

IRISH BOARD OF SPEECH AND DRAMA

DIPLOMA OF LICENTIATE

PAPER ONE

7th JUNE 2026

2.00pm – 4.40pm

Time: 2½ hours, plus 10 minutes reading time

Instructions:

PLEASE ANSWER **FIVE** OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

Please remember to complete the cover of your answer book in **BLOCK CAPITALS**.
Write on one side of the page only.

1.

Identify a theory of teaching and learning which informs your practice.
Explain how you apply this theory in the context of your Speech and Drama classes.

2.

Starting from clearly defined aims and objectives, write a detailed lesson plan for a 40-minute class of junior pupils on a topic of your choice.

3.

Discuss how you would promote inclusivity in your school, with particular reference to gender, race, cultural background, sexual orientation and differing abilities.

4.

Describe the sources from which you obtain suitable material for your classes, including poetry, prose and drama.
Explain the criteria you use to ensure that such material is appropriate, engaging and relevant.

5.

Discipline and mutual respect are essential to effective learning.
Discuss your approach to behaviour management in the Speech and Drama classroom.

6.

Outline the criteria you would apply when assessing the following:

- (a) Verse Speaking
- (b) Solo Drama
- (c) Sight Reading
- (d) Mime

7.

Speech and Drama festivals (Feiseanna) can play an important role in a student's development.

Discuss the benefits and potential drawbacks of participation and explain how you would manage students' expectations.

8.

Describe how a well-planned school concert can benefit:

- (a) the students
- (b) their parents
- (c) the teacher
- (d) the wider school community

9.

Identify a play with which you are familiar.

Provide a brief summary of the plot and discuss from the perspective of a drama practitioner, its value for performance.

10.

Assessment is a key component of teaching and learning.

Describe the methods you use to assess students' progress and discuss how and to what extent you communicate this information to students and parents.