



**Home Economics  
Leaving Certificate  
Higher Level**

**Past Exam Questions on  
Elective 1: Housing – Planning, building...**

### Q1 Part (a) Section C 2013

- 1.(a) **Buildings in the countryside alter and influence the landscape profoundly and become focal points for the eye.**
- (i) Outline the historical development of housing styles in Ireland since the nineteenth century to the present day. (20)
- (ii) Give an account of the specific housing requirements of the following groups:
- families
  - single people
  - elderly people. (18)
- (iii) Evaluate the adequacy of social housing provision in Ireland. (12)

### Q1 Part (a) Section C 2011

- 1.(a) **Different building styles have evolved with increasing population and advancement in construction technology. There are reasons for the development of every housing style.**
- (i) Identify three housing styles commonly found in Ireland today and suggest reasons for the popularity of each. (24)
- (ii) Outline the procedures involved in obtaining full planning permission. (12)
- (iii) Set out details of one piece of current legislation which regulates house building standards. (14)

### Q1 Part (a) Section C 2009

- 1.(a) **Self-building can be the most effective way to get the house of your dreams at a price you can afford.**
- (i) Discuss (i) the economic and (ii) the environmental factors that influence the choice of housing styles. (24)
- (ii) Describe the role of three professional services available to assist people who are designing / building their own home. (18)
- (iii) Outline the benefits of the National House Building Guarantee Scheme to the home owner. (8)

**Q1 Part (a) Section C 2008**

- 1.(a) Lifestyle & fashion trends are increasingly influencing design in the home. Many new houses are smaller, so the key requirement is to create a sociable living space that works efficiently for the modern family.



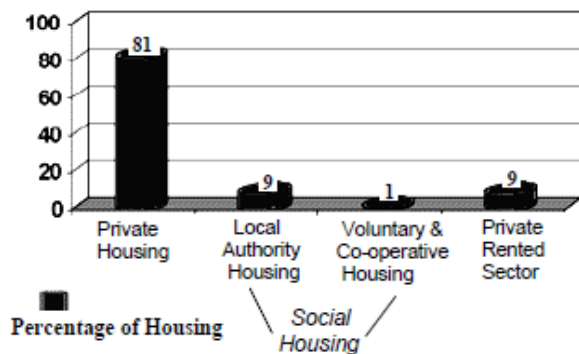
House Plan – Ground Floor Layout

- (i) Suggest **three** changes you would make to the house plan, shown in the diagram above, in order to accommodate the needs of a couple with two young children. In **each** case give a reason for your recommendation. (18)
- (ii) Describe **two** different wall finishes suitable for use in the house interior and state **two** properties of each finish. (14)
- (iii) State, giving examples, how (i) ergonomics, (ii) technological developments and (iii) environmental factors influence house design/construction. (18)

## Q1 Part (a) Section C 2007

1. (a) Housing in Ireland has undergone many changes in recent years.

Breakdown of the Housing Sector in Ireland – year 2000



- Source: ICSH publications

- (i) Using the information provided above:
- discuss the provision of housing in Ireland in the year 2000 **and**
  - comment on the adequacy of housing provision in each sector mentioned.
- (24)
- (ii) Differentiate between *Local Authority Housing* and *Co-Operative Housing*. (10)
- (iii) Evaluate the importance of local amenities and services in housing developments. (16)

## Q1 Part (b) Section C 2007

1. (b) (i) Discuss the factors to be considered when selecting floor coverings for a family home. (12)
- (ii) Describe **one** hard flooring and **one** semi-hard flooring that you would recommend for the hallway. In **each** case refer to:
- type of flooring
  - properties.
- (18)

## Q1 Part (b) Section C 2006

1. (b) (i) Discuss how aesthetic and environmental factors influence the design of modern housing. (16)
- (ii) Explain how house-building standards are regulated. Refer to at least **two** different methods. (14)