

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for the assignment writing coursework assessment.

Candidate 1

Assignment writing title: "An ath-fiadhachadh de Bhreatain"

The candidate was awarded **17 marks**.

The introduction of this piece demonstrates clearly the candidate's aims as they seek to discuss the arguments for and against the re-introduction of wild animals to Scotland. This is clearly stated with emphasis put on the fact that there are those in favour and those against.

The first paragraph sets the scene and outlines the historical reasons why re-wilding is considered in Scotland, stating that historically that some of the animals being re-introduced are indigenous to the country and that there are projects geared specifically towards this cause. This is a strong paragraph giving an initial reason as to why people might be in favour of re-wilding. You can understand this on first reading easily, however there are a significant number of grammatical errors throughout. This is consistent throughout the piece, however, does not detract from the meaning or allow the candidate to put forward their argument. The following paragraph is like the first with the candidate giving details as to why specific groups of people may be in favour of re-wilding, including economic and environmental reasons. This demonstrates significant research into the topic.

The following two paragraphs look at the other side of the argument, against re-wilding and gives detailed explanations regarding why some animals have become extinct in Scotland historically. The candidate touches on farming as well as the detrimental impact that re-wilding could have on the environment.

The candidate concludes by summarising what they have previously stated and suggesting that Scotland should prioritise re-wilding going forward as the country looks to develop. This paragraph would have been better had the candidate expressed their opinion and given further explanation as to why they are of this opinion.

The candidate also provides two links to articles in their bibliography. Given their knowledge of the topic it is likely that they have done further research, and it would be beneficial to add to this bibliography.

Overall, the candidate has produced a piece that is well thought out and well researched. The links between the paragraphs are clear and the piece flows well. Improved use of grammar would have resulted in higher marks, as would further evidence of the candidate's own opinion on the topic. The piece is of a good length, just under 700 words.

Candidate 2

Assignment writing title: "Tha barrachd cron na buannachd ann an armachd niúclasach"

The candidate was awarded **20 marks**.

The introduction of this piece is strong, the candidate makes it clear what their point of view is. The vocabulary used throughout is strong and more complex vocabulary is appropriately used in appropriate contexts. Grammar usage is strong with very few errors.

The first paragraph highlights the historical aspect of this discussion with a strong tone that re-enforces the candidate's point of view. There are factual details provided to strengthen the argument.

The second paragraph provides details of what the candidate considers the strongest argument against nuclear weapons to be. This is introduced strongly and succinctly at the beginning of the paragraph with details given as to why they have this opinion.

The following paragraph is written in the same style, providing further arguments against nuclear weapons.

The candidate continues to write using writing techniques that are appropriate to the task and strengthen the performance. The candidate asks direct questions of the reader and uses short sentences to emphasise points.

The conclusion is strong, re-emphasising the points made throughout the piece making strong statements regarding the candidate's opinion.

The piece is of a suitable length, with a bibliography that suggests a wide range of reading, which is evident throughout the piece. Overall, a strongly thought-out structure and argument with writing techniques used throughout in a way that is appropriate to the task.