

## Candidate 4

### Assignment writing title: "Hiorta" - factual piece

The candidate was awarded **13 marks**. This is a factual piece about the islands of St Kilda which follows research carried out. The introductory first paragraph makes clear what topics will be covered and the reasons for choosing this subject and straight away introduces a personal element to the writing.

The candidate first outlines where the islands are situated and uses a particular turn of phrase to express that no-one lives there today; 'chan eil anam sam bith ann a tha ag ainmeachadh an eilean mar dachaigh'.

The piece then goes on to outline the conditions and way of life for the inhabitants along with trade. There is evidence here of research but crucially this information is then used to illustrate different points rather than just being repeated. This is particularly clear in the paragraphs which deal with living conditions, language, and life on the island.

Overall, though there are inaccuracies evident within the piece with grammar and proofing, the piece conveys what it set out to do and the candidate can marshal the information they have researched and present it in a way which goes beyond a stating of the facts without any other dimension or input into it – something which makes a difference. There is a measure of a natural and personal dimension to the writing though this could be further developed so that the piece goes beyond a factual account. Stylistically, the piece covers what it set out to do however further work could be done to make the piece more engaging.