

Commentary on candidate evidence

Candidate 1

Question 9: 'The sanctity of life is central to end of life care decisions.' To what extent do you agree? (30 marks)

This candidate was awarded **15 marks**.

Knowledge and understanding (KU) (10 marks)

This response demonstrates inconsistent depth of understanding throughout however, the candidate did just enough to make it pass out of the 10 marks as it is mainly relevant and accurate to what was expected to be shown in this essay question. The candidate has used sources, but they are more general in nature than specific to the question. The candidate was awarded **6 marks** for knowledge and understanding.

Analysis (10 marks)

Analysis is similar to the KU as it is written in a more general style, again, it is not specific to the question and there is a lack of depth throughout. The candidate demonstrates that they can analyse using some skills phrases but relies on generic use of sources. The candidate was awarded **5 marks** for analysis.

Evaluation (10 marks)

Evaluation, when used, is valid but lacks reason and is brief. Evaluation needs to relate to the question throughout the argument which this essay does not fully demonstrate. Depth is a common problem throughout this essay. The candidate was awarded **4 marks** for evaluation.