

# Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence shows the following marks for each section of the project.

All comments and underling are numbered at the start of the point being made.

## Candidate A

**Title: What is the extent of inequality in Scotland, what is the impact and how effective have efforts to reduce it been?**

### Introduction

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** (out of 3)

Number	Marks	Comments
Comment 1	1	giving detailed background information. Note that the candidate did not have to provide lots of statistics in the background section.
Comment 2	1	giving the reason why the topic is worthy of study
Comment 3	1	giving a clear aim

### Analysis and Evaluation

The candidate was awarded **15 marks** (out of 18).

Number	Marks	Comments
Comment 4	0	this paragraph is merely a description of the gini co-efficient (where 0 is equality and 1 is inequality) which is background to the topic and therefore does not gain a mark for analysis
Comment 5	1	for analysis
Comment 6	0	there is no evidence of people struggling to buy property due to inflated prices
Comment 7	0	social mobility for lower deciles is not referenced
Comment 8	1	for analysis
Comment 9	1	the graph is integrated and interpreted
Comment 10	0	if the point about struggling to afford necessities had been based on referenced research then it could have been awarded an analysis mark
Comment 11	0	there is no evidence presented that poorer people are disproportionately paid, resulting in a higher likelihood of poverty
Comment 12	1	the graph is integrated and interpreted
Comment 13	1	for analysis
Comment 14	1	for in-depth analysis – the candidate develops the analysis from the previous paragraph by targeting the precise contextual nature of the topic to present a directly related in-depth point of analysis
Comment 15	0	see Conclusions section of commentary
Comment 16	1	for analysis

Comment 17	1	for in-depth analysis as the candidate analysed an additional consequence of poverty. Note that a reference to people in low skilled jobs not developing new skills would have been helpful.
Comment 18	0	the point that pensioners' incomes not rising alongside inflation is incorrect
Comment 19	1	for in-depth analysis as the candidate continued to develop the consequence of poverty
Comment 20	1	for analysis
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Comment 22	0	the point about access to private healthcare being responsible for physical health is incorrect
Comment 23	1	for analysis
Comment 24	1	for analysis
Comment 25	1	for in-depth analysis as the candidate leads from a micro-economic effect on individuals to show a possible macro-economic impact on productivity
Comment 26	1	the graph is integrated and interpreted
Comment 27	0	see Conclusions section of commentary
Comment 28	0	there is no referenced evidence to show that worsening wealth inequality results in less revenue for the government
Comment 29	0	there is no referenced evidence that efforts to reduce inequality have been unsuccessful
Comment 30	1	for analysis
Comment 31	0	the point about having housing leading to stable work is incorrect
Comment 32	1	for analysis
Comment 33	0	the point about free childcare leading to wealth is incorrect
Comment 34	0	there is no referenced evidence presented that measures to tackle social exclusion have been successful
Comment 35	Full marks	for analysis have been reached eg 10 out of 10 marks – the point would have been mark worthy
Comment 36	Full marks	for analysis have been reached eg 10 out of 10 marks – the point would have been mark worthy
Comment 37	0	the point about the potential for benefit scrounging is incorrect
Comment 38	Full marks	for analysis have been reached eg 10 out of 10 marks – the point would have been mark worthy
Comment 39	0	the point that each tax bracket being 1% more in Scotland is incorrect
Comment 40	0	is no referenced evidence for most people feeling that Scot Gov has been unsuccessful at lowering income inequality
Comment 41	Full marks	for analysis have been reached eg 10 out of 10 marks – the point would have been mark worthy
Comment 42	1	for in-depth analysis as inequalities in income and social class have been developed into inequalities in health

## Conclusions

The candidate was awarded **5 marks** (out of 6).

Number	Marks	Comments
Comment 15	1	for a conclusion
Comment 27	1	for a conclusion
Comment 43	0	the point is too thin for a conclusion as the candidate writes about new policies, but does not quantify them or give examples, such as nursery places, etc.
Comment 44	0	the point is too thin for a recommendation as it is not linked back to the issue of inequality
Comment 45	0	the conclusion that wealth tax is too difficult to calculate is too vague as the candidate does not give a suitable reason
Comment 46	0	the conclusion is a repeated version of the chapter conclusion on page 8 and is not justified
Comment 47	1	for a conclusion
Comment 48	1	for a recommendation
Comment 49	1	for a recommendation

## Research

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** (out of 4) for:

- ◆ **4 marks** for research as the candidate has used extensive research from quality sources

## Structure and Coherence

The candidate was awarded 6 marks (out of 6) for:

- ◆ **1 mark** for line of argument as the candidate stays focussed on the impact of inequality in Scotland
- ◆ **1 mark** for logical structure as the candidate uses the extent, the effectiveness, and the broader impact on inequality to give a coherent structure
- ◆ **1 mark** for accurate economic terminology
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- ◆ **2 marks** for integrating graphs as the candidate gave suitable graphs linked to the surrounding context

## Presentation and Referencing

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** (out of 3) for:

- ◆ **1 mark** for contents page, page numbering and appropriate headings
- ◆ **1 mark** for referencing and footnoting
- ◆ **1 mark** for bibliography

The candidate achieved a total of **36 marks** out of 40.