

Commentary on candidate 2 evidence

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

Question 1

Section 1 – Philosophy of Religion

“Aquinas’s cosmological arguments prove the existence of a first cause and not the existence of God.” Discuss. (30 marks)

The candidate was awarded **30 marks** because the essay is clearly focussed on the question at all times. There are some issues with the depth of some evaluation, however, the candidate has given all of the key points, used a wide range of sources and has adeptly directed the content to the question. The candidate has discussed some complex non routine issues and made some non routine comments and observations. Knowledge and understanding is consistently in depth, accurate and relevant. There is clear evidence that the candidate has drawn together appropriate and relevant information from a range of sources (**10 marks**). Analysis clearly identifies specific issues related to the question and the explanation of the issues takes account of clearly identified perspectives (**10 marks**). Evaluation is insightful, valid and clearly reasoned and relevant judgements are made. Conclusions have successfully been drawn at the end of the essay (**10 marks**).

Question 5

Section 2 – Medical Ethics

“Palliative care replaces the need for euthanasia.” Discuss. (30 marks)

The candidate was awarded **30 marks** because the essay is very well written with knowledge and understanding clearly evident and, analysis and evaluation present throughout. The candidate has displayed the information very well and made clear references to the question throughout. Knowledge and understanding is mainly accurate. Three or four issues have been correctly identified but the science tends to be over stated. Knowledge and understanding is consistently in depth, accurate and relevant and the candidate has drawn together relevant and appropriate information from a range of sources (**10 marks**). Analysis clearly identifies specific issues related to the question and the explanation of issues takes account of a range of clearly identified perspectives. The candidate demonstrates an understanding of their relevance to the question (**10 marks**). Evaluation is insightful, valid and clearly reasoned and relevant judgements are made on the perspectives and issues. Conclusions have been successfully woven throughout the essay (**10 marks**).