



National
Qualifications
SPECIMEN ONLY

SQ18/H/01

**Gaelic (Learners)
Reading and Directed Writing**

Date — Not applicable

Duration — 1 hour and 40 minutes

Total marks — 40

SECTION 1 — READING — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

SECTION 2 — DIRECTED WRITING — 10 marks

Choose ONE scenario and write your answer clearly, in **Gaelic**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the scenario number you are attempting.

You may use a Gaelic dictionary.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper



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SECTION 1 — READING — 30 marks

Read the whole article carefully and then answer, in English, ALL the questions that follow.

The article discusses the work of the police in Scotland.

Deiseil agus deònach?

Is iad Poilis Alba an dàrna feachd as motha ann am Breatainn às dèidh poilis Lunnainn, is iad a' frithealadh 28,168m², le còrr is seachd mìle deug oifigear ag obair dhaibh. 'S e prìomh amasan Poilis Alba smachd a chumail air lagh agus òrdugh ann an Alba agus sàbhailteachd dhaoine, àiteachan agus choimhearsnachdan a leasachadh.

- 5 Gu h-eachdraidheil, b' e beachd a' mhòr-shluaigh gur e obair ionmholta a bh' ann an obair poilis, ach an-diugh, chan eil an aon mheas agus urram air an dreuchd. Ri linn seo, tha Riaghaltas na h-Alba a' feuchainn ri ìomhaigh is inbhe nam poileas a thogail, gus barrachd òigrìdh a thàladh gu obair poilis.

10 Tha Iain Bochanan, oifigear fastaidh Poilis Alba, den bheachd gu bheil na buannachdan follaiseach: "Tha toileachadh àraidh an lùib a bhith ag obair nad oifigear poilis. Tha an tuarastal math, tha cothroman ann do dhreuchd a leasachadh agus adhartachadh, tha an sgeama peinnein math dha-rìribh agus tha roghainn fharsaing ann de àiteachan-obrach."

15 Tha cothroman ann obair a dhèanamh thall thairis cuideachd. Mar eisimpleir, tha seirbheis nam poileas ann an Alba a' cuideachadh phoilis ann an Abu Dhabi gu bhith a' cruthachadh teisteanais ùir ann a bhith a' rannsachadh eucoir. Tha rannsachadh air sealltainn gu bheil neach ann an Alba a dheich uiread nas buailtiche a bhith a' fulang air sgàth eucoir na tha neach ann an Abu Dhabi. Ach leis gu bheil eaconamaidh agus sluagh na stàit a' dol am meud, tha eagal ann nach mair seo. Tha na h-ùghdarrasan a' feuchainn ri bhith air ceann na h-ìomairt gus eucoir a lùghdachadh, earbsachd a' mhòr-shluaigh a mheudachadh agus daoine 20 a chumail sàbhailte.

'S e àite gu tur eadar-dhealaichte bho Abu Dhabi a th' ann an Alba - agus chan ann dìreach seach gu bheil a' ghrian a' deàrrsadh o mhoch gu dubh, o cheann gu ceann na bliadhna. Chan ann a' dol am meud, ach a' crìonadh a tha eaconamaidh na dùthcha seo, agus tha buaidh aig sin air na cothroman a tha ann do dh'òigrìdh. O chionn beagan bhliadhnaichean tha e air sìor 25 fhàs doirbh obair thèarainte a lorg, agus nas doirbhe buileach àite fhaighinn san oilthigh.

