

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each evaluation question of this paper.

Candidate 1

Question 2(a)

The candidate was awarded **11 marks**.

The candidate broke down their answer into four paragraphs, with each paragraph identifying a way in which citizens could influence democracy in 5th century BC Athens.

First paragraph – the assembly

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for knowledge which was appropriately detailed and relevant.

2 marks were awarded for evaluative judgements, specifically the ability of ordinary citizens to participate as illustrated by the candidate's knowledge, but acknowledgement that these arrangements could be seen as favouring the elite classes.

Second paragraph – ostracism

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for knowledge due to the level of detail on the operation and consequences of ostracism.

2 marks were awarded for evaluative judgements – the purpose of ostracism and an acknowledgement that it might be problematic in a largely illiterate society.

Third paragraph – qualification for citizenship

Although there was a good deal of information on this topic, it was not relevant to this question and so was awarded no marks.

Fourth paragraph – generals

1 mark (knowledge) was awarded for basic knowledge of the number of generals and election from demes, although there was some confusion between selection and election, and the meaning in places was unclear.

Candidate 2

Question 2(b)

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

The answer is not structured into at least three areas. The structure was identified as follows:

First aspect – benefit to Athens of leadership of the Delian League

Marks were awarded as follows:

- ◆ **2 knowledge marks** for some accurate information. However, it is undeveloped, lacks detail and in places is unclear or inaccurate.
- ◆ **1 evaluation mark** – taxation allowed the Athenians to develop their city.

Second aspect – disadvantages to Athens

Marks were awarded as follows:

- ◆ **1 knowledge mark** – Athens' punishment of other states.
- ◆ **1 evaluative point** – this caused resentment among the allied states.

No marks were awarded for the conclusion.