

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Candidate 3

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 issue of a comparison between two US executives is identified and some background is given. The candidate gives some limited detail on alternative viewpoints. The candidate was awarded **3 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 five aspects: education, healthcare, international relations, opinion polls and the economy. 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 **8 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 13-14 – ‘This shows how Obamas success...helping him to create the very good US economy.’ (consequence)

Page 14 – ‘Overall Obama was a more successful...growing Obama economy’
(underlying order)

Page 15 – ‘This shows how although Trump.... real change to healthcare’
(interpretation)

Page 15 – ‘Overall Obama was a more successful.... people through healthcare.’
(underlying order)

Page 16 – ‘Overall Obama is more successful.... not liking what Trump aims for.’
(underlying order)

Page 17 – ‘Overall Obama and Trump both.... impact in the future.’ (underlying order)

Page 17 – ‘This shows how Obama was successful in relationships...allies with the US’ (implication)

Page 18 – ‘Overall Obama was more successful.... how the used to be.’ (underlying order)

In total, the candidate was awarded **8 out of 14 marks** for analysis.

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

While the candidate references Sources A – H, none are explicitly referenced as the original source and therefore not credited. While Source H is referenced as “Trump twitter” in the candidate’s writing and would have been a valid source, this is not what Source H is on the resource sheet and therefore cannot be credited.

In total, the candidate was awarded **0 out of 2 marks** for political sources.

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

The candidate makes one conclusion based on Obama’s success with detailed reference to evidence.

As a result, the candidate was awarded **2 out of 4 marks** for conclusions.

In total, the candidate was awarded 18 out of 30 marks for the assignment.