

Candidate 2

Assignment writing title: "Truailleadh Phlastaig"- discursive

The candidate was awarded **17 marks**.

The subject matter is well chosen and pertinent for the time and so allows the candidate the scope to come to conclusions of their own from a breadth of current material available for research. The title itself illustrates the stance the candidate is taking, and this is clear in the opening paragraph. A forceful and direct tone is established by; "feumaidh sinn seo a dhèanamh anns a' bhad" and this comes on the heels of having outlined the problem.

The second paragraph outlines the problem and gives clear examples with use of research to back up points before moving on in the next paragraph to look at how major companies contribute to the problem. The technique of involving and appealing directly to the reader is evident in the opening topic sentence through the use of 'sinn' and though the sentence itself may be somewhat 'awkward' in expression it leads into the writers point about plastic bottles. Here the candidate uses statistics and research and puts forward solutions which are also examined from both sides. Good expression is evident at the end of the third paragraph with "cha tig piseach air an t-suidheachadh" with discursive language used throughout the piece.

The next paragraph progresses to emphasising the role governments must take and looks at the issue of straws in the sea. The candidate uses evidence which perhaps looks at an alternative side of this debate which is effective in adding to their own arguments. They move on to mentioning the local aspect of the issue and education and its importance. This paragraph concludes with clear measures to be taken.

The linking phrase 'air an làimh eile' clearly highlights the shift in the topic to question whether recycling companies are to blame and again uses statistics and research to emphasise points.

The candidate ends by offering a stark picture of the future; 'Mura dèan sinn sin tha e gu math simplidh, cha bhi planaoid againn' which effectively concludes the essay and is in keeping with the tone of the piece as a whole.

Overall, this is a good example of a discursive piece which has been well researched and expresses several opinions, has a clear structure and employs some of the key literary devices associated with the genre. Language choice and expression is good overall. There are several infelicities, but the candidate has comprehensively covered the topic and produced an essay which is engaging and interesting.