

Commentary on candidate evidence

The evidence for this candidate has achieved the following marks for each *section* of this course assessment component.

Section 1 Practical Criticism

Candidate A

The candidate was awarded **25 marks** because.....

There are some good, comprehensive answers with certain questions, with questions 1, 6, 7 and 12 being particularly well done. There is sufficient depth and length to answers and bullets have been used to assist in organising thoughts and points themselves. Evidence is effectively used along with analysis of points. There is a good level of understanding with the candidate able to gain marks for every question.

Candidate B

The candidate was awarded **21 marks** because.....

This candidate obviously and perhaps more unusually, found the prose text more challenging than the piece of poetry. Some of the answers at the early stage of the paper don't lead to full marks however as the paper progresses the candidate gets into their stride, providing a good answer to question 7. The answer is perhaps not as detailed as others but still provides what is required to gain marks. The same is true of answers in the latter stage of the paper; they are perhaps not as detailed as other examples but provide enough to gain marks.

Candidate C

The candidate was awarded **24 marks** because.....

Evidence of good, solid answers throughout the paper.

Questions 6 and 7 were also both answered well. In question 6 for example there is clear evidence from the text and analysis used to back up the candidate's opinion and this is added to by additional evidence.

In question 7 the candidate provides three clear points each with relevant example and analysis/evaluation. There is sufficient depth and detail in both of these answers.

Question 13 which requires a measure of evaluation linked in to analysis and points from the poem itself was particularly well done and illustrated a good pattern for answering this question namely ideas identified, evidence from the text with analysis and any techniques highlighted and the personal evaluation also being present.

Candidate D

The candidate was awarded **29 marks** because.....

The candidate has a clear and methodical approach in answering the questions in the paper, using bullets to highlight each individual point made in many questions. They have a very thorough knowledge of the different techniques employed, select relevant textual evidence and offer clear explanation of points. Many answers are lengthy such as question 7. In question 13, this candidate gives a detailed answer and illustrates how the poem resonates with them linked to specific examples and analysis from the text itself.