

# External Assessment Report 2013 – Advanced Higher Gaelic (Learners)

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## Overall Performance

Overall response was very good, with a few outstanding candidates.

## Reading and Translation

- Although the passage was considered testing, candidates were well able to understand it and most gave comprehensive responses to the questions.

## Listening

- Candidates found this section the most demanding
- Some performances seemed to display a lack of attention to detail and basic errors were prevalent.

## Writing

- There was a continued improvement in the Writing section.
- Generally, candidates were able to deal competently with their choice of themes, despite some grammatical and orthographic errors.

## Literature

- This was well done by most candidates.
- Responses showed evidence of thorough preparation.
- A variety of the questions set were answered, and candidates successfully related their responses to the questions asked.
- Some responses were comprehensive with reference to a good variety of texts, showing considerable familiarity with the texts chosen by candidates.

## Advice to centres for preparation of future candidates

Particular attention is due in the Listening section. Candidates should have more exposure to the spoken word. Greater use of radio, television, CDs (media which are readily available) and debates could contribute towards this. A greater proportion of candidates' time should be devoted to listening and responding.