

Guidance on the use of past paper questions for Advanced Higher Gàidhlig

The Curriculum for Excellence Advanced Higher Courses draw on the strengths of popular areas of study from existing Advanced Higher with the introduction of some new content. The purpose of this support document is to help centres and departments to identify suitable past paper questions/items that could be used, or possibly amended, to support learners in their preparation for sitting question papers (exams) as part of the Advanced Higher Course assessment. The advice in this document reflects questions selected from 2012 to 2014 [past papers](#).

When utilising any past paper questions, you need to take into account the following:

- ◆ You must select questions that provide the learners with the same level of challenge as those in the Advanced 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 Advanced Higher General Marking Principles and reflect the form of detailed Marking Instructions as published in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.

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

- ◆ The style and structure matches the Specimen Question Paper for Advanced Higher.
- ◆ Marking of the learner's response to the question adheres to the General Marking Principles in the Advanced Higher Specimen Question Paper.
- ◆ Marking Instructions are amended to reflect the style of the Advanced Higher Detailed Marking Instructions.

The details below should be read in conjunction with the relevant:

Mandatory documentation:

- ◆ Course Specification
- ◆ Unit Specifications
- ◆ Course Assessment Specification

Advice and guidance:

- ◆ Course and Unit Support Notes

Assessment:

- ◆ Question Paper Component:
 - general assessment information
 - general marking principles and detailed marking instructions

Related Information as provided in the relevant N5-Advanced Higher Course Comparison Document.

Key for the section below:

- C — amend context as required
- S — amend source as required
- St — amend question style
- Str — amend structure of the question

Not all topic/areas of study will appear every year due to the sampling techniques used in producing question papers.

<p>Information from the Course Assessment Specification The purpose of the question papers is to assess candidates' ability to apply the skills of critical analysis and evaluation to previously studied and unseen literary texts, and to apply the skills of writing in Gaelic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ In the Practical Criticism Section, candidates will respond to questions on two unseen texts, one fiction and one non-fiction. ◆ In the Literature Section, candidates will select from poetry, prose, prose non fiction or drama. ◆ In the Writing Section, candidates will write a discursive, creative, persuasive, reflective or informative piece, choosing from eight essay titles. <p>Questions will sample the knowledge and understanding and apply skills described in the Further mandatory information on Course coverage section.</p>	<p>The columns below identify additional support questions from Advanced Higher Past Papers 2012- 2014</p>		
	<p>Advanced Higher</p>		
	<p>Use question as published</p>	<p>Amend question context/source</p>	<p>Amend question style/structure</p>
<p>Paper 1: Practical Criticism (Sgrùdadh)</p> <p>Questions can be used as published but with these additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Questions and texts are as used currently, but with suggested time of 45 mins per passage. ◆ The General Marking Principles within the Marking Instructions give updated guidance on marking 	<p>2012 QP Section (ii) 2013 QP Section (ii) 2014 QP Section (ii)</p>		
<p>Paper 2: Section 1: Literature (Litreachas)</p> <p>Questions can be used as published but with these additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ there is some extra generic wording in the SQP that can be added ◆ there is a change to the recommended time (45 minutes instead of 55 minutes) ◆ there is a new mark structure (now out of 100 for entire Course assessment) marked out of 20, not 50 ◆ centres should apply the new Marking Instructions 	<p>2012 QP Section (iii) 2013 QP Section (iii) 2014 QP Section (iii)</p>		
<p>Paper 2: Section 2: Writing (Sgrìobhadh) As with the Literature section, questions can be used exactly as</p>	<p>2012 QP Section (i) 2013 QP Section (i)</p>		

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Resources

<p>SQA past papers www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers/findpastpaper.htm</p>	<p>Additional assessment support material is available here:</p> <p>Education Scotland www.educationscotland.gov.uk/</p> <p>Glow www.educationscotland.gov.uk/usingglowandict/</p> <p>Glow Log-in https://secure.glowscotland.org.uk/login/login.htm</p>
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