



2008 Gaelic (Learners)

Intermediate 2 – Reading and Writing

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Reading

The marking scheme contains detail that can be elicited from the text. The exact wording need not be adhered to, as long as the candidates' answers convey comprehension.

-½ mark for use of plurals instead of singular, or vice versa.

-1 mark at reading, ½ mark in listening for not contextualising vocabulary correctly.

-1 for not following multiple choices and opting for additional responses.

1. (a) Her grandfather (1)
 - (b) (i) A week (1)
(ii) Two weeks/fortnight (1)
 - (c) Feed (1) the hens/chickens (1) **OR** gave milk (1) to the lambs (1)
 - (d) Big (1) mountains (1) **OR** lovely (1) beaches (1)
 - (e) Tourists (1)

2. (a) Italy (1)
 - (b) His parents (1) and brother (1)
 - (c) (i) Aberdeen (1) airport (1)
(ii) Quarter to six (1)
 - (d) Sunny (1) all week (1) but rained (1) on Thursday (1)
 - (e) Interesting (1)
 - (f) People (1) food (1) sights/views (1) (**any 2**)

3. (a) His cousin (1) James (1) is a student there (1)
 - (b) Busy (1) uncomfortable (1)
 - (c) Excellent (1)
 - (d) Trainers/sports shoes (1) black trousers (1) mobile phone (1) MP3 player (1)
(**any 2**)
 - (e) Funny/comedy (1)
 - (f) Tasty (1) sweet (1)

4. (a) Her mother's sister/auntie (1)
(b) Very/quite (1) tired (1)
(c) Much (1) bigger (1) and busier (1)
(d) Climbed (1) mountains/hills (1)

Total marks 40

SECTION B(ii): WRITING

Marks will be awarded for communicating effectively and displaying a knowledge and application of grammar and structures.

At this level candidates are expected to produce straightforward written Gaelic. A satisfactory written piece will be characterised by:

- appropriateness of structure
- suitability for purpose and audience
- clarity, fluency and accuracy
- variety of vocabulary
- variety of sentence structures

Mark Range	Description of Performance
34-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the candidate produces text containing straightforward language structures and vocabulary which can be readily understood• the candidate structures the written response competently
28-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the candidate's response demonstrates awareness of the rules of grammar for the level with few errors• the candidate writes at reasonable length and uses memorised material appropriately• the candidate draws on memorised material but uses it awkwardly
26-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the candidate produces text containing straightforward language structures and vocabulary which can be almost always understood• the candidate structures the written response with some competence
24-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the candidate's response demonstrates awareness of the rules of grammar for this level with a small number of errors of a major nature• the candidate writes at length and uses memorised material appropriately for the most part• the candidate draws on memorised material but uses it awkwardly
22-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the candidate produces text containing straightforward language structures and vocabulary which can be understood by a sympathetic reader• the candidate makes an acceptable attempt to structure the written response
20-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the candidate's response shows sufficient awareness of the rules of grammar, appropriate to this level, to ensure comprehension in spite of errors• the candidate draws on memorised material but uses it awkwardly
16-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the candidate produces text containing straightforward language structures which a sympathetic reader finds difficult to understand in parts• the candidate makes an attempt to structure the written response• the candidate's response shows an awareness of the rules of grammar, appropriate to this level, but errors in language are common• the candidate attempts to draw on memorised material but uses it very awkwardly
14-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the candidate produces text containing straightforward language structures which a sympathetic reader finds difficult or impossible to understand in the main
0-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the candidate's attempts to structure the written response contain frequent linguistic errors• the candidate writes in phrases or short sentences which are limited in variety and convey little or no relevant information• it may be difficult or impossible to comprehend most of the candidate's response

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