

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question of the question paper.

Candidate 2

Section 1 – Scottish text: *Men Should Weep* by Ena Lamont Stewart

The candidate was awarded a total of **16 out of 20 marks** for this section.

Question 9

The candidate was awarded **3 out of 4 marks** for this question.

The first point, that ‘Maggie is an incredibly hard worker’, is an acceptable comment on “drapped doon deid”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The comment on “yawns” simply describes an action, rather than an aspect of character and was awarded 0 marks.

The next point, ‘Granny is high maintenance’, is an acceptable comment on “whining”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The point, ‘Granny can quickly have a negative outlook on life’, is an acceptable comment on “ma life’s ebbin”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The point, ‘Granny often thinks the worse’, repeats the pessimism point. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 10

The candidate was awarded **2 out of 2 marks** for this question.

The first point, ‘connotations of being grumpy’, is an acceptable comment on “crabbit”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The next point, ‘how selfish Lizzie is as she isn’t doing this to help her mother but to get money’, is an acceptable comment on “A she’s interested in is ma pension book”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 11

The candidate was awarded **4 out of 4 marks** for this question.

The first point, suggesting that the Morrisons ‘don’t have enough money to feed everyone sufficiently’, is an acceptable comment on “skinny”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point, suggesting that the family ‘can’t afford good clothes’, is an acceptable comment on “cast-off clothing”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The next point, suggesting ‘they discipline their kids, much like how they used to during that time’, is an acceptable comment on “guid leatherin”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The point on the list of children’s names “Edie”, “Ernest”, “Christopher”, “the Baby” does not in itself suggest that the space is too small for a large family. It was awarded 0 marks.

The point ‘they cannot afford the essential things’, is an acceptable comment on “Stummicks” and “seeck” (at the end of the script). It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 12

The candidate was awarded **7 out of 10 marks** for this question.

Commonality

The first point on the use of Granny to explore themes of family and poverty is an acceptable comment and was awarded **1 mark**.

The additional comment repeats the same point about poverty and family. It was awarded 0 marks.

Extract

The comment on “A she’s interested in’s ma pension book” focused on Lizzie, not Granny. It was awarded 0 marks.

The point that the character of Granny gives a ‘sense of strong family connections’, is an acceptable comment on “Lizzie’s tae tak her turn”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Elsewhere

The point ‘Granny shares a bed ...there are issues of overcrowding in the home’ is an acceptable comment and was awarded **1 mark**.

The point about ‘Granny’s interactions with the two delivery men ...the theme of community’, is an acceptable comment on “tell your Granny yae didnae mean it”. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The point ‘Granny has to live between Maggie and Lizzie’s ...they cannot afford a house for Granny’ is an acceptable comment and was awarded **1 mark**.

The acceptable comment on the negative aspects of Granny's family life, as shown by Lizzie who insists on getting some of Granny's pension before she will take her, was awarded **1 mark**.

The final point on Granny's interaction with the neighbours, showing another aspect of community 'as they help out and take care of Granny as well', is an acceptable comment. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Note that several of these comments do not include a quotation; the references are just as valid.