

Summary of SQA Course Reports for Advanced Higher Gàidhlig 2016

Sgrùdadh

Most candidates performed quite well, some good answers showed depth of reflection. Some candidates found it difficult to paraphrase and demonstrate understanding in their own words. Some also found it difficult to evaluate and provide evidence of the writer's balance or bias. They could have made more reference to particular techniques and provided more detailed analysis.

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A number of candidates wrote lengthy responses on their chosen texts and effectively used evidence. Candidates wrote in a variety of different ways. Some candidates found it challenging to write at sufficient length and in comprehensive detail about their chosen text. Some responses lacked detailed analysis or reference to critical techniques.

In writing, some candidates found it difficult to write on their topic in some depth.

Bruidhinn

Most candidates performed well in this component. They were generally well prepared and demonstrated a positive connection with Gaelic. However, some candidates were vague in their discussion of literature and were unable to discuss their chosen texts in any great depth.

Advice to Centres

General

- Candidates must be aware of the number of marks available and the need for the appropriate number of point and/examples
- Centres should share course reports, marking instructions, general assessment information, and pegged-mark descriptors with candidates

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- Candidates need to ensure there is depth of analysis and evaluation in their answers, backed up with sufficient evidence from the text
- Centres should ensure candidates have sufficient practice in analysing texts and have a thorough knowledge of the different techniques used by writers

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- Candidates should demonstrate a personal response to the text
- Candidates need to have a good knowledge of critical terminology

- Texts chosen should have sufficient demand and scope for candidates to construct good quality answers
- Candidates should avoid simple accounts and ensure there is some depth to their response
- Candidates should be aware of the need for carefully managing time in this paper

Bruidhinn

- Candidates should ensure they have a thorough knowledge of the topics on their STL forms and can converse with the visiting assessor in sufficient depth