Ach obair poilis? "Chan eil teisteanasan foirmeil a dhìth!", tha Iain Bochanan ag ràdh. Chan eil sin a' ciallachadh gur e gnothach furasta a th' ann àite fhaighinn air a' chùrsa. Tha e riatanach gu bheil sàr sgilean conaltraidh aig tagraichean agus feumaidh iad a bhith soirbheachail ann an iomadh deuchainn-inntrigidh, a leithid cànan, àireamhachd, 30 làimhseachadh fiosrachaidh agus fallaineachd. A thaobh fallaineachd, thuirt Emma Nic a' Phearsain, tè òg a tha a' tighinn gu crìoch na ciad bliadhna trèanaidh aice, "Bha agam ri mìle gu leth a ruith ann an ceithir mìonaidean deug aig a' char a b' fhaide. Cha robh mi riamh uabhasach math air spòrs no air ruith nuair a bha mi san sgoil agus 's e fìor dhùbhlán a bha sin dhomh, ach rinn mi mo dhìcheall agus rinn mi a' chùis air, ach air èiginn!"

35 A-rèir Iain Bhochanain, "Ged nach eil teisteanasan foirmeil a dhìth, tha sgilean pearsanta sònraichte ann a tha riatanach anns an obair. A bharrachd air deagh shlàinte bodhaige agus inntinne a bhith agad, feumaidh tu a bhith math air dèiligeadh ri daoine a tha ann an cruadal, agus air co-dhùnaidhean a ruighinn gu luath aig àm èiginn."

40 Bidh oifigear-poilis a' tuigsinn gum bi e tric ann an suidheachadh cunnartach no duilich, mar eisimpleir a bhith a' rannsachadh thubaistean rathaid no murt. A h-uile latha tha cunnart ann gun tèid an leòn, ach 's e obair shònraichte a tha ann, le mòran bhuannachdan, agus tha cothroman matha ann airson adhartas a dhèanamh.

A rèir Emma, "Gun teagamh sam bith, 's e obair chruaidh a tha ann, ach mholainn obair poilis do dhuine sam bith."

Questions

MARKS

Re-read lines 1–12

1. According to the writer, what view did the public have of a police officer? State **one** thing. 1
2. John Buchanan believes that there are benefits to being a police officer. Apart from the basic salary, what other benefits does he mention? State any **three** things. 3

Re-read lines 13–25

3. The writer goes on to mention Abu Dhabi
 - (a) In what way is Police Scotland helping the police in Abu Dhabi? State **one** thing. 1
 - (b) What statistic shows that crime is more of a problem in Scotland than in Abu Dhabi? State **one** thing. 1
 - (c) What could threaten this low crime rate in Abu Dhabi? State any **one** thing. 1
4. The writer makes further contrasts between Scotland and Abu Dhabi.
 - (a) What further differences does he mention? State any **two** things. 2
 - (b) What has become difficult in recent years for young people? State **two** things. 2

Re-read lines 26–42

5. What does John Buchanan say about joining the police in Scotland? State any **three** things. 3
6. What does Emma MacPherson say about her own application? State any **two** things. 2
7. John Buchanan concludes that a police officer needs to be mentally and physically fit. What else does he say? State **two** things. 2
8. Now consider the article as a whole. Does the writer speak more positively or negatively about the work of Police Scotland? Give reasons for your answer. 2
9. Translate into English:
“Bidh oifigear-poilis a’ tuigsinn airson adhartas a dhèanamh.” (*lines 39-42*) 10

SECTION 2 — DIRECTED WRITING — 10 marks

Choose **one** of the following two scenarios.

SCENARIO 1 — Learning

You recently visited a school/college for a week where all subjects are taught in the medium of Gaelic.

You have been asked to write about your visit in **Gaelic**.

You must include the following information and **you should try to add** other relevant details:

- Which school/college you visited **and** where you stayed during the week
- What a typical day is like for someone in this school/college
- What other activities are available outside the classroom (eg sport teams, theatre)
- Whether you would recommend such a visit to others

You should write approximately 120–150 words.

OR

SCENARIO 2 — Culture

You took part in a recent healthy-eating event at your school/college.

Write in **Gaelic** about your own experiences.

You must include the following information and **you should try to add** other relevant details:

- How often you eat out **and** the types of places you prefer to eat in
- How important the quality of the food is to you
- What your best/worst restaurant experience has been
- What your ultimate eating experience would be

You should write approximately 120–150 words.

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