

SLIDE PRESENTATION

LEVEL: **INTERMEDIATE**

Ref: SPI/312/C

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- 1 The slides below may be keyed in to your presentation package prior to the day of the examination and be available to you on the day of the examination.
- 2 The information required for the **first three slides** is given below.

They are given in a very basic format. Candidates are encouraged to have the slides prepared in a manner that they consider appropriate. This work can be done prior to the date of the examination so that candidates can pick up from this point of their presentation on the day of the examination. Slide 2 below will give you a certain amount of information as to the content of your slide show. This can allow you to do some ground work for the show you will be asked to present on the day of the examination.
- 3 Save the slides in an appropriate file so that they are available to you on the day of the examination.
- 4 The information to be contained in the three slides is given below:
Please ensure that all slides are numbered.

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Slide 1: In the first slide, give some information about yourself such as your name, details of your school, the name and level of the examination you are presently sitting and the date of the examination.

Slide 2: Your slide show is going to be about the Academy awards or the Oscars.
Please insert this as a feature heading for the slide including an appropriate graphic/s.
Insert your own name as the presenter of the slide show.

Slide 3: The third slide will show your agenda for your presentation.
It is best to finish this (other than the heading) when you have your other slides completed on the day of the examination.

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TIME ALLOWED: 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 You have already keyed in and prepared three slides.
You are now requested to continue the same slide show, keying in and presenting **a further SEVEN slides** based on the information given below. The final slide should be an appropriate concluding slide.
- 2 You have been asked to make a presentation to your class on the Academy Awards (the Oscars). You have researched a lot of information on the awards and you have been requested to give a presentation to your class.
The slide show is to be presented to your class using your own name and using the information given below.
- 3 The completed slide show may be forwarded to the Board as an email attachment to: [\(cebexams@eircom.net\)](mailto:cebexams@eircom.net)

It is also acceptable for your teacher/supervisor to put your slide show onto a CD or memory stick and to forward it in this manner to the board.

Slide shows forwarded exclusively in hard copy will not be accepted by the board for correction.
- 4 Please use as many features of your slide show package as possible.

This should include: graphic/s, headers/footers, numbering of slides, transitions and animations. Creativity and initiative will be rewarded.

Please remember that the slides are intended to 'prompt' the presenter into making a point and therefore do not need to contain complete sentences.

TASK

The first Academy Award ceremony was held in 1929. It is the oldest award ceremony in the media and it is this that makes it the most prestigious award sought after by all involved in the cinematic industry. The awards are officially known as 'The Oscars' and they are awarded to those involved in the cinematic industry who achieves high standards of excellence.

Every actor and actress desires to win the famous Oscar statuette. It can be the highlight of their career. The statuette has a height of thirteen and a half inches and weighs eight and a half pounds. The very famous design shows a knight holding a crusader's sword and standing on a reel of film. To this present day, 2,809 statuettes have been awarded and the very first recipient

was Emil Jannings named best actor for his performances in ‘The Last Command’ and ‘the Way of All Flesh’ in 1929.

The academy is made up of slightly less than 6,000 members. These members then vote for the nominees from whom they will select the winners and losers. These nominees are usually announced in February each year. A great deal of secrecy is maintained about the members of the academy. However, it is believed that approximately 22% of them are actors and actresses. It is a great privilege to be asked to become a member of the academy.

The following chart gives some information on recent academy award ceremonies:

CEREMONY	DATE	BEST PICTURE	VIEWERS	HOST	VENUE
83rd	27/02/2011	The King’s Speech	37.90 m	James Franco / Anne Hathaway	Dolby Theatre
84th	26/02/2012	The Artist	39.46 m	Billy Crystal	Dolby Theatre
85th	24/02/2013	Argo	40.38 m	Seth MacFarlane	Dolby Theatre

The Academy has awarded some iconic films the award of Best Picture. These include: Mutiny on the Bounty, Gone with the wind, Casablanca, Around the world in eighty days and in more recent years, Braveheart, Titanic and of course The King’s Speech mentioned above.

The list of those who won best actor is like the ‘whose who’ of the cinematic world. It includes: James Stewart, James Cagney, Spencer Tracey, Bing Crosby and in more recent years, Michael Douglas, Kevin Spacey and Daniel Day-Lewis.

The list of those who won the best actress award include: Katherine Hepburn, Bette Davis, Vivien Leigh and in more recent years, Kate Winslet, Sandra Bullock and Meryl Streep.

There are a wide range of categories awarded. In addition to those mentioned above, the academy award a statuette for: best animated short film, best costume design, best foreign language film, best original score and best visual effects.

There is an important Irish element to the awards. Brenda Fricker is the only Irish actress to bring home a golden statuette. She won the best Supporting Actress award for playing the part of Christy Brown’s mother in the film ‘My Left Foot’. Daniel Day-Lewis won best actor in the same film which was the only Irish film to be nominated for best movie. The Irish actor Peter O’Toole achieved the most nominations for an award (he has eight in total) without actually winning any. He received an honorary award in 2003.

There is no doubt that the Oscars have maintained its popularity. There are a number of reasons for this. Most people love the glitz and glamour associated with the Oscars. The show sets fashion trends as the public have a huge appetite for what the stars are wearing. Cinema goers love to see their favourite film or actress winning an award. It helps to sell millions of magazines as the public desire to see the attendees close up. Finally, it is a huge TV event with huge audiences throughout the world.

The 86th Academy Awards will be held in the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles on 2 March 2014. Film buffs are already speculating on who will win the various awards. The show will be hosted by Ellen DeGeneres. She is a talk show host in the US and she stated lately that it is a privilege to be hosting the show. It is expected that the popularity of the show will be as great as ever and TV audiences are expected to continue on its upward trend.