

Exemplar Question Papers for Higher Gàidhlig

The Exemplar Question Papers and Marking Instructions have been developed to be used by centres and candidates to prepare for question papers (exams) as part of Higher Course assessment. They show how questions from past papers can be used or amended to support candidates in their exam preparation.

The structure of the Exemplar Question Papers is aligned with the guidance in the Course Assessment Specification, which is available on the subject page (at www.sqa.org.uk/browsecfsubjects).

The questions in the Exemplar Question Papers follow the style and structure of similar questions in the [Specimen Question Papers](#) (also available on the subject page). The paper overall is designed to provide the same level of demand as the Specimen Question Papers; and the detailed Marking Instructions reflect the approach of those in the Specimen Question Papers.

The questions included in the Higher Exemplar Question Papers were, as far as possible, selected or amended from those used in past papers, in accordance with the [Guidance on the use of past paper questions](#) document. Care has been taken to align the information in the table below with the questions identified in the guidance document and used in the Exemplar Question Papers. Any misalignment in this information will be updated as part of our regular revisions in 2015.

If no suitable questions were available in recent past papers for reasons of sampling or because there is now new content, new questions were developed or appropriate questions were selected/adapted from other years. Details of how questions have been amended for this Exemplar Question Paper are given in the table below.

When using any past paper questions, it is important to remember that centres and candidates must take into account the generic guidance on selection and/or amendments to questions below.

- ◆ You must select questions that provide learners with the same level of challenge as those in the Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- ◆ You may be able to use questions as published or with amendments as suggested in the columns below.
- ◆ You must use questions that adhere to the Higher general marking principles and reflect the form of detailed Marking Instructions as published in the Higher Specimen Question Paper.

If any change to a question/item is necessary, you must ensure that:

- ◆ The style and structure matches the Specimen Question Paper for Higher.
- ◆ Marking of the learner's response to the question adheres to the general marking principles in the Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- ◆ Marking Instructions are amended to reflect the style of the Higher detailed Marking Instructions.

Additional subject specific information for Higher Gàidhlig

The table below shows which questions in the Exemplar Question Papers were selected/amended from past papers (and in what way they were amended) in accordance with the **Guidance on the use of past paper questions for Higher** document and also lists any new questions.

The Exemplar Question Papers for Higher can be found on the [subject page](#).

Glossary of terms

Term	Explanatory Comment
Question used as published in past paper	Past paper question has been used as previously published.
Past paper question with context amended	Past paper question has been used, but the basis of the information has altered, eg in Geography, this may mean a change in context from glaciation to coasts.
Past paper question with source amended	Past paper question has been used, but the source of information is different, eg in English this may mean a different text has been used.
Past paper question with style amended	Past paper question has been used, but the style of questioning has changed. eg in Mathematics, multiple-choice questions may have been changed to a short response question.
Past paper question with structure amended	Past paper question has been used but the structure of the question has changed, eg in Physics it may mean only part of question was used with amendments to Marking Instructions to take account of no half marks.
New question written	This is a new area of Course content.

Reading section

Exemplar Question Paper question number	Question used as published in past paper, with or without amendment to Marking Instructions	Past paper question with style amended	Past paper question with structure amended	New question written
Text: <i>Mairead</i> 2012 Past Paper			Text appropriate to contexts, level, length, so almost no changes required. One minor alteration made.	
Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formatting of text and questions to allow line numbers in the text, and questions now refer to specific parts of the text. • Many of the questions are based on those in the previous past paper but have been altered into the new format for questioning. • Marking Instructions have been in most cases altered and expanded but are still based on the original versions. 				
1	2010 past paper Q1			
2(a)		Minor alteration with command word changed. 2010 past paper Q2 (a)		
2(b)				New question
3(a)		Minor alteration to command words. 2010 past paper Q3 (a)		
3(b)				New question
4				New question

5			Slight rewording of original question	
6				New question
7				New question
8				New question devised to include a summarising question focusing on a specific section of the text
9(a)			Slight rewording of original question	
9(b)				New question
10	Question as published in past paper			
11				New question
12				New question devised to include an evaluative question at the end of the text

Critical Reading and Writing section

Exemplar Question Paper task number	Question used as published in past paper, with or without amendment to Marking Instructions	Past paper task with style amended	Past paper task with structure amended	New task written
1(a)	2013 past paper Q 1(a)			
1(b)	2013 past paper Q 1(b)			
2(a)	2013 past paper Q 2(a)			
2(b)	2013 past paper Q 2(b)			
3 - 5				No suitable questions in past papers. Questions 3-5 are new options. For drama and film similar questioning approaches can be adapted from prose and poetry sections.

Listening section

Exemplar Question Paper question number	Question used as published in past paper, with or without amendment to Marking Instructions	Past paper question with style amended	Past paper question with structure amended	New question written
Text: <i>Eileanan Iomallach</i> 2013 Past Paper	Text appropriate to contexts, level, length, so no changes required			
1		Question altered to reflect the inclusion of an analysis question to be in the new exam		
2(a)	2013 past paper Q 2(a)			
2(b)	2013 past paper Q 2(b)			
3(a)	2013 past paper Q 3(a)			
3(b)	2013 past paper Q 3(b)			
4	2013 past paper Q4			
5(a)	2013 past paper Q 5(a)			
5(b)	2013 past paper Q 5(b)			
6(a)	2013 past paper Q 6(a)			
6(b)	2013 past paper Q 6(b)			
7				New question devised to incorporate an evaluative question