

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Question 33(a)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** because three accurate details about the temple were given. Marks were awarded for:

- The temple was dedicated to Hercules
- The temple contained a statue of Hercules inside it
- The temple was a very holy place

The focus of the question was on the temple, so a mark would not have been given for the statue being kissed. The text does not say that “the temple was big and ornate”. However the candidate had already gained the full three marks.

Question 33(b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**. The question asks the candidate to describe how the guards behaved, and three descriptive details of the guards have been given. Marks were awarded for:

- ◆ The guards shouted
- ◆ (They) attempted to fight back
- ◆ They were beaten back badly with clubs and sticks

Question 34

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**. This question requires the candidate first to consider the news that reached the people of Agrimentum and then, to gain the two marks, to make a judgment about what items of news would have shocked the people the most. Marks were awarded for:

- ◆ The fact that one of their most sacred temples was under attack
- ◆ The fact that it was a gang of slaves from the governor’s household

In this instance, there was no need for the candidate to explain **why** each detail was shocking, as this was clearly implied in the answer.

Question 35

The candidate was awarded **5 marks** because all three parts of the question were successfully covered and the five marks can be distributed in any way. To gain each mark, the candidate was required to consider how Cicero used mockery, rather than simply re-tell the story. Marks were awarded to this candidate for:

Verres' men:

- ◆ They tried for over an hour to pull the statue down but couldn't
- ◆ They ran away when attacked by stones

What Verres' men stole:

- ◆ They failed to steal what they were after and how small the statues were that they did manage to steal

Verres being like Hercules:

- ◆ Hercules beat Verres just like the boar
- ◆ Verres means "boar"

Question 36

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** because two reasons were given as to why Cicero described the weather in great detail. There would be no marks awarded for merely describing the weather. Marks were awarded for:

- ◆ To help the reader visualise what Sopater was going through
- ◆ To make the reader more sympathetic to Sopater's plight

There would not have been a mark awarded for "to emphasise the extent to which Sopater suffered" as this was not expressing a new point but merely repeating the first point using different wording.

Question 37

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** because the candidate gave four valid points based on Extract 4 and did not stray beyond this Extract. Marks were awarded for:

- ◆ Some Roman governors.... were arrogant
- ◆ (They) believed they were above the law
- ◆ Some had no respect for the gods
- ◆ Some were also threatening and violent

The candidate successfully considered the specifics of Verres' behaviour and then made general deductions about how some Roman governors might have behaved, based on the Verres story.

Question 38(a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** because four different valid points were made as supporting evidence for Verres' cruel treatment of Sopater. Marks were awarded for:

- ◆ (Sopater) was born from noble blood and very important, making it more shocking what Verres did
- ◆ He was stripped naked
- ◆ He was bound to a statue
- ◆ It was freezing cold

The candidate was right to draw from different aspects of the story. The description of the weather could only have gained a maximum of one mark.

Question 38(b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** because the candidate gave three distinct suggestions to explain why the Senate did not come to a decision straight away. Marks were awarded for:

- ◆ The Senate may not have known what to do
- ◆ They may have hoped Verres was bluffing and he would untie Sopater on his own
- ◆ They may have badly not wanted to give the statue to Verres and secretly hoped if they stalled long enough Sopater would have died and Verres would have no leverage

The third of the points listed above includes development and could have been awarded a second mark if needed.

Question 39

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** because the candidate has made four valid points about Roman statues based entirely on the reading of the story. Marks were awarded for:

- ◆ Some people believed statues were worth ... killing for
- ◆ Statues held a lot of religious value
- ◆ Statues held a lot of monetary value
- ◆ People could worship statues

If further marks had been available, one mark could have been awarded for each of the following points made by the candidate:

- ◆ Statues could be made of bronze
- ◆ Statues were sometimes kept in temples
- ◆ Statues could be of gods, demi-gods, or even mortals who were revered