

National Qualifications 2009

Gàidhlig and Gaelic (Learners) Standard Grade, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher (Learners only)

Listening Tests

Instructions to Person Nominated to Operate Sound Equipment

Note: Centres **must** use the recording supplied.

- a Recordings will be supplied on CD.
- b Sound equipment will require to be checked **before the test** to ensure that it is in satisfactory working order. The equipment should be suited to the size of the room(s) used and/or to the number of candidates in a group. The optimum number of candidates in each group, and the best position for the player so that all candidates can hear clearly, should be determined by practical experiment beforehand. Provided that arrangements are suitable for candidates to write their answers, a language laboratory may be used.
- c You will require to be in the examination room approximately 20 minutes before the start of the test, to set up the equipment in readiness for the test and to carry out the check of the recording.
- d When you receive the CD from the invigilator, check to ensure that it is appropriately labelled. Then play **a short section** of the recording in the presence of the invigilator, on the equipment and in the room to be used for the test, to check for any faults and to adjust volume and tone as necessary.
When the check has been completed satisfactorily, return the recording to the start in readiness for the test.
- e No candidate is to be present or within earshot during the recording check or admitted to the room until the check has been completed.
- f After the recording check, you will remain in the examination room to operate the machine for the test. On instruction from the invigilator you will start the machine.

The questions, the repeated playings of each item and appropriate periods of silence are all incorporated in the recording. Therefore the recording should be played through without interruption.

When the appropriate final wording has been delivered on the recording concerned, you should stop the machine and leave the room.

NB While you are in the room you must have no communication whatever with the candidates on the content of the test.