Part 1 for the second time, you will have time to answer Questions 1 to 5.

1 a) When did the Civil Partnership Act become law? (1 mark)

b) What did the Civil Partnership Act allow? (2 marks)

2 a) How was marriage equality presented in the campaign? (1 mark)

b) According to the speaker, what did same same-sex couples want? (2 marks)

3 a) Who came together to advocate for the legal right to marry of same sex couples? (1 mark)

b) Why was the 2015 referendum an historic event? (2 marks)

c) As a result of this referendum which Article of the Constitution was amended? (1 mark)

4 a) What percentage of the electorate voted in the marriage equality referendum? (1 mark)

b) Why does the speaker believe that Irish people felt strongly about this issue? (2 marks)


5 a) What was signed into law on 29 October 2015? (1 mark)

b) When did the first marriage ceremony of a same-sex couple occur in Ireland? (1 mark)

Aural Test

When you have heard Part 2 for the second time, you will have time to answer Questions 6 to 9.

- 6 a) What did the speaker realise when he was twelve years old? (1 mark)
- _____
- b) What age was the speaker when he told his family he was gay? (1 mark)
- _____
- c) Why was the marriage equality referendum important to the speaker? (2 marks)
- _____
- _____
- 7 a) Why had the speaker planned to write a letter to come out to his family? (2 marks)
- _____
- _____
- b) How did his parents react to his coming out? (1 mark)
- _____
- c) How did his parents' reaction make him feel? (1 mark)
- _____
- 8 a) Why does the speaker believe that he is lucky? (2 marks)
- _____
- _____
- b) Outline **two** pieces of advice the speaker would give to someone coming out. (2 marks)
1. _____
2. _____
- 9 a) List **two** things the speaker says about his experience of coming out. (2 marks)
1. _____
2. _____
- b) List **two** reasons why the speaker was proud of his family. (2 marks)
1. _____
2. _____



When you have heard the recording for the third time, answer Question 10 which will be spoken on the recording. Your answers may be based on the information given on the recording and/or your own knowledge.

10 This question will be read out on the recording.

(4 marks)

This space may be used to write the question.

Please write your answer in the space below.

Reason: _____

Explain: _____

Reason: _____

Explain: _____

Aural Test

Section A – Aural Test (2018)

(35 marks)



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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

When you have heard Part 1 for the second time, you will have time to answer Questions 1 to 5.

1 a) When did the speaker start to experience bouts of anxiety and depression? (1 mark)

b) List **two** ways the bouts of anxiety and depression made him feel. (2 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

c) List **two** reasons why weeks went by 'in a blur'. (2 marks)

1. _____

2. _____

2 a) Why was the speaker's brother shocked? (1 mark)

b) How did the speaker feel when he went to the doctor? (1 mark)

3 a) List **two** things which have helped the speaker deal with panic, anxiety and depression. (2 marks)

1. _____ 2. _____

b) What technique is used by the speaker to prevent high levels of anxiety and stress? (2 marks)

4 a) What advantage does exercise have for the speaker's mental well-being? (1 mark)

b) According to the speaker what helps him to cope with the challenges of each day? (1 mark)


5 a) How does the speaker describe himself? (2 marks)

b) Other than medication name **one** other form of treatment for depression. (1 mark)

Aural Test

When you have heard Part 2 for the second time, you will have time to answer Questions 6 to 9.

- 6 a) According to the Global Burden of Disease study how many Irish people suffer from anxiety or depression? (1 mark)
- _____
- b) Why are people in Ireland reluctant to talk about mental health? (1 mark)
- _____
- 7 a) What is changing in our schools, the media, local communities and within the family? (2 marks)
- _____
- b) What does the speaker believe sporting organisations, clubs and schools need to do? (1 mark)
- _____
- c) How can families and friends help a loved one with mental illness? (1 mark)
- _____
- 8 a) According to the speaker what do work colleagues need to do? (1 mark)
- _____
- b) How can celebrities and leading public figures help to address this issue? (2 marks)
- _____
- c) What does the speaker believe the media need to do? (2 marks)
- _____
- 9 a) Name **one** organisation that supports people with mental health issues. (1 mark)
- _____
- b) List **two** ways this organisation helps to address the issue of mental health. (2 marks)
1. _____
2. _____
- c) Why is it important to take care of our mental health? (1 mark)
- _____



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(4 marks)

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Please write your answer in the space below.

1.

2.

3.
