

Commentary on candidate evidence

Candidate 7

The candidate evidence shows the following marks for each question.

Section 3

Question 12a

Explain why some developing countries have struggled to achieve high rates of economic growth.

The answer was awarded **7 marks** (out of 9) for this question for:

- ◆ linking covid difficulties with shipping and reduced exports
- ◆ giving Ghana's gold as an example
- ◆ linking the global slowdown with lower investment
- ◆ linking civil unrest with military spending rather than investment
- ◆ giving Afghanistan as an example
- ◆ linking poor transport infrastructure with low exports
- ◆ linking slow recovery from natural disasters with low levels of production

The point about COVID reducing the extraction of raw materials for export was not awarded a mark because many developing countries were still able to mine at the time.

The point about lack of entrepreneurship is not necessarily true and therefore was not awarded a mark.

The point about high unemployment and low consumption was not awarded a mark because it was not sufficiently developed/explained. The link to productivity was also weak.

The point about high interest loan is not necessarily true and therefore was not awarded a mark.

Question 12b

Explain the economic implications of China's 'zero-Covid' policy on the global economy.

The answer was awarded **6 marks** (out of 6) for this question for:

- ◆ linking fewer Chinese exports with increased consumption of domestic goods
- ◆ linking stopping manufacturing in China with moving elsewhere
- ◆ developing shifting production with higher costs of production and prices
- ◆ linking lower supply from China with inflation
- ◆ giving a statistic about China's emission levels
- ◆ giving a statistic about China's economic growth

The point about increased costs and higher prices is a repeat.

The point about moving out of China is a repeat.

Question 12c

Describe the key features of China's Belt and Road Initiative.

The answer was awarded **6 marks** (out of 6) for this question for:

- ◆ suggesting the purpose is to increase Chinese trade
- ◆ suggesting a programme of road building from China to Europe and Asia
- ◆ suggesting investment in ports worldwide
- ◆ suggesting an increase in trade ties
- ◆ suggesting increased wealth generated by Chinese firms
- ◆ developing increased Chinese demand

The candidate had already achieved the two marks available for statistics, therefore the statistic about spending on infrastructure could not be given.

The point about the negative features of the initiative were not answering the question so did not gain a mark.

Question 12d

Describe the role of the World Bank.

The answer was awarded **4 marks** (out of 4) for this question for

- ◆ suggesting investing in infrastructure
- ◆ suggesting providing low interest loans
- ◆ developing loans are for low income countries
- ◆ suggesting writing off previous debts

The candidate achieved a total of **23 marks** out of 25 for section 3 (question 12).