Video-Audio
1. Watch the trail of the video and be able to comprehend the idea. (5 questions)
2. Read the text and match these titles. (5 questions)
3. Mapping (10 questions)
4. Knowledge of the Country (20 questions)
5. English Grammar
   a) (verbs – verbals) ghost stories (5 questions)
   b) lexicology (famous people) (5 questions)
   50 points.

II. Ireland Celtic Rules

(1) The Corrs’ second album, Talk on Corners, was one of the most popular albums of the nineties, along with international bestsellers by Enya. The success of the Irish dance musical, Lord of the Dance made its creator, Michael Flatley, one of the richest performers in show business. And veteran group the Chieftains, who began playing in pubs, now give sell-out concerts at major venues all over the world. What do they have in common? They are all Irish.

(2) Celtic music is clearly having some of its best moments. In fact, with Irish pubs opening all over the world, Irish music is played from Kiev to Katmandu. Most of the music you hear in them is traditional dance music – and you are expected to dance. An Irish music session is not a spectacular sport! If you don’t participate, you’ll miss out on the ‘craic’ – the most exciting moments of the evening.

(3) Of course, Irish music has its quieter moods. Some people say that the harp, a national symbol, has magical powers. Another national instrument is the Uilleann pipes, a kind of sophisticated bagpipes, which featured in the film Titanic. There is a local saying that it takes ‘seven years of learning, seven years of practicing, and seven years of playing’ to master them. The violin, or ‘fiddle’, is played all over the country.

(4) Music is an important new export of Irish culture, but writers are doing well, too. In the past, Ireland has produced some of the best writers and poets in the English language; people like Jonathan Swift, James Joyce, W.B. Yeats, George Bernard Shaw and Oscar Wilde. More recently, the poet Seamus Heaney won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995, and Roddy Doyle received praise throughout Europe for his novels.

(5) Not to be left out, the Irish film scene is looking good. The government has created a fund for films about (and produced in) Ireland and actors such as Liam Neeson and Pierce Brosnan are international stars. Among the films you should watch are My Left Foot, which won two Oscars, Father In the Name of the and Michael Collins.
1. Read the text again and match these titles with the paragraphs.
   A. Dance Music  B. Worldwide Success  C. Irish Cinema  D. Traditional Instruments  E. Irish Writers

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2. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?
1. The Chieftains have always played to large audiences.
2. The best way to appreciate Irish dance music is to sit and listen.
3. The Ulleann pipes are easy to play.
4. Many great names in English Literature were Irish.
5. The Irish government helps the Irish film industry.

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1. On which continent is Ireland located? ________________________

2. In what ocean is Ireland located? ________________________

3. What is the name of the sea that borders Ireland on the east? __________________________________

4. The island of Ireland is divided into the Republic of Ireland and the much smaller Northern Ireland. What is the capital of the Republic of Ireland? __________________________

5. What is the name of the bay near the city of Sligo? _____________________________

6. What is the name of the river that flows by Limerick? ______________________________

7. Is Wicklow on the north, south, east, or west coast of Ireland? ____________________________

8. The highest point in Ireland is Carrauntoohil. Is Carrauntoohil in the northeast, northwest, southeast, or southwest of Ireland? _____________________________

9. If you wanted to travel from Galway to Dublin, in which direction would you head? ____________________________
10. Roughly how many miles is it from Dublin to Clifden: 2 miles, 20 miles, 200 miles, 2,000 miles, or 20,000 miles? __________________________

IV. Show your knowledge of English. Circle the right answer.

1. Ireland is ___ of Britain.
   a. west
   b. next to
   c. near

2. 2. The capital ___ Ireland is Dublin.
   a. of
   b. in
   c. at

3. 3. The population of Dublin is about one million, ie. ___.
   a. 100,000
   b. 10,000,000
   c. 1,000,000

4. 4. There are three cows for every ___ in Ireland.
   a. person
   b. people
   c. cattle

5. 5. The most popular ___ rock band is U2.
   a. Irelandish
   b. Irelandese
   c. Irish

6. 6. Ireland has many pubs and only a ___ of them are empty.
   a. many
   b. few
   c. little

