

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for the Findings, Analysis and Interpretation (Section 3) of the assignment, including Economic Theory.

Candidate 1

Purpose: ‘to investigate how the introduction of tourist taxes might impact an economy’

The candidate was awarded **10 marks** for this extract, **plus 1 mark** for theory.

Paragraph 1 – one finding plus 2 analysis points. The candidate starts by re-phrasing the finding which does not gain a mark. The theory point is defining direct taxes, not income tax and is therefore not mark-worthy.

Paragraph 2 – one finding, plus 2 analysis points and a theory mark. The candidate starts by re-phrasing the finding which does not gain a mark. The definition of VAT is in the context of the paragraph.

Paragraph 3 – one finding, plus 3 analysis points.

General - the candidate has used quote marks to show the findings throughout which is best practice.

The candidate has used bold to show the theory points throughout which is best practice.

Candidate 2

Purpose: ‘to investigate whether Scotland should have independence’

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** for this extract, **plus 0 marks** for theory.

Paragraph 1 – one finding. The candidate re-phrases the finding, rather than analyses it.

Paragraph 2 – one finding. The candidate re-phrases the finding, rather than analyses it.

Paragraph 3 – one finding. The candidate re-phrases the finding, rather than analyses it.

Paragraph 4 – one finding about the level of support for independence post-Brexit and post-Covid. The candidate has added unsourced information about the numbers of deaths caused by the pandemic which cannot be awarded a finding mark. Even including the unsourced information, the analysis shows no causal link between support for independence and an attempt to reduce deaths.

General - the candidate has used quote marks to show the findings which is best practice.