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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Gaelic (Learners), Intermediate 1, 2 and Higher  
Consultation result: Course assessment of Writing**

Thank you very much for participating in the above consultation.

With the majority of feedback being in favour of the **second option**, it has been decided to adopt this one in the specimen question papers, with some amendments made in light of feedback received as part of the consultation.

You will recall that the second option favoured supported questions, three being made available from each theme, with suggestions which candidates may or may not wish to use as part of their response. Please note that these questions are examples only, and that in future years they will be subject to established setting and vetting processes.

In response to feedback from representatives of the teaching profession both prior to and during the course of the review and the consultation, it is intended to establish a focus group to consider and provide further guidance to centres on the course assessment of Writing. In addition, it is intended to update existing guidance in other areas (particularly in the assessment of Speaking) and where necessary provide new guidance to centres. Focus groups will be contacted and set up for this purpose — we hope you will consider participating if approached.

The Course Assessment Specification (containing the specimen question papers) documents for all levels will be available on the Gaelic subject pages of SQA's website in the near future. In the meantime, thank you very much again.

Yours sincerely,

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