

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Question 25

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

- ♦ 'the house is haunted'
- ♦ 'noises made at night time'
- ♦ 'iron and chains'

The following point is also valid:

- ♦ 'the ghost is filthy and skinny'

Question 26(a)

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

- ♦ 'He had heard it was haunted' i.e. he was told the house was haunted
- ♦ 'wanted to know if it was true' i.e. he wanted to investigate the ghost

To gain the two marks, the candidate correctly answered both parts of the question.

Question 26(b)(i)

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

- ♦ 'tablet to write on' i.e. writing tablets
- ♦ 'a pen'

Question 26(b)(ii)

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

- ♦ 'record information'
- ♦ 'they were used rather than paper'

Both these points fall under 'any other valid point'

Question 27(a)

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

- ♦ 'Yes, a philosopher usually already has an interest in supernatural' ie philosophers are interested in the paranormal
- ♦ 'a ghost may have been an idea they had already experimented with' ie they want to research mysterious things

Question 27(b)

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

- ♦ 'No, most ordinary people fear death and would avoid it at all costs' ie most people would be terrified when they see a ghost ('death' in the candidate response is an acceptable alternative to 'ghost')
- ♦ 'A ghost may also have been considered a bad omen which would also make them fearful' ie most people would feel threatened by a ghost

Question 28(a)

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

- ♦ 'Athenodorus follows it'

Question 28(b)

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

- ♦ 'the ghost disappears'

Question 28(c)

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

- ♦ 'Athenodorus marks the spot where the ghost disappeared'
- ♦ 'because he has a suspicion a body may be there.' is a developed point and gains a mark

Question 29

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

- ♦ 'Athenodorus orders the ground to be dug up'
- ♦ 'they find a skeleton wrapped in chains' i.e. bones and chains found
- ♦ 'A funeral ... is then held' i.e. bones are properly buried

Question 30(a)

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

- ♦ 'the dolphin swims around him'
- ♦ 'under him' ie went under him

The following point is also valid:

- ♦ 'it puts him on his back'

Question 30(b)

The candidate was awarded **0 mark** out of a possible 2 because the candidate did not manage to explain the language point sufficiently.

Question 31

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

- ♦ 'they could see it wasn't dangerous' i.e. the dolphin's behaviour is non-threatening

Question 32

The candidate was awarded the full **4 marks** for:

- ♦ 'tourists...came in their masses' i.e. 'towns could become overcrowded with tourists'
- ♦ 'Government officials did not have to pay for their holidays, it was paid for at the expense of their destination' i.e. towns had to pay for VIP guests
- ♦ 'Tourists were often loud and rowdy' i.e. towns could lose their peace and quiet
- ♦ 'Romans preferred to be entertained by animals' i.e. animals were seen as a tourist attraction