

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Question 33

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for correctly stating that the Mamertines had allowed Verres to store loot in their town but incorrectly stating that they had given him a warship (as opposed to a merchant ship).

Question 34(a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**, correctly stating that Verres' ships were under-crewed

Question 34(b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**, correctly stating that pirates sold young men as slaves to make money, sold tapestries and other high-value goods, and used coins as currency.

Question 35

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for identifying the use of the tricolon '*concurrerent...cuperent*' as emphasis on the Syracusans' eagerness; *oculos animumque* , feasting their eyes and minds, metaphor of feasting to emphasise their eagerness.

Question 36

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for correctly stating that Servilius displayed the prates tied up in chains, paraded them through towns, and had them publicly executed.

Question 37

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**, correctly stating that the quarries were virtually inescapable, they were very deep, long-established as a prison.

Question 38

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**, correctly stating that Centuripa was far from the sea and the threat of pirates, and that Apronius stole money

Question 39(a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**, correctly stating that Verres wanted to make the Syracusans lose track of the number of pirates, and to prevent those being executed from being recognised.

Question 39(b)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**, correctly stating that Roman citizens were used to make up the numbers of pirates for execution; he had claimed they were soldiers of Sertorius; he covered their heads to prevent recognition; Roman citizens should have been protected from such treatment.

Question 40

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**, correctly stating that Cicero emphasizes that the pirate ship was only small, and that having captured the pirate captain Verres released him.

Question 41

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**, correctly identifying areas where Verres broke the law, i.e. undertaking illegal arrangements with the Mamertines, accepting bribes from sailors and pirates, and himself bribing the Centuripini, stealing the contents of the pirate vessel. The candidate failed to gain full marks by not bringing in instances of entertaining oratory to contrast with evidence of guilt.