

# Commentary on candidate evidence

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

## Question 1 (a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for correctly identifying that Catullus lied about the eight-man litter team that he claims to have but failed to mention that he had no slaves at all either in Bithynia or Rome.

## Question 1 (b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that the girl wanted to use his litter-bearers (**1 mark**) and that he had to tell the girl the truth. (**1 mark**)

## Question 2(a)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for correctly identifying that Catullus is very happy to return to Sirmio (**1 mark**) and that he stops worrying and that he can put his worries aside. (**1 mark**)

## Question 2 (b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that Catullus calls the place *ocelle*, a term of affection (**1 mark**) and that Catullus uses the pronoun *te*, you, in addressing the place. (**1 mark**)

## Question 3 (a)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for the following:

- ◆ Amor approves of the love declared by Septimius (**1 mark**)
- ◆ Acme's reply also declaring her love almost like a competition (**1 mark**)

## Question 3 (b)

The candidate was awarded **6 marks** for this question for providing examples of effective language and explaining the effect:

- ◆ The assonance of *a* in *assidue paratus annos* and *p* in *pote plurimum perire* (**1 mark**) provides a tone of sincerity and emphasis. (**1 mark**)
- ◆ The rhetorical question *quis ...vidit?* (**1 mark**) intensifies the poet's statements about the couple. (**1 mark**)
- ◆ The repetition and balanced phrase *animis amant amantur* (**1mark**) creates a sense of the symmetry and mutuality of the couple's love. (**1 mark**)

### Question 4

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for correctly identifying that Catullus cannot eat/sleep because he misses Licinius (**1 mark**) and that Catullus wants Licinius to put aside his pride and come back and write more poetry. (**1 mark**)

### Question 5 (a)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for:

- ◆ In the past, Catullus felt both 'erotic and familial love for Lesbia (**1 mark**)
- ◆ Now, he only feels sexual desire, the familial love has gone (**1 mark**)

### Question 5 (b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for:

- ◆ Jove is a god (**1 mark**)
- ◆ Jove has high status (**1 mark**)

### Question 6

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for:

- ◆ Lesbia has promised that their love will last forever. (**1 mark**)

### Question 7

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for:

- ◆ Self-mockery: he made no money under a governor who was an 'expletive deleted' (Poem 2) (**1 mark**)
- ◆ Exaggeration: the book he has been given has made him ill (Poem 3) (**1 mark**)
- ◆ Subtle irony – Cicero is the best of patrons as much as Catullus is the worst of poets. (Poem 8) (**1 mark**)

### Question 8

The candidate was awarded **7 marks** for:

- ◆ Likeable: Catullus is sincere in his affection towards his friends (**1 mark**) he dedicates a book to Cornelius (**1 mark**) and expresses how much he misses Licinius. (**1 mark**)
- ◆ Poem 2: Catullus admits his own weaknesses (**1 mark**), but unlikeable to say that he only met them because he had time to spare. (**1 mark**)
- ◆ Poem 12: Catullus considers he has been a loyal lover to Lesbia. (**1 mark**)
- ◆ Poem 8: Catullus is not likeable when he ironically mocks Cicero. (**1 mark**)