

# Commentary on candidate evidence (Ovid section)

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

## Question 7

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** out of a possible 3 for:

- ♦ '.... to show how tricky the maze is' ie both are complicated
- ♦ 'the maze is very unpredictable and confusing' ie both are confusing

There was no further mark awarded for:

- ♦ 'the maze has a mind of its own and the paths are changing constantly like the waters of the river', because this is not the case. The paths are not constantly changing but fixed.

## Question 8

The candidate was awarded **the 2 full marks** for:

- ♦ 'Minos controls all the surrounding land and sea' ie Minos thinks he controlled everything
- ♦ 'Daedalus challenges Minos as he says: the sky lies open' i.e. D. realises Minos did not control the sky/air. (This response implies sufficiently that M. did not control the sky since the candidate refers to challenge

For the full 2 marks, there must be reference to challenge.

## Question 9(a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** out of a possible 2 for:

- ♦ 'He is using skills that have never been used before' ie men had never flown before

There is no further point available for the candidate who does not say anything new, but merely re-words his answer:

- ♦ 'The Roman world had never seen anything like this'
- ♦ 'Ovid does this to emphasise that the things Daedalus was doing were extraordinary and never done before'

Neither of these points is a developed point, which could have given this candidate the second mark.

## Question 9(b)

The candidate was awarded the **3 full marks** for:

- ♦ 'Yes, this had never been done before' ie no-one had flown before
- ♦ 'this was something new and innovative which the Romans would have been interested in' ie they liked new inventions
- ♦ 'however it is dangerous to change nature' ie they respected nature's laws

This candidate has argued 'yes' and 'no' to this question and gained all available marks as a result. This is a good way to gain marks for 'big mark' questions.

## Question 10

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** out of a possible 3 for:

- ♦ 'he softened the wax' i.e. he is playing with the wax

- ♦ 'Icarus had a wide grin suggesting he didn't understand' ie he is grinning

There was no mark awarded for:

- ♦ 'he was handling things he didn't know were dangerous for him'

Although this appears to be a valid point, this comes from line 11 of Extract 2 and the reference is from line 12. Therefore, it cannot gain a mark. Candidates need to restrict their responses to the line references given.

### Question 11(a)

The candidate was awarded the full **1 mark** for:

- ♦ 'don't fly too close to the sun'

### Question 11(b)

The candidate was awarded the full **1 mark** for:

- ♦ 'don't navigate by the stars' ie do not use the stars for direction.

Although Daedalus does not actually say this, it can be implied and does fit in the context of the story. It is worth the mark.

### Question 12

The candidate was awarded the **full 3 marks** for:

- ♦ 'Daedalus was crying'
- ♦ 'he flew in front of him to protect him'
- ♦ He kissed him

### Question 13

The candidate was awarded the **full 2 marks** for:

- ♦ 'Yes, it makes the story seem more real'
- ♦ '...and so we become more emotionally attached to the character ... and we feel a greater sense of loss when Icarus dies'

The second point is the developed point, which gains the second mark.

### Question 14(a)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** out of a possible 2 for:

- ♦ 'Icarus became bolder and more confident'

There was no mark given for:

- ♦ 'he decided to go on his own'

This does not appear in the text.

### Question 14(b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** out of a possible 3 for:

- ♦ 'Icarus flies too close to the sun'
- ♦ '.. which melts the wax on his wings'

There was no mark given for:

- ♦ 'this causes him to fall into the sea where he drowns'

This part of the story is outside the line references.

**Question 15(a)**

The candidate was awarded the **full 2 marks** for:

- ◆ 'Talus is clever and talented like his uncle' ie he is clever/talented
- ◆ 'They are also both great innovators' ie he invents new technology

**Question 15(b)**

The candidate was awarded the **full 3 marks** for:

- ◆ 'she took pity on him because he had done nothing wrong' ie Talus did not deserve to die
- ◆ 'he had a lot to offer the world with his talents' i.e. Minerva did not want a talented boy to die
- ◆ 'she likes intelligent people' ie Minerva valued wisdom