Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each part of this assignment.

Candidate 1

The candidate was awarded 11 out of 20 marks.

Standard A

The candidate was awarded 3 marks.

Points about significance and impact are more accidental than deliberate, and we had to work to identify them in the response, however a number of relevant points are made within the viewpoints presented.

Standard B, C and D

The candidate was awarded 5 marks.

Most ticks were placed in the second column on the marking grid. It was good to see different views from within Christianity and Judaism and the candidate made a good attempt to explain where they had found their information. The report was a bit lacking in detail and evidence of analysis and explanation, so the mark awarded is from the middle of the range at 5.

Standard E

The candidate was awarded 3 marks.

There are concluding points throughout, however some of these were repeating a view they had just presented without getting into why they agreed or disagreed with it. Overall, the conclusion was clear and justified so it merited a mark from the middle of the available range.

Candidate 2

The candidate was awarded 19 out of 20 marks.

Standard A

The candidate was awarded 4 marks.

The candidate made this part straightforward for the marker by dealing explicitly with significance and impact in the opening section. There is lots of evidence here too of an ability to offer skilful analysis and explanation.

Standards B, C and D

The candidate was awarded 9 marks.

The quality of the response across most aspects of these standards is very high, and clearly in the upper marks range. The only aspect that could have been clearer is detail on sources of information, however the information used by the candidate was applied skilfully, so mark awarded was from the upper end of the available range.

Standard E

The candidate was awarded 6 marks.

The candidate presented a strong final conclusion, but also lots of mini conclusions throughout the report. Taken together this means that the maximum mark is justified for this part.

Candidate 3

The candidate was awarded 13 out of 20 marks.

Standard A

The candidate was awarded 4 marks.

There are a number of developed points about significance and impact, ranging across social, financial and religious aspects, as well as the impact of marriage break-down.

Standard B, C and D

The candidate was awarded 5 marks.

Most of the ticks were given in the second column on the grid. The report was good overall, but it lacked depth and detail in the explanation of viewpoints. The candidate didn't include evidence of a *range* of sources of information, though they did identify two in the course of the report, so the tick was given in the third column for this Standard.

Standard E

The candidate was awarded 4 marks.

Although the candidate strayed slightly from the issue in the question, there was a clearly justified conclusion and there was sufficient evidence of reasoning to merit 4 marks for this part.