

# Commentary on candidate evidence

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

## Question 13

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The references to holy texts, a holy place, prayers and holidays are generic and don't show clear knowledge about Judaism however, together they constitute an unexplained list, so it was awarded the first mark. A second mark was awarded for following the commandments to show their faithfulness with a third mark awarded for observing Jewish holidays. Please note: marks are awarded for the ways in which Jews worship rather than the impact of worship, so the answer goes beyond the terms of the question.

## Question 14(a)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for Moses leading the Hebrews from slavery. There were an additional 2 marks awarded for the developed point about Moses giving them rules from God as he led them through the desert, which would ensure their safety (a reference to the Covenant).

## Question 14(b)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** because there are four clear points about impact. 1 mark was awarded for their appreciation of freedom from slavery, with an additional mark awarded for their appreciation of God as the one who saved them. The likelihood that they would follow the laws given by God is awarded 1 mark, and the final mark was awarded for the idea that they might fear God having witnessed his power.

## Question 15(a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

There are four clear points about the Jewish understanding of sin, with each achieving 1 mark: not born with sin; free will means sin is our choice; God will forgive sin; in hell some believe you have to see again the sins you have committed.

## Question 15(b)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

2 marks were awarded at 'the world we live in', for the idea that the rules about how to act are too difficult in the modern context, developed with the example of avoiding jealousy in a material world. 1 mark was awarded for the counter-argument that God would have known what the modern world would be like, so we should assume the rule still stands. The final mark was awarded at 'top priority' for the idea that true faith in God would motivate someone not to sin. The rest of the answer repeats points already made.