

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Question 18(a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for identifying that Juno was worried about a future invader who would conquer Carthage

Question 18(b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for identifying that Juno was biased in favour of Carthage. that she was vain and self-centred, and that she wished Carthage to have power over other nations.

Question 18(c)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** because they identified that the gods were subordinate to the Fates, took sides and exhibited bias in human affairs, and held grudges.

Question 19

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** because Dido is surrounded by a group of young men, and that people follow her enthusiastically.

Question 20

The candidate was awarded **6 marks** because they identified the following examples of Aeneas' emotional reactions:

- He is struck dumb **(1 mark)**
- his hair stands on end **(1 mark)**
- he is confused **(1 mark)**
- he is conflicted in his feelings about what to do **(1 mark)**
- he is awed by the power of the gods **(1 mark)**
- he is overthinking and panicking **(1 mark)**

Question 21(a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for correctly identifying Rumour as the way Dido found out about Aeneas' plans,

Question 21(b)

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

- Dido's emotions compared to fire **(1 mark)**
- Dido is described as 'frenzied' **(1 mark)**
- Dido is described as roaming round in a rage **(1 mark)**

Question 22(a)

The candidate did not attempt this question **(0 mark)**

Question 22(b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for identifying the following points:

- Aeneas does not want to leave Dido **(1 mark)**
- He is compelled to go by divine will **(1 mark)**
- He had not entered a formal binding agreement **(1 mark)**

Question 23

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

- There would always be hostility between Rome and Carthage **(1 mark)**
- The two cities would be at war **(1 mark)**
- There would be hatred between them **(1 mark)**

Question 24

The candidate was awarded **8 marks** and identified the following points:

- The gods are chiefly to blame Venus sends her son Cupid **(1 mark)** who causes Dido to fall in love with Aeneas and forget her previous husband. **(1 mark)**
- In Extract 5, Juno and Tellus officiate at the pseudo-wedding **(1 mark)**, giving it legitimacy in Dido's eyes **(1 mark)**
- In Extract 6 Mercury confronts Aeneas and impresses upon him that he must leave **(1 mark)** emphasising it is the will of Jupiter, which precipitates the tragic ending. **(1 mark)**
- In Extract 9, Aeneas says 'If the Fates allowed me to live by my own authority' which acknowledges that the gods/Fates have control over his and Dido's destiny **(1 mark)**
- In Extract 14 Aeneas tells Dido's ghost that he left her shores unwillingly, again confirming his lack of agency before the gods **(1 mark)**