



**Home Economics  
Leaving Certificate  
Higher Level**

**Past Exam Questions on  
Elective 3: Education in Ireland**

### Q3 Part (c) Section C 2013

- 3.(c) In relation to primary schools there has been much discussion about the inherited pattern of denominational school patronage and the rights of citizens in a more culturally and religiously diverse contemporary Irish society.

*(The Forum on Patronage and Pluralism in the Primary Sector, Report of the Forum's Advisory group 2012)*

Discuss primary level education in Ireland.

Refer to:

- choice / types of primary school
- curriculum offered
- educational supports / resources
- provision for pupils with special needs. (30)

### Q3 Part (a) Section C 2011

- 3.(a) 'Less than 15 percent of Leaving Certificate students in some poorer areas of Dublin are progressing to third level while most schools in south Dublin have a progression rate of 100 percent.'

*(The Irish Times, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010)*

- (i) Analyse the principle factors that influence educational achievement. (24)
- (ii) Discuss **four** factors that contribute to the increasing demand for adult and second chance education in Ireland. (16)
- (iii) Name and give details of **one** contemporary initiative that has improved access for students to third level education. (10)

### Q3 Part (c) Section C 2010

- 3.(c) 'Secondary education in Ireland aims to build on the foundation of primary education to provide a comprehensive, high quality learning environment to enable all students to live full lives and to realise their potential as individuals and citizens.'

*(www.educationireland.ie)*

- (i) Outline the purpose of education as a preparation for work. (10)
- (ii) Discuss equality of opportunity in education with reference to **each** of the following:
- gender equity
  - early school leavers. (20)

### Q3 Part (b) Section C 2009

- 3.(b) **A rapidly changing society makes new demands on the State to deliver a school that reflects the diversity of the community it serves.**
- (i) In relation to the above statement, analyse how the supports provided in schools accommodate the educational requirements of
- pupils with special needs and
  - pupils from different ethnic backgrounds. (18)
- (ii) Outline the contribution of education to the socialisation of young children. (12)

### Q3 Part (a) Section C 2008

- 3.(a) **‘It would appear that an increasing number of parents in Ireland are now recognising the importance of early childhood education, with many looking to enrol their children in pre-schools and Montessori facilities.’**  
*(Press release, 2007)*

- (i) Discuss the purpose of education in relation to the physical, emotional, moral and intellectual development of the child. (24)
- (ii) Comment on how socio-economic status impacts on equality of opportunity in education. (15)
- (iii) Name and give an account of one national initiative that improves access to education. (11)

### Q3 Part (c) Section C 2006

3. (c) (i) Name and describe two contemporary initiatives which aim to improve the accessibility of education. (18)
- (ii) Outline the measures taken to alleviate gender inequity in education. (12)