7. 7. Irish traditional ___ uses many instruments including violin, accordian and oileann pipes.
   a. cooking
   b. music
   c. doctors

8. 8. The most common language in Ireland is ___.
   a. English
   b. Icelandic
   c. Irish

9. 9. ___ to the law, the first language of Ireland is Irish.
   a. According
   b. By
   c. Under

10. 10. The ___ of Ireland is Celtic.
      a. culture
b. climate
c. currency

11. Where does the name of the country come from?

1. ☐ A legend of an angry leprechaun.
2. ☐ An Irish fable of settlers who tended the potato fields.
3. ☐ A mythological goddess.
4. ☐ A quote from the bible.

12. Which one of these groups of people did NOT settle in Ireland?

1. ☐ Celts
2. ☐ Puritans
3. ☐ Vikings
4. ☐ Normans

13. The geography of Ireland is composed mainly of:

1. ☐ Swamps and Marsh
2. ☐ Prairies and Foothills
3. ☐ Meadows and Pastures
4. ☐ Forests and Lakes

14. Which one of these bodies of water does NOT border Ireland?

1. ☐ The Viking Sea
2. ☐ The Celtic Sea
3. ☐ The Irish Sea
4. ☐ The Atlantic Ocean

15. What year did Ireland become an independent country?

1. ☐ 1800
2. ☐ 1846
3. ☐ 1914
4. ☐ 1921

16. What major crop failed during the major famine and depression in Irish history?

1. ☐ Potato
2. Tomato
3. Corn
4. Wheat

17. The Republic of Ireland is divided into 26 counties and these two major areas.

1. Eastern and Western Ireland
2. Northern and Southern Ireland
3. Eastern and Southern Ireland
4. Northern and Western Ireland

18. Dublin gave the world several prominent literary figures. Which of these is NOT one of them?

1. William Butler Yeats
2. T.S. Eliot
3. James Joyce
4. Oscar Wilde

19. What is the title of James Joyce's collection of short stories about Dublin?

1. The Land of Heart's Desire
2. Twice-Told Tales
3. Dubliners
4. Ulysses

20. Who is the current president of Ireland?

1. President Mary McAleese
2. President Mary Robinson
3. President Patrick Hillery
4. President Douglas Hyde

21. What is the most popular sport in Ireland?

1. Soccer
2. Boxing
3. Gaelic Games
4. Rugby
V. Show your knowledge of English grammar

Famous Irish Ghost Stories

Irish Ghost Stories

Irish Ghost Stories - Marshal Browne

In a place (call) Clongowes Wood, which is near Clane in County Kildare, there lived a family by the name of Eustace. The Eustace family forfeited Clongowes Wood because of their involvement in the insurrection of 1641, after which it (pass) into the hands of a Richard Reynel, who consequently sold it to the Browne family. One of the Browne men became a Marshal in the Austrian army, and during his time of service, the house (occupy) by his two sisters.

The sisters regularly engaged in needlework during the afternoons, and one day whilst working away in a room off the main hall, they were amazed to see their brother walk in in his full military uniform. He clasped his hands over his heart, and the sisters were shocked to see red stains on his tunic in that area. He led them upstairs, and upon following him, they watched him disappear on reaching one of the bathrooms.

The sisters, convinced that their beloved brother had been mortally wounded in battle, immediately went into mourning and had Masses offered for the salvation of his soul. A bodyless wake was attended by local gentry who, as no surprise, thought it was a bit strange. However, the sister’s worst thoughts were confirmed when an official letter arrived at the house informing the ladies of their brother’s death in battle.
Answers (Task 4)

11. A mythological goddess. Ireland is a word that combines the name of a mythological Celtic goddess named Eriu and the Germanic word for "land." Eriu was said to have two other sisters who all requested that their names be the country's title, but Eriu became the name we know today as Ireland.

12. Puritans. Though Scottish and English colonists settled on the island, Puritans colonized the U.S. colonies, not Ireland.

13. Meadows and Pastures. Seventy-seven percent of Ireland's terrain consists of meadows and pastures, the rest of the land is 10% Arable, 11% rough grazing areas and 2% is inland water.

