

# Commentary on candidate 1 evidence

## Coastal Erosion at Chanonry Ness

### A - Justify the choice of a complex geographical topic to research (4 marks)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for the following information in paragraph (page 3):

- purpose ('coastal erosion.....significant problem')
- contextualisation – reference to relevant literature

### B – Plan and carry out detailed research (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **8 marks** because, in pages 4 and 5, there is evidence of detailed planning to generate an appropriate number of research questions resulting in some high quality, temporal data. There is also evidence of some skill

### C – Evaluate the research techniques and reliability of data (8 marks)

The candidate was awarded **6 marks** for the following evaluative information:

- the choice of sites on page 12
- the reliability of data on page 12
- the second last sentence of the conclusion on page 20

### D- Demonstrate a detailed KU of the topic being studied from wider reading (8 marks)

The candidate was awarded **6 marks** because there are three points of evidence from relevant wider reading which are then used to support findings (pages 9 and 10)

### E – Use a wide range of appropriate techniques to process the gathered information (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **7 marks** because they used three different and relevant processing techniques. The techniques are integrated quite skilfully to support research (see page 13 – use of standard deviation)

**F – Analyse all the information to identify & explain relationships (12 marks)**

The candidate was awarded **6 marks** for three relevant analytical statements. These include evidence of wider knowledge and understanding of the topic and theoretical basis (see page 14).

**G – Reach reasoned conclusion(s) supported by a wide range of evidence (8 marks)**

The candidate was awarded **5 marks** because they link relevant analytical points, supported by information, into a reasonably developed conclusion. In addition, most of the information covered is mentioned.

**TOTAL MARKS 41/60**

# Commentary on candidate 2 evidence

## **A Geographical Study of the Glade and Carmichael Burn**

### **A - Justify the choice of a complex geographical topic to research (4 marks)**

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** because there is implicit potential for analysis (page 4, second paragraph). The topic is a comparison of two rivers but there is no explanation of this choice.

### **B – Plan & carry out detailed research (10 marks)**

The candidate was awarded **5 marks** for information on pages 5 and 6. Here there is some evidence of planning to generate an appropriate number of research questions. The research techniques are also appropriate and explained.

### **C – Evaluate the research techniques and reliability of data (8 marks)**

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for the evaluative comments in the second and fourth paragraphs of Page 5.

### **D- Demonstrate a detailed KU of the topic being studied from wider reading (8 marks)**

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** for the knowledge and understanding displayed on page 14 (middle paragraph) and page 18 (last paragraph.)

### **E – Use a wide range of appropriate techniques to process the gathered information (10 marks)**

The candidate was awarded **5 marks** for the use of three different and relevant processing techniques. There is also some integration.

**F – Analyse all the information to identify & explain relationships (12 marks)**

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for the relevant analytical statements on pages 9 and 12.

**G – Reach reasoned conclusion(s) supported by a wide range of evidence (8 marks)**

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** based on the research questions and an examination of the information that was gathered and processed. However, the evidence is very thin on this aspect.

**TOTAL MARKS 24/60**