

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Section 2 Writing

Candidate A

The candidate was awarded **18 marks** because.....

The story here is based against the background of war, something which was a recurring theme in a number of pieces of writing. The opening paragraph demonstrates attention to detail and the creation of the situation in the story, clearly and accurately. The candidate then begins to weave their story with various stylistic features used. A further addition is the text of the letter from the woman's husband and the establishing of the love and happiness which exists. This then adds to the ultimate twist in the story and the news of the death of her husband. The writing exhibits a very good degree of fluency and accuracy throughout.

Candidate B

The candidate was awarded **17 marks** because.....

The candidate embarks on a piece of reflective writing telling in personal terms about her experience of dealing with Alzheimer's. There is almost the feel of a cathartic release from relating the whole experience and provides a very clear account of the events such as when her relative didn't recognise them and how others couldn't visit. The piece is very engaging and the reader can very easily empathise with the candidate. Despite some errors, accuracy on the whole is very good.

Candidate C

The candidate was awarded **15 marks** because.....

The candidate devises a story which is based around the word 'ceòl' and uses this to effect within the story. There is evidence of the setting out and structuring of the story along with description and attention to detail coupled with good vocabulary and natural choice of phrase to step by step describe the love between the couple. The twist is handled effectively with the present day and the poignant scene of the woman, now old, sitting alone with her memories. Some re-reading is necessary at a couple of points mostly due to verb forms and other minor errors but the candidate has successfully related a good piece of work.

Candidate D

The candidate was awarded **17 marks** because.....

This candidate relates a broadly discursive piece of prose based on the subject of keeping animals in captivity and in so doing covers a range of different points including making reference to news stories of the time and parallels with the way old people are looked after. A number of stylistic features are used such as question, anecdote and linking phrases and there is a sense of structure to the piece as a whole with a clear conclusion. Overall there is a very good engagement with the task and a good degree of accuracy and fluency with little in the way of re-reading necessary.