

# Commentary on candidate evidence

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

## Question 25

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for identifying that Pliny was studious.

## Question 26 (a)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that a small boat would be faster and more manoeuvrable and require only a small complement of crew.

## Question 26 (b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for identifying that Rectina said she needed to be rescued by sea, she was afraid and was trapped at the foot of the mountain.

## Question 26 (c)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that the expedition was changed from research to rescue and the warships had greater capacity for taking people off.

## Question 27

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that on the one hand Pliny was sensible in trying to prevent panic, but he imported risk through delay.

## Question 28

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that the reference to the tremors and the fear and danger are evidence of urgency although lacking in detail.

## Question 29 (a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for identifying reading as a distinguishing activity.

## Question 29 (b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that the local people had no concept of eruptions and were used to minor earth tremors.

## Question 30 (a)

The candidate was awarded **0 marks** for this question, having failed to identify any of the events listed in the marking instructions.

### Question 30 (b)

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

- ◆ 'the sea sucked back on itself' (1 mark)
- ◆ 'the shoreline advanced' (1 mark)
- ◆ 'sea creatures were left stranded' (1 mark)

### Question 31 (a)

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

- ◆ Pliny's mother told her son to escape (1 mark)
- ◆ she said as a young man he had a chance of survival (1 mark)
- ◆ she was old and slow and would hold him back (1 mark)

### Question 31 (b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying that she was unselfish and a loving mother.

### Question 32

The candidate was awarded **0 marks** for failing to note any relevant points.

### Question 33

The candidate was awarded **5 marks** for identifying Pliny's uncle as a good leader in his in his ability to respond/react with speed and flexibility in selecting vessels, in acting calmly and trying to prevent panic, and in giving an example for his nephew to emulate. However, he had the tendency to behave not as a leader but as an individual, not paying proper attention to the welfare of those whom he led, risking their safety by rashness and delay.