

**QUESTION NO 1**

**By Councillor Laidlaw for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 4 February 2021**

**Question** Does the Convener agree with the statement 'High school examinations are an out-of-date 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century technology operating in a 21<sup>st</sup> century environment of teaching and learning'?

**Answer**

**Question** (2) Does he agree headteachers should 'seize the opportunity presented by the decision to cancel the exams to reshape assessment and moderation'

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) Does he agree with the statement 'issues of high-stakes end-loaded one-off exams in S4, S5 and S6 despite very low leaving rate in S4. Not fit for purpose'?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) Does he feel these are appropriate as a question presented to headteachers in their final short-leet interviews.

**Answer** (4)