

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Question 9

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for this question for correctly identifying the background, the couple's love and their parents' objections as major features of the story.

Question 10 (a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for correctly identifying that their love had made them resourceful.

Question 10 (b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for identifying the couple as being frustrated, resentful of what they interpret as the wall's deliberate obstruction, but at the same time grateful for the small mercy of being able to hear each other.

Question 11 (a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** for identifying that Thisbe is afraid/nervous ('frozen'); she initially confidently recognises the tree but then becomes unsure of the location owing to the change in the colour of the berries; she is anxious not to let Pyramus down.

Question 11 (b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for identifying that Thisbe notices Pyramus's twitching limbs. Her face becomes as pale as boxwood; she is white with shock.

Question 12

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that the city had brick walls and inferring that there were guards (to prevent escape).

Question 13 (a)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for correctly identifying Baucis' actions in propping up the table with a tile and sweeping the surface with mint.

Question 13 (b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that Baucis was hospitable and wanted everything to be perfect.

Question 14

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

- ◆ the wine bowl refilled itself which could only have happened by divine intervention (**1 mark**)
- ◆ the couple recognised that they were gods (**1 mark**)
- ◆ the couple believed the gods were angry at them (**1 mark**)

Question 15

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

- ◆ the couple are turned to trees side by side (**1 mark**)
- ◆ they say their final words at the same time (**1 mark**)
- ◆ bark covers their mouths as they speak (**1 mark**)

Question 16

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that hospitality was important and involved doing your best to make your guests comfortable.

Question 17

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for identifying romance and tragedy as features of Ovid's work, together with his use of contrast to heighten dramatic effect. The candidate spent time retelling the stories that might have been used to identify features of interest to the reader.