

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Question 4

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

No marks were awarded for 'reading the bible' as someone who is not a Christian might read the Bible and therefore is not worshipping. 1 mark was awarded for the idea of it teaching you how to behave. Again, no mark was awarded for the idea of simply going into a church building. 1 mark was awarded for 'sing hymns'. 1 mark was awarded for the celebration of communion. 2 further marks were awarded for the idea of following the teachings of Jesus and giving an example.

Question 5(a)

The candidate was awarded **6 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for the idea that Jesus is all knowing and a further 1 mark was awarded for stating that Jesus 'can comfort Christians' and watch over them. 1 mark was awarded for stating that they believe Jesus is all powerful. 1 mark was awarded for Jesus being 'merciful and compassionate'. 2 marks were awarded for Jesus 'involved in ourworld' and knows when people are going through pain. A final mark was awarded for stating that Jesus will be a judge on judgement day.

The candidate made 7 valid points however, they had already been awarded the maximum number of available marks.

Question 5(b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for 'feel closer to god'. 1 mark was awarded for the idea that the person is comforted to know that God is watching over them.

Question 6(a)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for the idea of distancing ourselves away from God by sinning. 1 mark was awarded for the idea that sin will be judged, so we should avoid it.

Question 6(b)

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

The candidate starts by saying that 'it should not be hard'. They then explain the problem of modern temptations. They then give two reasons why it is not hard – the idea of free will and self-control, and this was awarded 2 marks.

The candidate then makes the point that Christianity is less popular, so Christians might get mocked and commit sin. They then give the converse of this and say that this should not stop Christians from 'following god's teachings', so it is not hard, and this was awarded 2 marks.

There is an explanation about peer pressure which is different from the points made earlier and therefore, 1 further mark was awarded.