

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question of this course assessment component (World Religion: Hinduism).

Candidate 1

Question 9

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

Marks are available for the part Krishna plays rather than the details of the story. 2 marks were awarded for saying that his role is to teach with the example of his advice to Arjuna about Varnadharmā. A third mark was awarded for Krishna revealing his true nature to Arjuna as this is an aspect of his role in the story, and links directly to the idea of Krishna as an avatar. No mark for the lessons of the story because while they are correct, they haven't been linked clearly enough to Krishna.

Question 10

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

The answer starts very well with 4 clear points: a clear definition, it is something you need to escape from, its final goal is moksha and completing dharma is the way to do achieve this. The answer then strays into a description of the margas, and although these are paths to moksha, the candidate hasn't linked them clearly enough to samsara, which is the focus of the question. A fifth mark was awarded at the end of the answer for the idea that ignorance (avidya) keeps souls in the cycle.

Question 11

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for the idea of trying to be better to generate good karma, with an additional mark for the point that their motives for the action might be affected – ie they may act for positive karma rather than to be a good person. 2 marks were awarded at 'improve' for the developed point that some may make no effort to improve if they feel that an accumulation of negative karma makes trying to be better pointless.

Question 12(a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**.

The margas are distinct from dharma, so were not credited as there was no attempt to link them to the focus of the question, eg by saying that the jnana path could be followed in the holy man stage of life, or by a Brahmin. 1 mark was awarded for saying that they might follow the job they were born into.

Question 12(b)

The candidate was awarded **7 marks**.

Marks are only awarded for reasons. The candidate was awarded 1 mark for the idea that the world might be a better place because people are trying to generate good karma (actions). There are 2 marks for saying that caste may limit access to the margas, and that this may lead some to feel inferior, with an additional mark for giving the example of jnana marga and how it wouldn't be accessible for busy people. There is 1 mark for the scope for violence for those in the warrior caste, and 2 marks at the end of the answer for developing how a person's dharma might not be appropriate for the individual.