



Higher Modern Languages assessment resources

Session 2024–25

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Higher Modern Languages Course Specification (mandatory information) October 2019, version 2.1	Summary of course assessment and detail of question papers. Assignment–writing and performance–talking assessment conditions and marking instructions.	Higher Modern Languages web page.
Higher Modern Languages Course Support Notes (appendix of the course specification, non-mandatory information) October 2019, version 2.1	Guidance on approaches to delivering the course, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ skills development◆ suggested learning and teaching activities◆ suggested ways to prepare for course assessment◆ productive grammar grid◆ list of suggested contexts, topics and topic development◆ information on scaling of marks	Higher Modern Languages web page.
Higher Modern Languages Assignment–writing coursework assessment task October 2019, version 1.1	Outline of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ assignment–writing feedback process◆ example of a writing improvement code◆ examples of how to apply a writing improvement code to candidates' draft writing◆ examples of stimuli for the assignment–writing◆ template for the production of centre-devised writing stimuli◆ instructions for candidates	Higher Modern Languages web page.

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Higher Modern Languages Performance–talking coursework assessment task October 2019, version 1.1	Recording documentation (candidate assessment record) and instructions for candidates.	Higher Modern Languages web page.
Higher Modern Languages Course Reports	Comments on assessments and candidate performance, guidance on preparing candidates for future assessment, statistical information.	Higher Modern Languages web page. Under the ‘Course reports’ tab.
Higher Modern Languages Qualification Verification Summary Reports (QVSR)	Information on approaches to assessment and assessment judgements verified in rounds of SQA external verification.	Higher Modern Languages web page. Under the ‘Course reports’ tab.
Higher Modern Languages webinar (recording) June 2018	Outline of the changes to course assessment and their implications, looking at the detail of the performance–talking and considering an example of assignment–writing.	CPD webinars and materials web page.
Higher Modern Languages specimen question papers	Revised specimen papers.	Higher Modern Languages web page. Under the ‘Past Papers and Marking Instructions’ tab.
Past papers and 2020–21 question papers	Question papers, audio files and marking instructions for all Modern Languages.	Higher Modern Languages web page. Under the ‘Past Papers and Marking Instructions’ tab.
Higher Modern Languages Directed writing question paper Exemplars from 2018	Four exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary for: ♦ French and Spanish	Understanding Standards web page. Search by language, select ‘Higher’, then ‘Directed writing’ heading.

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Higher Modern Languages Directed writing question paper Exemplars from 2022	Six exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary for: ♦ Chinese languages, French, Gaelic (Learners), German, Italian, Spanish and Urdu	Understanding Standards web page. Search by language, select 'Higher', then 'Directed writing' heading.
Higher Modern Languages Performance–talking Exemplars from 2018	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary: ♦ two for French, German, Italian and Spanish ♦ one for Gaelic (Learners), Chinese languages and Urdu	These are available on SQA's secure site through your SQA co-ordinator. Under the 'Understanding Standards Materials', 'NQ Course Assessment' tabs.
Higher Modern Languages Performance–talking Exemplars from 2019	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary: ♦ four for French, Gaelic (Learners) and Italian ♦ five for German and Spanish ♦ six for Chinese languages	These are available on SQA's secure site through your SQA co-ordinator. Under the 'Understanding Standards Materials', 'NQ Course Assessment' tabs.
Higher Modern Languages Performance–talking Exemplars from 2022	Three exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary for: ♦ Chinese languages, French, German, Spanish and Urdu	These are available on SQA's secure site through your SQA co-ordinator. Under the 'Understanding Standards Materials', 'NQ Course Assessment' tabs.
Higher Modern Languages Performance–talking Exemplars from 2024	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary for: ♦ two for Chinese Languages, French, German, Italian, Spanish ♦ one for Gaelic (Learners)	These are available on SQA's secure site through your SQA co-ordinator. Under the 'Understanding Standards Materials', 'NQ Course Assessment' tabs.
Higher Modern Languages Assignment–writing Exemplars from 2018	Two exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary for: ♦ French, German and Spanish	Understanding Standards web page. Search by language, select 'Higher', then 'Assignment–writing' heading.

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Higher Modern Languages Assignment–writing Exemplars from 2019	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary: ♦ six for French, Gaelic (Learners), Italian, Chinese Languages, Spanish and Urdu ♦ five for German	Understanding Standards web page. Search by language, select ‘Higher’, then ‘Assignment–writing’ heading.
Higher Modern Languages Assignment–writing Exemplars from 2024	Exemplars of candidate evidence and associated commentary: ♦ six for Chinese Languages, French, Gaelic (Learners), German, Spanish and Urdu ♦ five for Italian	Understanding Standards web page. Search by language, select ‘Higher’, then ‘Assignment–writing’ heading.
National 5 and Higher question papers webinar 2024	Webinar recording covering: ♦ main points on candidate performance in reading, directed writing and listening ♦ preparation of candidates for future question paper assessments	CPD webinars and materials web page.
Higher Modern Languages Assignment–writing ‘Refresher’ webinar for the return of the assignment–writing to the Higher Modern Languages course 2023	Webinar recording covering: ♦ purpose of assignment–writing ♦ assessment conditions ♦ candidate resources ♦ generic examples of assignment–writing ♦ outline of existing documentation ♦ sources of information already available	CPD webinars and materials web page.
Modern Languages Gathering evidence audio presentation	PowerPoint presentation covering: ♦ devising and sourcing assessments ♦ conducting assessments ♦ judging the evidence ♦ internal quality assurance	Higher Modern Languages web page. Under ‘Course support’ tab.

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Common questions	This primarily covers aspects of assignment–writing and performance–talking. It covers themes relating to more recent enquiries.	Modern Languages web page. Under ‘Common questions’ tab.
Guidance on conditions of assessment for coursework August 2023, version 1.2	This document provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ clarification and exemplification on acceptable conduct during coursework assessments ◆ examples of reasonable assistance ◆ description of levels of supervision and control ◆ definitions of plagiarism and collusion ◆ definition of malpractice 	Higher Modern Languages web page. Under ‘Coursework’ tab.