Commentary on candidate evidence

Candidate 1

Question 78: How fully does Source A reveal the extent of support for republicanism in Spain in 1930?

The candidate was awarded **12 marks** overall for this question. This is a good example of a candidate who systematically goes through an answer getting all the marks eventually, even if some paragraphs attract no marks. In expanding the points of interpretation, the candidate is able to introduce other relevant information in that point to maximise marks.

Interpretation: The candidate was awarded all the interpretation marks available because the answer repeatedly demonstrates a clear, logical interpretation of the content of the source identifying the main and significant view by demonstrating an understanding of the content. For example: '*The source explains how even former monarchist politicians, such as Niceto Alcalá Zamora and Miguel Maura, publically came out in favour of a republic. This is hugely important as even those who supported having a monarchy favoured a republic.*'

Wider contextual development: The candidate is awarded marks throughout the answer. For example, when following on from the point above, the candidate first gets a mark for the use of an historian (Brenan) and then a wider contextual development mark for the following point which develops both the source interpretation point and the historical interpretation.