

# Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question of the question paper.

## Candidate 5

### Question 34(a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The question asked the candidate to describe the big bang theory. Marks are given only for describing the big bang theory. The second sentence gives an unexplained list and this is awarded **1 mark**. **2 marks** were awarded for the singularity rapidly expanding and cooling and for space time and matter coming into existence. A final **1 mark** was given for the fact that the universe is still expanding.

### Question 34(b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

**1 mark** was awarded for liberal Christians believing in the big bang theory but that it was God's way of creating it.

**1 mark** was awarded for literal Christians accepting that God created the world as it says in Genesis.

### Question 35

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for a well-developed point. People might believe in evolution because of what Charles Darwin discovered: evolution leading to

different types of finches and beaks; that he saw natural selection take place; he saw animals adapting to their environment.

### Question 36(a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

1 mark was awarded for each of the following: God created the world in 6 days (**1 mark**); first three days formed the world and then filled the world (**1 mark**); God spoke his creations into existence (**1 mark**); God created humans in his image (**1 mark**).

### Question 36(b)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The question asks, 'How far do you agree?' The candidate presents knowledge about Christian and scientific perspectives. This alone does not answer the question which asks for their view; however they then evaluate the views they have presented, and this can be credited.

**2 marks** were awarded at the end of the first paragraph for the ideas that scientists could be mistaken and that there is no proof of God. A further **2 marks** were awarded at 'BBT' at the bottom of the second page of the response to this question. This can be seen as a developed point because it refers back to evidence cited in their description of the scientific view.

The final point is repeating a point already made.