

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Candidate 4

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 democracy is highlighted and background to the issue is given. The candidate does not meet the criteria for the remaining marks available. The candidate provides an introduction style first paragraph, but this does not meet the criteria for knowledge and understanding marks. The candidate was awarded **2 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 four aspects of the issue: practicality, expertise, political literacy and legitimacy. 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, **4 marks** were awarded for this aspect of knowledge and understanding.

In total, the candidate was awarded **6 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 8 – ‘This may not be desirable...it just isn’t realistic.’ (interpretation)

Page 8 – ‘If people think that their government...even if it is a big inconvenience.’
(implication)

Page 9 – ‘This, in turn, might make people.... working-class person.’(interpretation)

Page 10 – ‘If direct democracy were to be...only a yes/no question.’ (developed
analysis - implication)

Page 10 – ‘In theory, direct democracy would be the most...in the first place’ (linking
concepts)

Page 10 – ‘In turn, representative...not be worth it’ (interpretation)

In total, the candidate was awarded **7 out of 14 marks** for analysis.

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

The candidate refers to sources by making reference to Source A. This is not clear and accurate communication of, and reference to, at least two political sources. The sources must be named in the assignment and referenced on the resource sheet to gain the marks in this section.

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 with detailed reference to evidence regarding the validity of direct democracy being used in the UK.

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

In total, the candidate was awarded 15 marks out of 30 marks for the assignment.