

Commentary on candidate evidence

Candidate 1

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

Section 1 – Part B: Democracy in the UK

Question 4

The candidate was awarded 2/4 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that the UK Parliament has responsibility for reserved matters such as Home Affairs – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then goes on to make a vague point which was not awarded any marks.

The candidate then goes on to state that the UK Parliament has responsibility for Foreign Affairs – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then provides inaccurate development regarding the minister for Foreign Affairs being an ambassador for the UK in other countries. This was not awarded any marks.

Question 5

The candidate was awarded 6/6 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that individuals in a democracy have the right to vote – **1 mark awarded**. They develop this point by stating that in the UK you can choose to vote in elections so they can be represented in parliament – **1 mark awarded**. They finish by stating many people exercised their right to vote in the 2010 General Election – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then states that individuals have the right to join a pressure group – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate goes on to state that this means that pressure groups pressure the government to make changes – **1 mark awarded**. Finally, the candidate provides a relevant example of the 'Save Straiton for Scotland' pressure group – **1 mark awarded**.

Question 6

The candidate was awarded 3/6 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating political parties use the media, like the radio during election campaigns. This was not awarded any marks.

The candidate then goes on to state that parties use radio advertising as it's cheap and a lot of people will hear it – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then

provides a relevant example of Bill Grant, a Conservative candidate appearing on West Sound Radio – **1 mark awarded**.

In the next part of their answer the candidate identifies newspapers as a form of media used by political parties. This did not gain any credit.

They then state that political parties send articles into newspapers so they will back them. Although poorly expressed, **1 mark was awarded**. The candidate then finishes their answer with an out-of-date example from 1992 which was not awarded any marks.

Question 7

The candidate was awarded 8/10 for this question.

The candidate begins their first conclusion by stating that UK trade union membership rates are decreasing – **1 mark awarded**. They then provide one piece of evidence from source 2 stating that trade union members have gone from 7 million to 6 million – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then provides an irrelevant piece of information for this conclusion relating to women.

The candidate then goes on to conclude that trade union membership is much lower compared to European countries – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then provides evidence from source 3 to support their conclusion – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate goes on to repeat their conclusion – no marks awarded.

The candidate makes a third conclusion that there are more females in trade unions compared to males – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then provides two separate pieces of information without any evaluation – **1 mark awarded**.

In the final part of this response the candidate states there are more trade union members in Scotland than England – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then provides two separate pieces of evidence without any evaluation – **1 mark awarded**.

Section 2 – Part C: Social inequality

Question 8

The candidate was awarded 2/4 marks for this question.

The candidate starts by stating that a consequence of inequality in communities is poor quality housing – **1 mark awarded**. They then go on to state that living in poor quality housing can lead to serious health issues – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate goes on to describe another consequence of inequalities on communities is poor lifestyle choice and the candidate develops this idea in relation to drinking heavily and taking drugs. However, this point was not awarded any marks as lifestyle choices are consequences on individuals as opposed to communities.

Question 9

The candidate was awarded 3/6 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that inequality is a problem in Scotland as it can cause crime. They then go on to provide a hypothetical answer relating to shoplifting and burglary making reference to the 1984 Miners Strike. This was not awarded any marks.

In the next paragraph, the candidate begins by stating that inequality is a problem in Scotland and the UK as many people are not living as long as expected – **1 mark awarded**. They develop this point by stating that the area you are from will dictate how long you will live for – **1 mark awarded**. They then provide a relevant example comparing the life expectancy of someone in Glasgow compared to Kensington, London – **1 mark awarded**.

Question 10b

The candidate was awarded 1/8 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that discrimination is a cause of economic inequality as racist employers will not hire people from ethnic minorities – **1 mark awarded**. They then provide inaccurate evidence that is not awarded any marks.

The candidate then states that discrimination in women's pay is a cause of inequality and explains that while the pay gap is slowly decreasing, women still get paid less than men. Although this is accurate, the question asks the candidates to discuss one group so no marks are awarded.

