

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Question 10

The candidate was awarded **0 marks** because it appeared that the candidate did not understand Ovid's intentions in using fire as a metaphor.

Question 11(a)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** because the response successfully showed that Pyramus and Thisbe were desperate to see each other, and identified the ways in which the lovers communicated:

- ♦ they were desperate to meet
- ♦ they could only communicate through a hole in the wall
- ♦ they had to whisper to avoid being overheard

Question 11(b)

The candidate was awarded **0 marks** because the response did not contain any evaluation of how realistic the description was, as opposed to how realistic would be the emotions of the lovers.

Question 12(a)

The candidate was awarded **0 marks** because the response identifies Thisbe's emotions from a different part of the text from the one under consideration.

Question 12(b)

The candidate was awarded **0 marks** because there was no response.

Question 13

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** of a possible 3, having identified two valid points:

- ♦ they had their wish granted to be buried together
- ♦ the red mulberries form a lasting memorial

Question 14

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**, having identified three valid points of evidence from the text:

- ♦ they shared household tasks equally
- ♦ they were god-fearing
- ♦ they lived frugally and accepted poverty

Question 15

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**, having identified five valid points from the text showing evidence of a strong concern with hospitality:

- ♦ the visitors were invited in at once
- ♦ they were given a place to sit
- ♦ the fire was built up
- ♦ they were given food
- ♦ they were given the best of the little that the couple had to offer

Question 16

The candidate was awarded **0 marks**, having failed to identify valid points from the text.

Question 17

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**, having identified two of four possible valid points from the text:

- ♦ be ready to offer hospitality
- ♦ you should offer visitors the best you have

There is a wide range of possible responses available: candidates should be encouraged to think imaginatively about possible answers.

Question 18

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**, having made four valid points:

- ♦ for modern as well as ancient people it is possible to find true love
- ♦ people in love will go to endless lengths to be together
- ♦ they will take opportunities like the crack in the wall
- ♦ modern people can share household tasks like Baucis and Philemon