

# Commentary on candidate evidence

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

## Candidate 1

### Question 1 (a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

Question asks pupils **how** pupils perform puja. No marks are awarded for explaining what puja means or for telling why they perform puja. They are being asked what a Buddhist would **do**. Half way down their response they start to answer the question by saying.... 'Methods of puja..' In this section they identify two types of meditation that Buddhist could perform. A double tick was given at the end of '...the religion.' The next section could be seen as an 'unexplained list'. However, candidate give three things that a Buddhist could do as well as explaining 'chanting mantras.', so a double tick was awarded at this point.

### Question 1 (b)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The focus in the question is the **reason** Buddhists perform puja. No marks were awarded in the first paragraph. In the second paragraph the candidate starts to answer the question. A double tick was given at 'teachings' and then a further double tick was given at the end where they give an example and reasons, they perform puja.

## Question 2

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

This is a skills question which requires candidates to show how two beliefs/practices are connected. There are no marks for straight KU where a link is not made, however where KU about the beliefs/practices is used to explain the connection it can be awarded.

Mark was awarded for, 'they are the principal of how Buddhists view the world.' The link being that they all do the same thing. A double tick was given at 'and there isn't a soul.' A double tick was also given at 'enlightenment' at the end. In both of these occasions KU was given and applied. There are five ticks here, however the maximum mark allocation for this question is four marks.

### Question 3 (a)

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

Marks were awarded as follows. Line two 'enlightenment', line six 'rebirth', line thirteen 'kamma', line fifteen 'experienced', line seventeen 'bliss' and a double tick at the end.

### Question 3 (b)

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

No marks were given for the first paragraph as the question is not asking you to describe Nibbana, it is asking if Nibbana is a realistic goal. First mark given at 'many rebirths to achieve.' Mark given at the end of this paragraph at 'him'. The next paragraph is one section about guidelines. Three marks were awarded at the end of this paragraph for a well-developed point. The last paragraph does not add any further reasons.