

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Question 16

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The candidate lays out their answer well by giving four clear ways that Sikhs can worship. 1 mark was awarded for repeating God's name. 1 mark was awarded for physical service by volunteering to work at the temple. 1 mark was awarded for the idea of giving money to charity. A final mark was awarded for the idea of meditation to focus their mind on God.

Question 17(a)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for the idea of a public ceremony to promote equality. 1 mark was awarded for the idea that they should not cut their hair.

Question 17(b)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

Marks here were awarded for affects; how it affects Khalsa Sikhs. Therefore, no mark was awarded for 'special uniform', but rather for the idea that they could get bullied for looking different. 1 mark was awarded for the sense of pride that they might have in being a member of the Khalsa. 2 marks were awarded for the idea that they are forbidden to lie and for giving the example of phoning in sick to work. A final mark was awarded for the idea that the effect is that you are being treated differently.

Question 18(a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The candidate initially identifies the five evils, but gives no explanation.

In the next three paragraphs, the candidate names one of the five evils, gives an example of what it is and explains how to avoid it. Each of these paragraphs is worth 2 marks and so the candidate was awarded full marks for this question.

Question 18(b)

The candidate was awarded **7 marks**.

The candidate gives reasons why it is both easy and too hard to avoid the five evils in today's world.

In the first paragraph, the candidate makes two valid points; one demonstrating that it is easy and one demonstrating that it is not easy. 1 mark was awarded for the idea that it can be avoided by reading the holy book, praying and meditating. The candidate also gives the converse of this that 'busy lives' make it hard, and 1 mark was awarded for this.

In the second paragraph, 1 mark was awarded for the idea that lust is a hard thing to avoid because of easy access to modern technology. The candidate also gives the opposing view that a Sikh can help to avoid it with the support of others and again, 1 mark was awarded for this.

In the third paragraph, the reason given is a repetition of the idea of meditation therefore, no marks were awarded here.

1 mark was awarded in the fourth paragraph for the candidate's explanation that it is not too hard as they 'are raised from a young age to be humble'. 1 mark was also awarded for the converse of this argument, that 'all of these measures can't stop someone from having a sense of superiority'.

In the last paragraph, 1 mark is awarded for the idea of a safe space being somewhere they can go. No further marks were awarded for the 'support of other Sikhs' as this is repetition.