The candidate then goes on to give inaccurate evidence in relation to ethnic minorities which is not awarded any marks.

In these situations, markers will mark each group and give the best part of the answer the marks.

Question 14

The candidate was awarded 4/10 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that Ivy Jackson's view is inaccurate (oppose) as there is not enough support to prevent reoffending. However, the evidence provided by the candidate is muddled and actually supports the view. This was not awarded any marks.

The candidate goes on to state that the view is inaccurate as there is not enough support and provides two pieces of supporting evidence from sources 2 and 3. They state that Hamish Sinclair did not receive the right support and has reoffended and SACRO funding has decreased. This was **awarded 2 marks**.

The candidate then goes on to state that Ivy Jackson's view is accurate (support) stating that in source 2 SACRO managed to keep 78% of offenders out of jail – **1**

mark awarded. They then go on to say in source 3 that Lauren Hutt has not reoffended – **1 mark awarded.**

The candidate then goes on to provide an overall conclusion but this was not awarded any marks.

Section 3 – Part E: World Powers

Question 15

The candidate is awarded 2/4 marks for this question.

In the first paragraph of this answer the candidate begins by stating that the USA has military influence over other countries. They describe that if a country is powerful enough it will be able to force other countries to do as it says by threatening military action – **1 mark awarded.** The candidate provides a relevant example of Donald Trump threatening to bomb North Korea – **1 mark awarded.** However, the second example provided by the candidate is inaccurate and was not awarded any marks.

Question 16

The candidate was awarded 2/6 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by providing an irrelevant point regarding Hispanics experiencing language barriers, however this is not a valid point as the candidate describes a barrier to equality rather than the reason why some people experience social inequality such as poverty. No marks are awarded.

The candidate then goes on to explain that African Americans struggle in education due to poor quality education which causes them to turn to crime or work in low paid jobs – **1 mark awarded.** They then provide accurate evidence that 'dropout rates for black was over 9%' – **1 mark awarded.**

Question 17

The candidate was awarded 3/6 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that whites are more likely to participate in politics as they are usually seen as the best educated, hence why they vote – **1 mark awarded.** They go on to make a confused point about the 2016 presidential election when white voters had a majority. This was not awarded any marks.

In the second paragraph, the candidate states that whites are more likely to participate in politics as there are more role models – **1 mark awarded.** They go on to state that politics is seen as a 'white man's game' which means there are more whites compared to other ethnic groups in politics – **1 mark awarded.**

Question 21

The candidate was awarded 5/10 marks for this question.

The candidate makes a clear recommendation – option 1, James Peddie.

They then state that they picked James Peddie as his aims are supported. They provide two pieces of evidence from sources 1 and 3 relating to under-development in Africa and the priorities of IER members – **2 marks awarded**.

The candidate then states that they picked James Peddie as he wants to show where all the spending for the IER goes. They link this to source 2 where it says 40% of IER members are concerned about the misuse of funds. The candidate also provides evidence from source 3 stating that charities are not declaring where their funds go. This was **awarded 3 marks** as it provides evidence from three sources.

The candidate's explanation of why they did not pick Elizabeth Sharp was confused and did not gain any marks as they actually support why Elizabeth Sharp could be chosen.

Overall the candidate was awarded 41 out of 80 marks for the question paper.

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Candidate 2

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

Section 1 – Part A: Democracy in Scotland

Question 1

The candidate was awarded 3/4 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that one matter devolved to the Scottish Parliament is education and lifelong learning – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then goes on to expand this point, stating that John Swinney is the Cabinet Secretary and responsible for introducing Curriculum for Excellence – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then goes on to state that the Scottish Parliament is responsible for health and sport – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then goes on to make a point regarding the smoking ban of 2015 but this is a little muddled and does not gain any marks.

Question 2

The candidate was awarded 5/6 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that individuals in a democracy have the right to vote – **1 mark awarded**. They develop this point by stating that ‘this means individuals have the right to vote in parliamentary elections for a candidate of their choice’ – **1 mark awarded**. They finish by stating that individuals have the responsibility to turn up and vote which was not awarded any marks.

