

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for the project-dissertation.

Candidate 1

How convincing is the Teleological Argument as proof for the existence of God? (4107 words)

The candidate was awarded **44/50 marks**.

The candidate was awarded **20 marks** for knowledge and understanding (KU). The aims of the dissertation have been clearly explained and achieved, leading to a structure which is coherent, clear and logical. The candidate has used a wide range of sources and has clearly referenced them throughout. The knowledge and understanding demonstrated in this dissertation is relevant, accurate and in-depth, and is consistently supported by strong research.

The analysis is relevant, accurate and in-depth, consistently used to develop KU and evaluation points, and is consistently supported by strong research (**13 marks**).

The evaluation includes counter arguments and the development of a case. It is relevant, detailed and clear, and supported conclusions are evident at times in the dissertation (**11 marks**).

Candidate 2

To what extent does the Teleological Argument establish the existence of God? (3607 words)

The candidate was awarded **26/50 marks**.

The candidate was awarded **12 marks** for knowledge and understanding (KU). The aims of the dissertation have been explained and partially achieved, and some structure is clear but lacks coherence at times. The candidate has used a range of sources and has referenced them regularly. The KU is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, but is inconsistently supported by research.

The analysis is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, and is regularly used to develop KU or evaluation points but is inconsistently supported by research (**9 marks**).

The evaluation includes brief counter arguments and although relevant, it is insufficient and underdeveloped. Conclusions are evident but lack support at times **(5 marks)**.

Candidate 3

Is Aquinas' Cosmological argument strong enough to prove that God exists? (4316 words)

The candidate was awarded **30/50 marks**.

The candidate was awarded **16 marks** for knowledge and understanding (KU). The aims of the dissertation have been clearly explained and achieved, leading to a structure which is coherent, clear and logical. A wide range of sources have been used and clearly referenced throughout. The KU is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, and is supported by some strong research.

The analysis is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, but is inconsistently used to develop KU or evaluation points, and is inconsistently supported by research **(9 marks)**.

The evaluation includes brief counter arguments and although relevant, it is insufficient and underdeveloped. Conclusions are evident, but lack support at times **(5 marks)**.

Candidate 4

To what extent is the concept of God incoherent? (4259 words)

The candidate was awarded **41/50 marks**.

This dissertation achieved **19 marks** for knowledge and understanding (KU). The aims of the dissertation have been clearly explained and achieved, leading to a structure which is coherent, clear and logical. A wide range of sources have been used and clearly referenced throughout. The KU is consistently relevant, accurate and in-depth, and is consistently supported by some strong research.

The analysis is relevant, accurate and in-depth, consistently used to develop KU and evaluation points, and is consistently supported by strong research **(12 marks)**.

The evaluation consistently includes counter arguments and the development of a case, which is relevant, detailed and clear. Supported conclusions are evident at times in the dissertation **(10 marks)**.

Candidate 5

Is a termination during pregnancy ever morally acceptable? (4377 words)

The candidate was awarded **30/50 marks**.

This dissertation achieved **15 marks** for knowledge and understanding (KU). The aims of the dissertation have been explained and mainly achieved, and some structure is evident, but lacks coherence at times. A range of sources have been used and referenced regularly. The KU is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, and is supported by some strong research.

The analysis is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, is regularly used to develop KU or evaluation points and is supported by some strong research (**9 marks**).

The evaluation includes brief counter arguments and the development of a case and, although relevant, it is insufficient and underdeveloped. Conclusions are evident but lack support at times (**6 marks**).

Candidate 6

A critical evaluation of the moral acceptability of euthanasia. (4249 words)

The candidate was awarded **35/50 marks**.

The candidate opted to use a statement rather than a question for their title which, although acceptable, resulted in the candidate not clearly identifying the aims of their dissertation. Marks were awarded across the full marking grid.

This dissertation was awarded **16 marks** for knowledge and understanding (KU). By opting to 'critically evaluate', the candidate did not explicitly explain the aims of their dissertation, which meant that aims were only achieved to the extent that they could be identified. Despite this, the structure is coherent, clear and logical in its approach to a critical evaluation. A wide range of sources have been used and are clearly referenced throughout. The KU is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, and is supported by some strong research.

The analysis is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, and is regularly used to develop KU or evaluation points, and is supported by some strong research (**10 marks**).

The evaluation includes some counter arguments and the development of a case which is relevant, detailed and clear. Supported conclusions are evident at times in the dissertation (**9 marks**).

Candidate 7

Religious experiences are such that they are beyond academic study. To what extent is this a valid assertion? (3989 words)

The candidate was awarded **35/50 marks**.

The candidate was awarded **15 marks** for knowledge and understanding (KU). The aims of this dissertation were not clearly stated and, as such, can only be partially achieved. Although the structure is clear, it lacks coherence at times. A range of clearly referenced sources have been used. The knowledge and understanding is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, and is supported by some strong research.

The analysis is mainly relevant, accurate and in-depth, and is regularly used to develop KU or evaluation points, and is supported by some strong research (**10 marks**).

The evaluation includes some counter arguments and the development of a case, it is relevant, detailed and clear. Supported conclusions are evident at times throughout the dissertation (**10 marks**).

Candidate 8

Secular perspectives have discredited religious experience. To what extent is this accurate? (4059 words)

The candidate was awarded **29/50 marks**.

The aims of this dissertation were inadequately expressed, however the structure is clear, but lacks coherence at times. A limited range of sources have been used, but are referenced regularly. This led to the dissertation achieving **14 marks** for knowledge and understanding (KU). KU is mainly relevant, accurate and in depth, and is supported by some strong research.

The analysis is mainly relevant and accurate, but lacks depth. It is inconsistently used to develop KU or evaluation points and is inconsistently supported by research (**8 marks**).

The evaluation includes brief counter arguments and the development of a case and, although relevant, is insufficient and underdeveloped. Conclusions are evident but lack support at times (**7 marks**).