

# Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for the Research (Section 2) of the assignment.

## Candidate 1

**Purpose: ‘to investigate how relatively high interest rates will affect agents within the UK economy’**

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** (out of 3) for this extract.

- **1 mark** for the giving the value of a BBC source (being up to date) and an explanation of why the article was up to date (being published on 19 February 2025)
- **1 mark** for giving the value of a BBC source (being objective) and an explanation of why the article was objective (the organisation having a pledge to objectivity).
- **1 mark** for giving the value of the ONS source (being cost-effective) and an explanation of why the article was cost-effective (not having to pay for it).
- **Full marks** for giving the value of the CPER source (not being concise) and an explanation of why the article was not concise (containing many irrelevant paragraphs). There are only 3 marks available for the research section, therefore this answer was not awarded a mark.

## Candidate 2

**Purpose: 'to investigate the impact of high interest rates on the UK economy'**

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** (out of 3) for this extract.

- **1 mark** for the giving the value of a Forbes source (being up to date) and an explanation of why the article was up to date (being published on 26 March 2025).
- **1 mark** for giving the value of the Guardian (being objective) and an explanation of why the article was objective (written by a journalist unconnected with the government).
- **0 marks** for the point about the Bank of England being accurate about interest rates because the Bank of England determines the rate, as there is no explanation of why the Bank of England figures would be accurate.
- **1 mark** for giving the value of a Bank of England source (being cost-effective) and an explanation of why the article was cost-effective (being free to access).