

IRISH NATIONAL MATHEMATICS CONTEST

The contest was held on March 4, 1980. The examination paper is that of the U.S. National High School Contest and the examination is held simultaneously in participating countries. A total of 79 schools entered 1681 students for the contest, an increase of 724 over last year's entry. Results were received from 71 schools on behalf of 1344 students and a summary of their performance is given. The names of those who scored 80 or more (out of 150) is given also. Jonathan F. Griffin, who won last year's contest, repeated his success, and indeed, was the only one to score 100 marks or better.

It is interesting to note that 416,024 students from 6,887 schools in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Italy, Virgin Islands and Guam did the examination. Of these, only 256 achieved marks greater than 100. There was, however, one perfect paper, written by

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Distribution of Marks

<u>Scores</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 9	0	0	0
10 - 19	2	2	4
20 - 29	6	30	36
30 - 39	104	138	242
40 - 49	206	230	436
50 - 59	235	135	370
60 - 69	128	44	172
70 - 79	51	10	61
80 - 89	14	4	18
90 - 99	2	2	4
100 - 109	1	0	1
110 - 119			
120 - 129			
130 - 139			
140 - 149			
150			
<b>Totals</b>	<hr/> 749	<hr/> 595	<hr/> 1344
<b>Median Score</b>	52.40	45.54	48.94

Individual Role of Honour

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<u>Score</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>County</u>
109	Griffin, Jonathan F.	Ard Scoil Ris	Limerick
95	O'Sullivan, Oonagh	Holy Cross College	Kerry
95	Bowe, Frances	St. Dominic's College, Cabra	Dublin
92	Kavanagh, Richard C.	Presentation College	Cork
92	Cronin, Michael	lackrock College	Dublin
89	Quill, Adrian D.	St. Munchin's College	Limerick
87	Browne, Thomas	O'Connell School	Dublin
86	Moran, Seamus	O'Connell School	Dublin
85	Campbell, Aisling	St. Dominic's College, Cabra	Dublin
85	Moriarty, Derek	Templeogue College	Dublin
85	Sanfey, Peter	Belvedere College	Dublin
85	Palmer, John B.	Holy Cross College	Kerry
85	Dennehy, John A.	Presentation College	Cork
85	Nestor, Kieran D.	" "	"
84	O'Sullivan, Michael D.	Salesian College	Limerick
83	O'Dowd, John	St. Laurence's College, Shankill	Dublin
83	Horgan, Emer	Ashton Comprehensive School	Cork
82	Roche, Michael J.	Presentation College	Cork
81	Mattar, Joseph J.	Colaiste an Spioraid Naoinh	Cork
80	McCarthy, Patrick C.	Colaiste Christ Ri	Cork
80	Moloney, Tom P.	St. Michael's College	Kerry
80	Deegan, Robert	St. Aidan's CBS, Whitehall	Dublin
80	Farrell, Paula	St. Dominic's College, Cabra	Dublin
80	Leonard, Verona	St. Dominic's College, Cabra	Dublin