

Candidate 1

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

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 clarifies the issue in the opening paragraph whilst providing background to the issue in detail. Alternative points of view are also identified, such as alternative possibilities for Labour's falling popularity. There is no reference to the significance of this issue or how it may link with related political concepts. **4 marks** were awarded.

Knowledge and understanding which supports the analysis of the issue

The candidate provided detailed information, data and quotes to support their analysis of this issue. This was awarded **4 marks**.

In total the candidate was awarded **8 out of 10 marks** for knowledge and understanding.

B. Analysing and synthesising information in a structured manner

The candidate makes analytical comments regarding a number of factors contributing to Labour's unpopularity. The candidate attempts to link these factors, with explanations, to the central issue of the assignment. Implications and potential consequences are examined, and there is also an attempt to make comparisons between different interpretations. Some of these analytical points are backed up with supporting justification or evidence.

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

- ◆ Extended comment on the impact of lack of support from Labour MPs: **2 marks awarded** (page 5)
- ◆ Comments on the relative importance of image and the impact on Corbyn's support: **1 mark awarded** (pages 5 and 6)
- ◆ Point on electoral consequences of Corbyn's stance on nuclear power with extended justification based on opinion poll data: **2 marks awarded** (page 6)
- ◆ Extended analysis of impact of economic crash and impact on reputation of labour on the issue of the economy: **2 marks awarded** (page 7)
- ◆ Further analytical comment on impact of Corbyn's agenda: **1 mark awarded** (pages 7 and 8)
- ◆ Comparison made between Labour and Conservative campaign tactics with additional justification: **2 marks awarded** (page 8)

- ◆ Analytical comment on the extent of changes introduced by Blair: **1 mark awarded** (pages 9 and 10)
- ◆ Comment linking involvement in Iraq to longer term support: **1 mark awarded** (page 11)
- ◆ Comment on consequences of involvement in Iraq with further additional development: **2 marks awarded** (page 11)

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

C. Communicating and referring to political sources

The candidate refers to a number of political sources throughout their assignment and communicates information from these accurately. As a least two sources are referred to and information from these is communicated accurately, the candidate is awarded **2 marks**.

In total the candidate was awarded **2 out of 2 marks** for political sources.

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

The summative conclusion made by this candidate was categorised as three relevant conclusions with reference to the evidence, and as a result, the candidate was awarded **3 marks** for conclusions.

In total, the candidate was awarded 27/30 marks.