14. The Viking Sea. The Celtic and Irish Seas border the island with the Atlantic Ocean.

15. 1921. After the Anglo-Irish War of 1919-1921m Great Britain and Ireland signed the Anglo-Irish treaty of 1921.

16. Northern and Southern Ireland. Ireland is partitioned into two major areas dividing the independence South and the British-ruled North.

17. Dublin. The capital of Ireland is Dublin, which is located in the Southeastern part of the country and is also the nation's largest city. Dublin began as a Viking settlement and has since become one of the fastest growing cities in Europe.

18. T.S. Eliot. Thomas Stearns Eliot was an American poet and literary critic born in St. Louis, Missouri. Eliot studied at Harvard University and later won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1948. His famous poems include, "The Wasteland" and "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock."

19. Dubliners. The collection of 15 stories written by James Joyce was created at the peak of the nationalist movement in Ireland and is meant to depict middle class life in and near Dublin.

20. President Mary McAleese. President McAleese is the second woman president in succession for Ireland, which elects a new president every seven years. President Mary Robinson governed from December 1990 to 1997. President Patrick Hillery was her predecessor and President Hyde was the first Irish president in 1938. Краец форми

21. Gaelic Games. According to many travel websites and sporting event attendance records, Gaelic Games like Gaelic Football and Hurling are the most popular sports in the country. While soccer (also called football) and Rugby Union (rugby, for short) are also very popular, traditional sports are still among the most fun to watch and play for the Irish.

Task 4 Answers

Called
passed
was occupied

Irish History

1. What was the name of the people who settled Ireland between 600 and 150 BC?

2. What was the tuatha?
3. Which people attacked Ireland between 800-850 AD?

4. Which English Monarch encouraged settlement of Ireland in the 1550s?

5. Why did many Irish chieftains flee the country in 1607?

6. Which immigrants bought land in the 17th Century at six pence per acre?

7. To which British colonies did Cromwell order many Irishmen and women to be transported to as labour?

8. What did the Treaty of Limerick signed in 1691 penalize?

9. A decline in which material trade spurred Irish immigration to the U.S. between 1772 and 1777?

10. True or False: The Irish formed between a third to a half of all patriots in the American Revolutionary War?

11. Which Irish Society uprising was destroyed by the British in 1798?

12. What hit Ireland between 1840-1850?

13. Which organization was founded in 1850 to fight for fair rent, fixity of tenure and free sale?

14. Who was deprived of property and authority by The Disestablishment Act of 1869?

15. In which year did Ireland become a free country independent of Britain?
1. Who is the current (October 2009) reigning Miss Ireland who will represent Ireland later this year in the Miss World competition?

2. Who represented Ireland at the 2009 Eurovision Song Contest in Moscow?

3. Which town was the overall winner of the 2009 National Tidy Towns competition?

4. Name the author of the books 'Damburst of Dreams' and 'Under the Eye of the Clock' who died on February 20, 2009 aged 44?

5. On which Fijian island was Cork hurler Sean Og O hAlpin born on May 22, 1977?

6. Which Irish actress, probably best remembered for playing Mrs Cadogan in 'The Irish R.M.' and more recently, Ursula Cruise in the RTE soap 'Fair City', died on March 8, 2009 aged 84?

7. Who is the current (October 2009) reigning Rose of Tralee?

8. Which newspaper was first published in Ireland on March 29, 1859?

9. Which weekly magazine, one of Ireland's bestselling magazines, was first published on April 26, 1963?

10. Who wrote the songs "Make Me An Island" (1969) and "You're Such a Good Looking Woman" (1970) which were huge hits for the late Joe Dolan?

11. In Northern Ireland, who succeed Hugh Orde as Chief Constable of the PSNI?

12. What was Status Quo's only UK number one hit single?

13. What is the name of the New Zealand long range weather forecaster who correctly predicted Ireland's poor summer and good September?


16. Which TD in the current Dail uses a wheelchair?

17. Which Irish-born actor plays King Henry VIII in the TV series ?The Tudors??

18. At which weight division does Katie Taylor box?

19. Who is the editor (October 2009) of the ?Irish Independent' newspaper?

20. Who is the current (October 2009) British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland?