

# Commentary on candidate evidence

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

## Candidate 5

The candidate was awarded **8 out of 20 marks**.

### Standard A

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**. The wording of the question makes it hard to comment on significance and impact. 1 mark was awarded for the point given at the end of the first paragraph 'many...believe that there is a God exists but many non-religious believers believe there isn't a God so figuring it out could help'.

### Standards B, C and D

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**. The quality of this part is uneven. There is a good explanation and some analysis of the first cause argument. The teleological argument is less detailed and the argument 'for evil and suffering' becomes muddled as it's used as an argument against, not for God's existence as the candidate suggests. Epicurus's view is an argument against God's existence, rather than a counter to arguments for which made it difficult to apply to the question. The candidate made use of some sources, but it was not clear what these were.

### Standards E and F

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**. Most of the concluding points for the arguments were generalised, and there was a lack of justification. However, the conclusion for the first cause was valid and 2 marks were awarded for this part.