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Dear Colleague

Please pass the contents of this letter to the person responsible for Gaelic subjects.

National Qualifications Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig

NQ examinations 2007

Examinations in both Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig at all levels took place in May, following the new Arrangements, and were certificated successfully in August. There appear to have been no major difficulties and several centres have made suggestions to improve next year's diet — such as arranging the provision of a sheet for notes in Listening papers.

From 2008 a sheet for notes will be provided in all Listening papers from Intermediate 1 to Advanced Higher Gaelic (Learners) and Intermediate 1 to Higher Gàidhlig. Candidates must make notes on these, rather than as previously on the question paper/answer booklet. This will eliminate the doubt about what are notes and what are answers and also give more space to candidates who wish to make notes.

Information on SQA's website

Principal Assessor reports, Senior Verifier reports, and marking instructions for all examinations in 2007 are available on SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk). For the first time all question papers are also being placed on our website and can be downloaded free of charge (www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers). They will be updated annually.

Texts in Literature sections of Higher and Advanced Higher examinations

Texts studied can be taken in to Higher and Advanced Higher Literature examinations in both Gaelic (Learners) and Gàidhlig. The texts must be unannotated and up to four are allowed in Gaelic (Learners) Higher and Gàidhlig Higher with up to six in the case of Gàidhlig Advanced Higher. Texts should be examined by the Invigilator and the titles recorded by candidates inside their answer booklet. No critical material is allowed.

Markers

Markers are needed at all levels in both Gàidhlig and Gaelic (Learners) and if you would like to be considered for either please send in an application form, which can be requested from markers@sqa.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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