

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Candidate 1

A. Identifying and demonstrating factual and theoretical knowledge and understanding of the issue, showing an awareness of different points of view

Background and framing of issues and alternatives

The candidate clearly identifies the issue of the Italian executive specifically the role of Giorgia Meloni in Italian politics. The candidate gives detailed background to the issue. The candidate makes a basic attempt to give alternative points of view in the first few sentences of the assignment. This combined with the alternative views given throughout the text meets the criteria for this mark. The candidate gives the significance of the issue and links it to the political concept of power. The candidate cannot achieve marks for both of these as the knowledge and understanding is capped at 5 marks for this section. The candidate was awarded **5 marks** for this section.

Knowledge and understanding which supports the analysis of the issue

The candidate uses a range of information to support different aspects of their analysis. They focus on three aspects of the issue: relationships with other leaders, the economy and control over democracy/protest. The knowledge and understanding points use appropriate social science terminology and are linked to the analysis given throughout the assignment. They make effective use of examples to support their writing and therefore, **5 marks** were awarded for this aspect of knowledge and understanding.

In total, the candidate was awarded **10 out of 10 marks** for knowledge and understanding.

B. Analysing information in a structured manner

The candidate makes limited analytical comments and was awarded marks for the following:

Page 3 – ‘And her success in doing so is great news.... prices have skyrocketed and been made to be less competitive in the US market’ (developed analysis – possible consequences and/or implication)

Page 3 – ‘Using Steven Lukes.... bringing those levies down’ (link between components and related concepts)

Page 3 – ‘So clearly Meloni has more power than the likes of Keir Starmer...where Starmer has not.’ (relative importance)

Page 4 – ‘if the result – lower prices for Italian businesses.... for the Italian republic’ (understanding the underlying order or structure)

Page 4 – ‘If it is lowered then this is very good news.... more trust in Italy’s economic stability.’ (Possible consequences and/or implication)

Page 4 – ‘So Meloni’s Italy in economic terms...eurozone’s 4’t largest economy.’ (inconsistency)

Page 4 – ‘In terms of Steven Luke’s second dimension of power...looks like she isn’t using it to great effect.’ (link between components and related concepts) (pasta example not seen to be clear enough for development)

Page 4 – ‘So this all points to the left wing point...not used her power and politics well.’ (different views or interpretations)

Page 5 – ‘So the curbing of the protests.... Brothers of Italy Party which is doing these possibly anti democratic things.’ (link to related concepts)

Page 5 – ‘It could be seen that Meloni’s heavy nationalistic policies...namely the uphold of democracy.’ (developed analysis – link between components and the whole”

In total, the candidate was awarded **12 out of 14 marks** for analysis.

C. Communicating information from, and referring to, political sources

The candidate refers to several political sources throughout. Refers to sources on the resource sheet throughout – Amnesty, a thinktank, Socialist Worker, The Times.

In total, the candidate was awarded **2 out of 2 marks** for political sources.

D. Drawing a detailed and reasoned conclusion(s) about the issue

The candidate makes three conclusions are made with reference to evidence.

As a result, the candidate was awarded **3 out of 4 marks** for conclusions.

In total, the candidate was awarded 27 out of 30 marks for the assignment.