The candidates then states that individuals have the right to freedom of speech – **1 mark awarded**. They go on to state that this means that individuals can voice their opinion on matters such as the government so long as they are not racist – **1 mark awarded**. They finish by providing an example of free speech in the form of protesting about women’s rights – **1 mark awarded**.

Question 3

The candidate was awarded 5/6 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that political parties use the media to campaign to reach a larger audience – **1 mark awarded**. They then go on to explain that online newspapers are becoming increasingly popular and that many people would rather read news online – **1 mark awarded**. They also state that this (the

method of using the media) is also a cheaper way to campaign (in relation to other forms of campaigning) – **1 mark awarded**.

The second reason the candidate gives for using the media is that Party Political Broadcasts allow parties to highlight their promises with short videos – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then goes on to state that political parties feature famous faces in them to attract more media attention citing the example of Martin Freeman's appearance in Labour PPB in 2015 – **1 mark awarded**.

Question 7

The candidate was awarded 10/10 marks for this question.

The candidate begins their first conclusion stating that there has been a downward trend in trade union membership within the last 50 years – **1 mark awarded**.

They then provide two pieces of evidence from sources 1 and 2, in addition to providing evaluation stating that 'this shows that the number of members have halved since 1970' – **2 marks awarded**.

The candidate then goes on to conclude that trade union membership is higher in the UK in comparison to EU countries – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then provides two pieces of evidence from source 1, but does not include any evaluation – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then concludes that women are more likely to join a trade union than men – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then provides two pieces of evidence from source 1 and source 2 but does not include any evaluation – **1 mark awarded**.

In the final part of this response the candidate states that Scotland has a higher trade union membership than males. The candidate then provides two pieces of information from source 1 and 3 with evaluation – **3 marks awarded**.

Section 2 – Part D: Crime and the Law in the UK

Question 11

The candidate was awarded 4/4 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that one biological factor that causes crime is the warrior gene – **1 mark awarded**. They then go on to explain that this gene is commonly found amongst male prisoners and is suspected to increase violent behaviour which makes them more prone to crime – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate goes on to describe that another biological factor causing crime is mental health problems – **1 mark awarded**. They explain that conditions such as schizophrenia can prompt sufferers to commit crime – **1 mark awarded**.

Question 12

The candidate was awarded 4/6 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that crime is a problem because prisons are over populated – **1 mark awarded**. They then go on to repeat the first point which is not awarded any marks.

The candidate then goes on to exemplify the point, stating that Barlinnie prison was at 139% capacity in 2018 – **1 mark awarded**.

In the next paragraph the candidate begins by stating that crime is a problem as crime rates are rising – **1 mark awarded**. They then go on to state that Scottish crime rates rose by 2% while arrest rates are going down – **1 mark awarded**. The final sentence of this paragraph is a simple repetition of the previous point and was not awarded any marks.

Question 13a

The candidate was awarded 4/8 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by saying that criminal courts are effective because they offer a range of punishments – **1 mark awarded**. They go on to provide examples available such as prison, community service, fines and many more – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then states that offenders receive a punishment that is right for them that should deter them from reoffending – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate in the next paragraph makes a point about criminals receiving a fair trial, but this is a little confused and was not awarded any marks.

The candidate then goes on to state that criminal courts are effective as they send out a strong message – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then goes on to say that the court acts as a deterrent but this is a repeat of the previous point and did not gain any marks.

Question 14

The candidate was awarded 10/10 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by providing evidence to oppose the view of Ivy Jackson stating that source 1 shows that charities rely on prisoners contacting them directly because they do not have access to mobile phones – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then links this to source 3 where it states that Hamish Sinclair was advised to contact Step Together, however he had no access to the internet to do so – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then opposes Ivy Jackson's view by stating that charities rely on funding from the public – **1 mark awarded**. This is then backed up in source 2

when the candidate states that there was a decrease in funding from 2016-2017 – **1 mark awarded.**

