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2025 Gaelic (Learners)

Reading

National 5

Question Paper Finalised Marking Instructions

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General marking principles for National 5 Gaelic (Learners) Reading

This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must **always** be assigned in line with these general marking principles and the detailed marking instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.
- (c) If a specific candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (d) Award a mark to each answer. Marks are not transferable between questions.
- (e) For questions that ask candidates to ‘state’ or ‘give’, candidates must give a brief, accurate response/name.

Marking instructions for each question

Question		Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
				Do not accept:
1.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> finish homework/more homework go to study/learning clubs 	2	
	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to relax/rest 	1	Sleep
	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> won't remember the topic/subject get tired of the work make silly mistakes <p>Any 2 from 3</p>	2	
	(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> read through notes put colours/highlight words 	2	
	(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> old exam papers/past papers interesting videos attractive games 	3	

Question		Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
				Do not accept:
2.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • beside the church • near the town hall 	2	
	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:45 • 6:30 	2	
	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • answering/replies to the phones • writing emails • welcoming visitors <p>Any 2 from 3</p>	2	
	(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff/workers/colleagues are nice • boss is supportive 	2	
	(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Gaelic) meeting every week • (Gaelic) sign on the building 	2	

Question		Expected response(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
				Do not accept:
3.	(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> local culture 	1	
	(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shellfish and fish [box 1] venison and beef [box 4] 	2	
	(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> many communities 	1	
	(d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlands and Islands 	1	
	(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 restaurants got a Michelin star 	2	
	(f)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> lots of high streets big towns/cites 	2	
	(g)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> do enough research 	1	Accept: plenty research

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]