

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question of this course assessment component (Morality and Belief: Morality and Justice).

Question 19(a)

The candidate was awarded **6 marks**.

2 marks were awarded at 'harming them' for developing the idea of anger and a sense of injustice leading to someone taking revenge. 2 marks were awarded for a second developed point about the role of drugs or alcohol in affecting thinking and leading to uncharacteristic behaviour. The candidate developed this point further and was awarded additional marks for the role of alcohol/drugs in fights, and drink driving. At this point the candidate has achieved full marks, and the remainder of the answer, which was worth 3 additional marks, was not required.

Question 19(b)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**. The mark was awarded for Amnesty International's belief that when the causes of crime are understood, it leads us to see offenders as people in need of help.

Question 20(a)

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

The comments regarding house arrest and tagging were awarded 1 mark each, with 2 marks awarded for a developed point about Community Payback. An additional 2 marks were awarded for describing fines and giving an example of when they might be given.

Question 20(b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for the impact of fixed penalties on people in poverty. The comment on community service not being harsh enough is evaluative rather than about impact, so the remaining 2 marks were awarded for the effect of community service and house arrest on a person's ability to find time along with doing their job.

Question 21

The candidate was awarded **8 marks** because they skilfully applied religious teaching and principles in order to support their view. The candidate explained why they were unsure by developing both sides of the debate. 2 marks were

awarded for the Christian command to forgive which was then directly applied to killing someone.

2 marks were awarded for the idea that we all sin therefore, it is not our place to punish, and it should be left to God. 1 mark was awarded for the idea that if abortion is seen as murder, it is inconsistent to support capital punishment, with an additional mark awarded for the view that religious people shouldn't want to kill one of God's creatures. 1 mark was awarded for the idea that capital punishment follows Muhammad's example, and 1 mark was awarded for punishment being for 'this life'.

At this point the candidate had achieved all of the available marks, though the points that God would want people to be safe and would recognise good intentions would each have been awarded 1 mark, had they t been required.