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Litir Section

The letter section is part 3 on paper 2 of the exam. This question is worth 30 marks. You get a choice of three letters – usually two informal letters (to friends/family) and one formal letter (to a newspaper or someone you do not know). You are given a number of points to mention in the letter - usually three, four or five.

Advice for this section

- You should ignore the formal letter option and choose between one of the informal letters, as they are much easier
- Make sure you include every point – there are marks going for each one
- Make sure you have learned off a suitable layout with an address, date, greeting and ending
- Do not over complicate your sentences as it will risk losing marks
- Make sure you have words and phrases learnt off before your exam
- Spend about 25-30 minutes on this question

An Litir

Seoladh (address)

- Normal: 42 Bóthar na Trá  
  An Charraig Dhubh  
  Baile Átha Cliath  
  Éire

- Holidays: Óstán Sol  
  Páras  
  An Fhrainc

- Irish College: Tigh Máire  
  Tobhar an Choire  
  Co. Dún na Gall
Dáta (date)

*Eg: 12ú (12th) ______ (month goes here) 2015
- Eanáir
- Feabhra
- Márta
- Aibreán
- Bealtaine
- Meitheamh
- Iúil
- Lúnasa
- Meán Fómhair
- Deireadh Fómhair
- Samhain
- Nollaig

Tús (beginning)


Críoch (ending)

Caithfidh mé imeacht anois mar tá mo dhhinnéar réidh. Feicfidh mé tú go luath. Beidh mé ag tnúth go mór leis!
**Letter Layout**

Address (3 lines)
Date

A _____ (eg. A Eoin)

**Beginning** (learn above one)

**Body of the letter** (this is where the points you are given will go – you will also have to expand on each point and give each point its own paragraph)

**Ending** (learn above one)

Slán go fóill,

_______ (put your name here)

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**Letter Phrases**

Tá nuacht mór agam = I have big news
Ní chreidfidh tú mé = You will not believe me
Tá sé i mbarr a réime = He is at the peak of his career
Bhí an t-atmaisféar leictreach le brath = There was an electric atmosphere to be felt
In ard a gcinn agus a ngutha = At the top of his voice
Caithfidh mé a rá = I must say
Bhí sé dochreidte ar fad = He was absolutely unbelievable
Thaitin an lá go mór liom = I enjoyed the day very much
Ní dhéanfaidh mé dearmad go deo air = I will never forget it
*Every year various different topics can come up in the letters, so I would not advise learning vocabulary on specific occasions such as holidays or moving house. This may seem hard then, as you will most likely have to hope you know how to translate the points given. If you are studying correctly and have learned the two stories (cluiche peile and ceolchoirm), you will understand that you wont be using one of these stories.

• This may seem like a waste but I think it is a great idea to bring all the vocabulary you know from the unused story (as you have already completed paper one, so you know which story you have not used) into the letter, and use it when expanding on the points they give. From my experience, this is the best thing to do, as you can always fit it in and impress examiners with your learned off phrases.