

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question.

Candidate 6

Question 12(a)

Describe the key features of the USMCA.

The answer was awarded **5 marks** (out of 5) for this question for:

- 75% of parts for cars made in North America must be local
- car workers must be paid \$16 an hour
- eggs, dairy and poultry attract 0% tariffs
- the lifespan of the deal
- the countries included in the trade deal

A further mark for protecting SME startups would have been awarded had the candidate not already reached full marks for this question.

Question 12(b)

Describe the reasons why the rate of economic growth in the US was expected to slow down in 2024.

The answer was awarded **1 mark** (out of 6) for this question for:

- economic uncertainty leading to consumer saving

No mark was awarded for the second paragraph because it was too generic and did not specifically relate to the US economy in 2024.

No mark was awarded for the third paragraph because in addition to being incorrect, it was generic and did not specifically relate to the situation in 2024.

No mark was awarded for the fourth paragraph because it related to the situation in 2025, not 2024.

No mark was awarded for the fifth paragraph because it was too generic.

No mark was awarded for the sixth paragraph because reference to gigs is too generic and does not directly relate to US economy in 2024.

No mark was awarded for the seventh paragraph because reference to a lack of drilling for oil and no value was too vague.

Question 12(c)

Discuss whether trade, rather than aid, is a more effective means of promoting economic growth in developing economies.

The answer was awarded **10 marks** (out of 10) for his question for:

- becoming dependent on aid
- inappropriate use of aid
- stealing of aid
- educational aid increases skills and employability
- skilled workers may leave the country
- statistic – UK's cut in aid as percentage of GDP
- medical aid increases the available workforce
- difficulties with trading
- lack of infrastructure to trade successfully
- aid may lead to growth and future trade possibilities

No mark was awarded for the seventh paragraph because the reference to unrealistic expectations is too vague.

No mark was awarded for the tenth paragraph because the potential benefits of inward migration are too vague.

No mark was awarded for the eleventh paragraph because the benefits of aid whilst experiencing conflict is too vague.

Question 12(d)

Explain why some economists believe that giving foreign aid helps developed economies.

The answer was awarded **2 marks** (out of 4) for his question for:

- statistic – value of UK aid to Africa
- current aid may lead to future trade

No mark was awarded for the second paragraph because it does not relate to a developed economy and is too vague with regard to employment.

No mark was awarded for the third paragraph because reference to numerous benefits is too vague.

No mark was awarded for the fourth paragraph because no explanation is given.

No mark was awarded for the fifth paragraph because it does not explain how this helps a developed economy.

The candidate achieved a total of **18 marks** out of 25 for section 3 (question 12).