

# Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has 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 issue and alternatives*

The candidate identifies the issue in the first paragraph, the background is explained in detail making reference to 2010 and 2017 general elections. A brief awareness of several viewpoints is given and the assignment topic is linked to the political concept of legitimacy. The candidate was awarded **5 marks** for this section.

Throughout the assignment the candidate makes use of KU to support the analysis in the assignment. This includes knowledge and understanding on Improved turnout and participation, representation, and proportionality. These knowledge and understanding points use appropriate social science terminology and are linked to the analysis given in some sections of the assignment. The candidate was awarded **4 marks** for this aspect of knowledge and understanding.

In total, the candidate was awarded **9 out of 10 marks** for knowledge and understanding.

### B. Analysing information in a structured manner

The candidate makes a number of analytical comments relating to the theme of human rights in relation to constitutions. The candidate makes analytical comments such as identifying the relative importance of components and identifying consequences, implications and offers differing interpretations of factors.

For example, the candidate was awarded marks for analytical points made on the following:

- ◆ Interpretation of FPTP no longer producing strong, single party government. **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Simplicity of FPTP encouraging higher participation. **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Interpretation of FPTP impact on turnout in European Parliament elections **(2 marks)**
- ◆ Link between FPTP and under/over representation in parliament. **(2 marks)**
- ◆ Relative importance of marginal seats to political parties. **(1 mark)**

The candidate is awarded **7 out of 14 marks** for this section.

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

The candidate refers to and communicates information accurately from a number of sources identified on the resource sheet. These are a BBC news article, the independent newspaper and Politics review. As a least two sources are referred to and information from these is communicated accurately,

The candidate is awarded **2 out of 2 marks**.

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

The candidate provided an insightful conclusion over the last paragraph that addressed and evaluated the main factors of the assignment. The candidate makes a successful attempt at evaluating points of view by offering the alternative of AMS then gives a limitation of this factor.

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

**In total, the candidate is awarded 22/30 for the assignment.**