

Commentary on candidate 1 evidence

Ageing China: is the Chinese government right to abolish the one-child policy?

A - Justify the choice of a current complex geographical issue to critically evaluate (4 marks)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** as follows:

- the choice of issue is relevant and current
- evidence of available contrasting viewpoints/ explicit purpose for critically evaluating the issue
- there is explicit reference to relevant geographical information
- there is contextualisation

B – Undertake wider background reading from a wide range of sources relating to the geographical issue (8 marks)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** as follows:

- 2 sources of sufficient quality have been used although the relevance of the third source (2011) is questionable...why is this prioritised? (page 8)
- different viewpoints are identified
- is there explicit evidence of wider background reading?

C – Summarise a wide range of viewpoints (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** as follows:

- there is a range of key viewpoints (but this is just implicit in source) with a reasonable degree of understanding.
- The information is organised but summarised rather formulaically

D- Critically evaluate each of the viewpoints (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **5 marks** as follows:

- the credibility of authors/organisations (page 6) is well documented
- there is recognition of bias/use of uncited statistics

E – Reach reasoned conclusion(s) (8 marks)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** as follows:

- relevant pieces of information are linked together and critically assessed, with relevant use of the information.
- An overall judgement has been included

TOTAL MARK 21/40

Commentary on candidate 2 evidence

Is the EU quota system at present able to maintain sustainable fish stocks & the British fishing industry?

A - Justify the choice of a current complex geographical issue to critically evaluate (4 marks)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** as follows:

- the issue is relevant and current ('while the population of Britain increases, the marine environmentfished to commercial extinction')
- there is evidence of available contrasting viewpoints/ explicit purpose for critically evaluating the issue (relevant information on pages 1 and 2)
- there is explicit reference to relevant geographical information (Figure 1)
- there is some implicit contextualisation

B – Undertake wider background reading from a wide range of sources relating to the geographical issue (8 marks)

The candidate was awarded **6 marks** as follows:

- there are 2 sources of sufficient quality. However, the third source/viewpoint is unclear (page 4)...why is this prioritised?
- different viewpoints are identified
- there is some explicit evidence of wider background reading to support prioritised source material/viewpoints (page 4 – 'The Independent'.....but note that this is poorly cited)

C – Summarise a wide range of viewpoints (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **8 marks** as follows:

- there is a range of key viewpoints with a good degree of understanding/cross-referencing (page 2)
- the information is organised
- the maps/diagrams enhance the information (page 4)

D- Critically evaluate each of the viewpoints (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** because on page 5 – in the middle paragraph – there is limited recognition of bias/use of statistics

E – Reach reasoned conclusion(s) (8 marks)

The candidate was awarded **6 marks** as follows:

- relevant pieces of information are linked together and critically assessed, with relevant use of the information.
- An overall judgement/statement is included in the last sentence

TOTAL MARK 27/40