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Gaelic (Learners)
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Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the spaces provided in this booklet.

You may use a Gaelic dictionary.

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Text 1

You read the following article about the North Coast 500 tourist route (NC500).

Ann an dà mhìle 's a còig, chaidh slighe ùr a dhèanamh ann an Alba. Tha an NC500 còrr is còig ceud mìle a dh'fhaid. 'S urrainn do luchd-turais an t-slighe a thòiseachadh ann an àite sam bith oir 's e cearcall air a' Ghàidhealtachd a th' ann an NC500.

Bidh daoine a' moladh co-dhiù còig làithean a chur seachad ma tha sibh airson na rudan as fheàrr fhaicinn, no suas gu deich làithean ma tha sibh airson a h-uile rud fhaicinn. Bidh daoine a' dol ann le càr, baidhsagal, bhana-campachaidh no motair-baidhc.

Feumaidh dràibhearan a bhith faiceallach air còrnairean, cleachd àitichean-seachnadh agus na dràibh ro luath no slaodach.

Bidh mòran luchd-turais bho air feadh an t-saoghail a' tadhal air gach bliadhna — chì iad seallaidhean àlainn, tràighean geala, bailtean-iasgaich agus beanntan àrda.



Tha An NC500 a' cruthachadh diofair obraichean agus a' toirt mòran airgid do choimhearsnachdan dùthchail. Mar as trice, tha luchd-turais modhail agus sgiobalta, ach uaireannan, bidh daoine a' fàgail sgudail agus a' parcadh ann an àitichean gòrach.

Questions

- (a) How long is the NC500? Tick (✓) the correct statement.

1

	Tick (✓)
Less than 500 miles	
Exactly 500 miles	
More than 500 miles	

Text 1 questions (continued)

(b) Why can tourists start the route anywhere?

1

(c) What must drivers do? State any **two** things.

2

(d) Many tourists visit from around the world each year. State any **three** things they will see.

3

(e) The article continues. Complete the sentence:

1

The NC500 creates different jobs and brings a lot of money into _____

(f) What **two** negative things do tourists sometimes do on the NC500?

2

[Turn over



Text 2

Alice is talking about her school and future plans.

Air a' cheathramh bliadhna anns an sgoil fhuair mi sia cuspairean aig Nàiseanta a còig. Am-bliadhna, tha mi a' dèanamh Nuadh-eòlas agus Gàidhlig aig Àrd Ìre agus Spòrs agus Gnothachas aig Nàiseanta a còig. Chaidh mi air latha fosgailte gu Oilthigh Dhùn Èideann anns a' chiad seachdain den Dàmhair an-uiridh airson barrachd fiosrachaidh fhaighinn.



'S e Nuadh-eòlas an cuspair as fheàrr leam ach chan eil ùidh agam anns gach cuspair a th' air a' chùrsa. 'S fheàrr leam ionnsachadh mun eachdraidh ann an Afraga a Deas agus poileataigs Ameireaganach.

Tha Gàidhlig a' còrdadh rium gu mòr oir tha an litreachas inntinneach agus tha an gràmar nas fhasa na Spàinntis. Tha mi ag amas a bhith fileanta aon latha. Tha mo thidsear cuideachail agus tuigseach.

Tha mi den bharail gum biodh cùrsa Spòrs glè spòrsail ach chan eil mòran obraichean ceangailte ri Spòrs ach teagasg. Chan eil mi ag iarraidh a bhith nam thidsear.

Chan eil mi uabhasach cinnteach dè tha mi a' dol a dhèanamh nuair a dh'fhàgas mi an sgoil. Tha mi a' smaoineachadh gun gabh mi bliadhna a-mach agus obair saor-thoileach a dhèanamh.

Questions

- (a) What qualifications did Alice get in 4th Year at school?

1

- (b) When did Alice attend an open day? State **two** things.

2



Text 2 questions (continued)

- (c) What would she prefer to learn about in Modern Studies? State **two** things. 2

- (d) Alice goes on to talk about Gaelic.

- (i) Why does she enjoy Gaelic a lot? State **two** things. 2

- (ii) What does she say about her teacher? 1

- (e) What **two** things is she thinking about doing when she leaves school? 2

[Turn over



Text 3

You read an article about a festival.



Bidh Fèis an t-Samhraidh a' gabhail àite ann an sgìrean diofraichte air taobh siar na h-Alba. Tha a h-uile fèis cho eadar-dhealaichte agus ma thèid thu ann, chì thu iomadh sealladh de dh'Alba. 'S e an t-amas a th' aig an fhèis a bhith a' neartachadh ceòl na Gàidhlig. Mar as trice, bidh e ann eadar feasgar Diardaoin agus oidhche Shathairne.

Bidh còrr is dà mhìle duine a' tadhal air an fhèis à dùthchannan Ceilteach eile, mar Eilean Mhanainn, A' Chuimrigh agus Èirinn a Tuath. Tha e annasach a bhith a' cluinntinn chànan eile anns an aon àite. Cuideachd, cluinnidh tu ceòl leithid am meur-chlàr, an fhidheall agus am bogsa.

Tron latha, bidh cothrom ann taisbeanadh fhaicinn mu eachdraidh na sgìre anns a bheil an fhèis. Bidh tachartasan ann airson clann, mar eisimpleir: peantadh-aghaidh, geamannan traidiseanta agus ag èisteachd ri sgeulachdan.

Bha Eilidh aig an fhèis an-uiridh agus thuirt, i 'B' e fèis glè bheothail a bh' ann. Chunnaic mi dannsa Gàidhealach agus choinnich mi ri luchd-turais inntinneach.'

Tha tiogaidean na fèise a' cosg seasgad not 's a còig airson inbhich, trithead not 's a dhà airson clann fo aois sia deug agus bidh tiogaidean teaghlaich a' cosg ceud agus seachdad not — tha sin gu math reusanta. Bu chòir do dhaoine a dhol ann ma tha ùidh aca ann an ceòl dùthchasach na h-Alba.

Questions

- (a) Where does the festival take place? State **two** things.

2



Text 3 questions (continued)

(b) When does the festival usually take place? State **two** things.

2

(c) More than 2000 people come to the festival from other countries. Give any **two** of the Celtic nations that they come from.

1

(d) What events take place for children? State **three** things.

3

(e) Eilidh was at the festival last year. What does she say about it?

1

(f) How much does a family ticket for the festival cost?

1

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