

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate has achieved the following marks for each section of the Coursework Assessment task.

Introduction

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

- ◆ They gave a context of the importance of religion
- ◆ They briefly outlined which aspects of religion they would examine, and followed this plan

Comparing and contrasting Classical world with the modern world

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

- ◆ Comparison with the Lares and Hindi shrines
- ◆ Saying grace at meals
- ◆ Islamic practice of prayer a number of times a day
- ◆ Lifting a bride over a threshold
- ◆ Family funerals

None of these were developed in anyway. They were illustrative, and viewed as very basic at Higher level.

Drawing on in-depth knowledge and understanding

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

There was a considerable amount of very good knowledge, and it was wide ranging, showing how the entire family was involved in religious practice and describing key religious events such as marriage, with the sources used to illustrate the knowledge. However it did not achieve anymore marks as it was judged to lack depth and was not used to develop many arguments.

Analysing and Evaluation

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

This was a major weakness in this assignment. It was largely illustrative and there was very little even basic analysis and evaluation. The candidate failed to explain why these were important events in any meaningful way, or establish the relative importance of some religious practices, or show contrasts or different

interpretations. The choice of topic was too narrow and hampered the candidate's chances of gaining more marks. The approach was more appropriate to National 5 than Higher.

Reaching a Conclusion

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** because they gave a very short summary of their findings.

Overall the candidate scored **15/30**.