

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question of this course assessment component (Religious and Philosophical Questions - Existence of God).

Candidate 5

Question 44

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The candidate answers the question by saying that many people 'believe in either just science or just religion. Some may believe in both'. They then give a very well developed point. As per the General marking instructions this is worth a maximum of 4 marks.

Question 45 (a)

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

Genesis 1 and Genesis 2 are distinct. Therefore, each story would be marked separately, and the candidate awarded the one that produced the most marks. In the '7 day creation story' a mark was given at 'created the world' and a further mark at 'five days'. Or it would be reasonable to give a double tick at five days. There is a mark for 'humans on the sixth day' and 'image dei'. The final mark is that God rested on the seventh day.

In the Genesis 2 story. Marks were awarded for 'Adam was made from dirt', 'Eve was made from Adam's rib'. One final mark was given at the end of the answer at 'Garden of Eden'.

Candidate obtained five marks in the first section, so any marks obtained in the second story would be ignored.

Question 45 (b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

On the third line the candidate says 'it is their faith' and the next section 'fully committed to God'. These two ideas are very similar so only one mark was awarded at 'believe it'. Final mark given for 'no errors as God wrote it'.

Question 46 (a)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

1 mark was given for the sentence that ends with 'time of life'. A second mark was given for the sentence that ends with 'organisms'. On the next line there is

some repetition. Final mark given for the sentence that ends 'still living and going to live'.

Question 46 (b)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The candidate says quite a lot without giving reasons for their answer. At the bottom of the first page a double tick was awarded at 'unreliable'. In the next paragraph only one mark was awarded at the end, 'free from fault'. A final mark should be given at the very end. 'Science tells us how and religion why'.