



2012 Gaelic (Learners)

Higher Listening

Finalised Marking Instructions

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Section A: Listening

Part 1

- 1 When did the writer speak to Seòras O'Hara? **1**
- When he started working
- 2 What was O'Hara not sure about? **2**
- How many poems (1) he had written (1)
- 3 Why did the writer ask the poet about his name? **2**
- He thought he had (1) Irish connections/relatives (1)
- 4 (a) When did the poet's grandfather come to Scotland? **1**
- Years ago
- (b) What was his reason for coming to Scotland? **1**
- To look for work
- (c) What did he do in Scotland, and where in particular? **2**
- Built ships (1) on the (River) Clyde (1)
- 5 How were things particularly difficult for the poet's grandmother following the death of her husband? **2**
- Four children (1) very little money (1)
- 6 How old is the poet now? **1**
- 83
- 7 (a) How much information did the poet give the writer about his school days? **1**
- A little/not much
- (b) Why was this? **1**
- Not happy in school
- 8 Give details of O'Hara's first job after he left school. **3**
- Glasgow Council (1) cleaning parks (1) in the city (1)

- 9 (a) In how many jobs was he employed following his first job? 1
- Half a dozen/six
- (b) How did he feel about those jobs? 1
- Too difficult

Part 2

- 10 What information does the poet give about his father? 2
- Never did (1) much work (1)
- 11 How did his mother earn money? 3
- Cleaning (1) houses (1) stairs (1)
- 12 What were O'Hara's thoughts about his own youth? 4
- Did not get opportunities (2) like other boys (2)
- 13 When did O'Hara begin to write poetry? 2
- Shortly after (1) leaving school (1)
- 14 What did his purchase at the Barras contain? 2
- Poems by (1) two or three writers (1)
- 15 Describe the condition of what he bought. 3
- (Somewhat) dirty/soiled (1) some pages (1) were lost (1)
- 16 What were his thoughts following the purchase of this item? 2
- He could write (1) things like that (1)
- 17 Why did O'Hara not expect to become wealthy? 3
- He had heard (1) about people who had not earned much (1) from such work/writing (1)

Total marks 40

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