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**Gaelic (Learners)
Listening and Discursive Writing**

THURSDAY, 22 MAY
11:00 AM – 12:20 PM

Total marks — 70

SECTION 1 — LISTENING — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

You will hear two items in **Gaelic**. Before you hear each item, you will have one minute to study the questions. You will hear each item twice, with an interval of one minute between playings. You will then have time to answer the questions before hearing the next item. Write your answers clearly, in **English**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify which question you are attempting.

SECTION 2 — DISCURSIVE WRITING — 40 marks

Attempt ONE question.

Write your answer clearly, in **Gaelic**, in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify which statement 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 — LISTENING — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

Item 1

Listen to the news article about home education and answer, in **English**, the questions below.

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| (a) The report states that most children learn in school in Scotland. What else does it say? State any two things. | 2 |
| (b) Every child has a right to education. What must every parent do? | 1 |
| (c) Home schooling raises many questions. What are these? | 2 |
| (d) What decision must parents make about their children's education? | 1 |
| (e) What are the benefits of meeting other children? | 2 |
| (f) Home schooling must allow a child to progress according to their level of learning and particular abilities. What example does the speaker provide? | 2 |

Item 2

Listen to Andrew and Elizabeth talking about home schooling and answer, in **English**, the questions below.

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| (a) Elizabeth says she is feeling tired. What reasons does she give for this? State any two things. | 2 |
| (b) Andrew describes home schooling his daughter Kirsty as a difficult decision. How do we know it has been successful? Give a detailed answer. | 2 |
| (c) Why was Kirsty not very happy at school? | 3 |
| (d) Andrew says that they were in a good position to home school. | |
| (i) In what ways was his wife Elizabeth especially suited to provide home schooling? Give a detailed answer. | 2 |
| (ii) In what ways does he support her? Give a detailed answer. | 2 |
| (e) What do the parents do to ensure that Kirsty does not miss some of her friends? State any two things. | 2 |
| (f) According to Andrew, what is a drawback of large classes in secondary schools? | 1 |
| (g) Andrew talks about the Coronavirus pandemic. | |
| (i) He talks about other parents' descriptions of home schooling. What does he say? | 2 |
| (ii) What was it like for Andrew's family? | 1 |
| (h) Andrew says that home schooling has given the family a great deal of flexibility in their lives. What benefits does he mention? State any three things. | 3 |

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SECTION 2 — DISCURSIVE WRITING — 40 marks

Attempt ONE question

Write an essay in **Gaelic**, of about 250–300 words, discussing **one** of the following statements.

3. Society

Bu chòir do gach neach a dhol dhan Arm aig aois ochd-deug airson dà bhliadhna de sheirbheis nàiseanta.

4. Learning

Bu chòir dhuinn uile cànanan mar Spàinntis ionnsachadh seach mion-chànain mar a' Ghàidhlig.

5. Employability

Ionnsaichidh tu barrachd ag obair ann an gnìomhachas na ann an oilthigh sam bith.

6. Culture

Chan eil gu leòr dhaoine a' sgrìobhadh òrain ùra anns a' Ghàidhlig.

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