

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question of the critical reading question paper.

Candidate 4

The candidate was awarded a total of **16 out of 20 marks** for this section of the question paper.

Question 21: Look at lines 1-11. Analyse how the writer’s use of language conveys Jekyll’s state of mind after transforming back into himself.

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The first point on “horror” suggesting Jekyll’s fear that he might ‘transform back into Hyde again’ is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The next point on “gratitude for my escape” suggesting Jekyll is ‘very thankful’ that he can transform back to himself and is not ‘trapped as Hyde’ is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Note that the candidate has achieved full marks for this question but offers two further responses. These would each be worth 1 mark.

Question 22: Look at lines 12-28. By referring to at least two examples, analyse how the writer’s use of language conveys the horror of Jekyll’s experiences and/or situation.

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The first point on “seized” suggesting ‘loss of control’ as he is ‘almost forced and grabbed’ by Hyde’s evil is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

0 marks were awarded for the comment on “Hyde that I awakened” as the word “always” needs to be included to give a sense of Hyde’s horror.

0 marks were awarded for the comment on “continually impending doom” as the candidate’s analysis ‘something bad’ does not convey the intensity of “doom”.

0 marks were awarded for the comment on “re-administered” as it does not convey horror.

The final point on “emptied by fever” is an acceptable comment suggesting how deeply he has been affected by the experience: ‘physically ill as well as mentally torn’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 23: Look at lines 29-49. By referring to at least two examples, analyse how the writer’s use of language conveys the feelings of both Jekyll and Hyde.

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point on “not only hellish but inorganic” suggesting Jekyll believes Hyde is ‘unnatural’ and the ‘ultimate evil’ is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The next point on “he loathed the despondency” highlighting Jekyll’s deep despair is an acceptable comment and was awarded **1 mark**.

0 marks were awarded for the comment on “he resented the dislike” as the candidate’s analysis ‘hated’ does not convey bitterness.

The next point on “pity him” is an acceptable comment suggesting that, despite his evil, Jekyll feels sorry for Hyde. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The final point on “insurgent horror” suggesting that Jekyll is ‘tormented by Hyde’ is an acceptable comment and was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 24: By referring to this extract and to elsewhere in the novel, discuss how Stevenson uses the experiences of characters to explore central concerns.

The candidate was awarded **8 marks**.

Commonality

The candidate identifies areas of commonality by referring to the extract and then, later, to another part of the novel.

The first point on the experience of Hyde gaining power over Jekyll linked to the central concern of duality is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The next point on the experience of Utterson receiving the letters which cannot be opened, linked to the central concern of secrecy, is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Extract

The first point on “always as Hyde that I awakened” suggesting the experience of being unable to control his transformation, linked to the central concern of evil, is an acceptable comment and was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point on Jekyll’s perception that he and Hyde are no longer the same person, ‘they both coexist’, linked to duality is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Note that the candidate already has full marks for this section but offers a third response. This is the same point on duality so would be worth 0 marks.

Elsewhere

The first point on the experience of Utterson receiving the letters which ‘withhold information’ linked to the central concern of secrecy is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point on Hyde's brutal murder of Sir Danvers Carew linked to the central concern of evil in humanity is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The next point is an acceptable comment on Jekyll closing the window to prevent Utterson seeing his transformation, linked to the central concern of secrecy. It was awarded **1 mark**.

0 marks were awarded for the comment on Jekyll's suffering as it is not linked to a specific experience.

0 marks were awarded for the comment on physical differences as it is not linked to a specific experience.

The final point on "trampled calmly" suggesting Hyde's lack of remorse for his actions, linked to the central concern of evil, is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.