

# Commentary on candidate evidence

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

## Question 26(a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** having identified a valid point:

- ♦ Pliny saw a cloud (of unusual appearance)

## Question 26(b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** because the response successfully identified three characteristics of a Roman gentleman's lifestyle:

- ♦ sit out in the sun
- ♦ take a cold bath
- ♦ eat lunch
- ♦ lie down

## Question 27(a)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** having correctly identified two of Pliny the Elder's reactions:

- ♦ he tried to calm their fears
- ♦ he said the flames were just bonfires

## Question 27(b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** having correctly identified two of Pliny the Elder's medical conditions:

- ♦ he was overweight
- ♦ he was prone to breathlessness

## Question 27(c)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** having correctly identified two of the factors influencing Pliny:

- ♦ if they stayed inside the building might collapse
- ♦ if they went out they could be hit by falling pumice etc

## Question 28(a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** of a possible 2, having identified one of Pliny's assurances correctly:

- ♦ it is an eye-witness account

## Question 28(b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**, having identified two valid points of contrast between history and private correspondence:

- ♦ a private letter is for one person's attention

- ♦ written history is for everyone

### Question 29

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**, having drawn two valid conclusions from Pliny's description of the people:

- ♦ they were afraid
- ♦ they did not know what to do

### Question 30

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**, having made three valid comments on the behaviour of Pliny's friend:

- ♦ he was concerned for their safety
- ♦ he gave reasonable advice
- ♦ he did, however, go off by himself and leave them

### Question 31

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** of a possible 6, having failed to identify more than one relevant example of linguistic technique:

- ♦ Pliny's mother urgently warns him to leave

### Question 32

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**, for three relevant comments:

- ♦ wailing of women
- ♦ babies screaming
- ♦ people shouting

### Question 33

The candidate was awarded **6 marks**, of a possible 8, for six relevant judgments on Pliny the Elder's actions:

- ♦ he pursues his researches at the risk of his life
- ♦ he carried on his daily routine with no apparent sense of urgency
- ♦ he did not appear to be concerned about his sister and nephew's safety
- ♦ he did not do a risk assessment before leaving Misenum
- ♦ in defence, he tried to rescue Rectina
- ♦ he tried to calm people's fears and prevent panic