Assessment Schedule - 2014

Scholarship Classical Studies (93404)

Evidence Statement

Section A

Each of the two responses in Section A is marked against the performance descriptors defined below and awarded a mark out of 8.

Mark	Performance descriptor
8	The candidate critically evaluates ideas and values of the classical world, referring to a wide range of primary, and where appropriate, secondary evidence and
	demonstrates an ability to articulate a complex perspective, involving subtlety of understanding, an awareness of subtext, and historical empathy and
	develops a structured and balanced argument, incorporating elements of independent reflection and
	communicates ideas with precision, originality, and a degree of expressiveness that focus the reader's attention on salient points.
	The candidate response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 8, but contains minor inaccuracies of fact or interpretation
	or
7	lacks sustained reference to source evidence
_	or
	has some minor failure of critical evaluation
	or lacks a degree of literary flair and originality.
	The candidate critically evaluates ideas and values of the classical world, referring to a range of primary, and where appropriate, secondary evidence
	and
6	develops a clear and logical argument, demonstrating awareness of the strengths and limitations of source evidence
	and
	uses a range of evidence to explain links and interrelationships
	and
	is fluent and coherent.
5	The candidate response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 6, but has some inadequacy of critical evaluation
	or
	deals inadequately with an important point
	or
	has some unsupported generalisations
	or communicates ideas clearly, but is not consistently convincing and/or precise.
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4	The candidate evaluates ideas and values of the classical world, demonstrating some knowledge of primary and/or secondary sources
	and
	discusses evidence methodically, drawing on knowledge of classical contexts
	and
	develops a coherent argument, substantiated by some source evidence
	and
	uses evidence to explain links
	and
	communicates ideas coherently, but is not consistently focussed and/or attentive to detail.
	The candidate response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 4, but fails to make a critical evaluation and/or apply evidence accurately
	or
3	is incomplete
	or
	does not consistently communicate ideas with clarity.
2	The candidate response shows limited understanding relevant to the question. Some evidence is included but ideas are not analysed.
1	The candidate response contains a minimal amount of relevant evidence.
0	Blank booklet or irrelevant response.

Section B

The response in Section B is marked against the performance descriptors defined below and awarded a mark out of 8.

Mark	Performance descriptor
8	The candidate interprets the source material provided with insight and perception, drawing on in-depth understanding of the ideas and values of the classical world
	and
	demonstrates an awareness of subtext and historical empathy
	and
	presents a balanced viewpoint, incorporating elements of independent reflection
	and
	communicates ideas with precision and originality.
7	The candidate response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 8, but contains minor inaccuracies of fact or interpretation
	or
	does not consistently demonstrate subtlety of understanding
	or
	lacks a degree of literary flair and originality.

	The candidate interprets the source material provided with a degree of perception drawing on informed understanding of the ideas and values of the classical world
6	and
	demonstrates awareness of the strengths and limitations of source evidence
	and
	uses a range of evidence to explain links and interrelationships
	and
	is fluent and coherent.
	The candidate response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 6, but has some inadequacy of
	critical interpretation
	or
_	deals inadequately with an important point
5	or
	has some unsupported generalisations
	or
	communicates ideas clearly, but is not consistently convincing and/or precise.
	The candidate interprets the source material provided methodically, drawing on general knowledge of the ideas and values of the classical world
	and
4	shows some understanding of significant themes and/or concepts and an ability to identify an historical viewpoint
-	and
	uses evidence to explain links
	and
	communicates ideas coherently, but is not consistently focussed and/or attentive to detail.
	The candidate response fulfils most of the requirements for descriptor 4, but interprets the source material
	provided simplistically and/or selectively
3	or
	is incomplete
	or
	does not consistently communicate ideas with clarity.
2	The candidate response shows limited understanding relevant to the question. Some of the source material provided is examined, but ideas are not analysed.
1	The candidate response contains a minimal amount of relevant evidence.
0	Blank booklet or irrelevant response.