In the next paragraph the candidate opposes Ivy Jackson stating that SACRO provides support with issues such as drug/alcohol use – **1 mark awarded** and links this to the evidence that Hamish Sinclair has started taking drugs again and in order to feed his habit he began shoplifting – **1 mark awarded.**

The candidate goes on to support Ivy Jackson's view as source 1 states that if used, the charities have excellent success rates at reducing reoffending – **1 mark awarded.** The candidate then links this to source 3 where it states that those who accessed a charity had a successful return to society and have not reoffended since – **1 mark awarded.**

The candidate then supports the view of Ivy Jackson when they state that the charities can provide advice and support to access state benefits – **1 mark awarded.** This is linked to source 2 where it states that the Turn 2 Us charity includes a benefits calculator for release prisoners – **1 mark awarded.**

Section 3 – Part E: World Power

Question 15

The candidate was awarded 3/4 marks for this question.

The candidate states that the world power they have studied is the USA.

In the first paragraph of this answer the candidate provides an accurate development point with exemplification that states that the USA has a military influence because they have bases in many different countries such as England and Japan. They go on to state that this means that troops can look out for alliance and be ready to defend. This was **awarded 3 marks.**

In the second part of this answer the candidate states that the USA have a very large military, spending \$600billion in 2015, which means they are well equipped and ready to defend. This was not awarded any marks as stating alone that the USA had a large military did not explain the impact it had on other countries.

Question 16

The candidate was awarded 6/6 marks for this question.

The candidate states that some people experience inequalities because of health care. They expand on this point, stating that the USA does not have an NHS and that Americans have to pay. They then go on to make a comparison between American's living in poverty compared to those who are rich and do not face this inequality. This is an accurate point with development and exemplification and is **awarded 3 marks.**

The candidate then repeats this approach in relation to educational inequalities. They make a comparison between suburban and ghetto schools. They go on to acknowledge that this makes it harder for blacks to succeed onto a positive destination. This is an accurate point with development and exemplification and is **awarded 3 marks**.

Question 17

The candidate was awarded 4/6 marks for this question.

The candidate begins by stating that white males are more likely to participate in politics as it is viewed as a white man's game dominated by middle aged white males – **1 mark awarded**. They provide the example that every president has been a white male except Barack Obama – **1 mark awarded**.

In the second paragraph the candidate states that English speaking American's are more likely to participate in politics because Spanish is often Hispanics' first language and it is not always likely for them to learn English as a second language – **1 mark awarded**. Finally, the candidate states that this creates a language barrier so English people are more likely to vote as they understand what is being discussed in politics – **1 mark awarded**.

Question 21

The candidate was awarded 10/10 marks for this question.

The candidate makes a clear recommendation for option 2, Elizabeth Sharp.

They then state that they chose option 2 as source 2 states that 35% of people's main concerns for IER members is 'efficiency/effectiveness' – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then backs up this point using source 1: 'Elizabeth Sharp states that "my experience of business will help to ensure the operation of IER is efficient and effective." – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then states that source 1 notes that Elizabeth says that one of her priorities would be climate change – **1 mark awarded**. This is then linked to source 3 where it states that over 50% of participants would like to see action taken to combat climate change – **1 mark awarded**.

In the next paragraph, the candidate states that in source 1 Elizabeth Sharp says "I also believe we need to ensure that more workers are sent to crisis areas" – **1 mark awarded**. The candidate then links to source 3 where the Sunday Record states that many areas around the world need expertise to take action on how to help devastated areas recover from the impact of the manmade or natural events – **1 mark awarded**.

The candidate then acknowledges that they could have picked option 1 as source 1 states that "as executive leader of IER my priorities would be women's rights", however they didn't because source 2 shows that roughly 60% of people

disagree or strongly disagree that women's rights should be a priority for IER – **2 marks awarded.**

They also state they could have picked option 1 because James Peddie states we need to show where all the funding comes from and how the money is spent, however, they did not as 'source 2 shows that less than half of peoples concerns for IER members was "misuse of funds" – **2 marks awarded.**

Overall the candidate was awarded 68 out of 80 marks for the question paper.