

# Commentary on candidate evidence

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

## Candidate 1

### Question 9

The candidate was awarded **8 marks**.

The candidate broke down their answer into paragraphs, showing good structure. The candidate chose to paraphrase the source content rather than directly quote, which is acceptable.

The candidate identified the following relevant points from the source and compared them to the classical world:

- ◆ Happy occasion – contrast to the classical world as it can be a source of anxiety, with justification as paterfamilias may reject the child **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Modern technology – contrast to the classical world due to lack of hygiene **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Timing of the naming of child – description of the procedure in Rome **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Naming ceremony itself – description of the role of the paterfamilias and the lararium plus example **(2 marks)**
- ◆ Giving of gifts – description of bulla **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Procedure at the birth of a child – females tended to officiate in Rome **(1 mark)**

The following points were not awarded marks:

- ◆ Registration of birth – there were no comments which showed relevant knowledge of the classical world.
- ◆ Birth certificate – this was repetition of the point above about accepting the child into the family.

The conclusion was awarded **1 mark**. The candidate has made a basic summary using a part of the answer above to make a reasoned judgement.

## Candidate 2

### Question 9

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

The candidate clearly broke down their answer into paragraphs, showing good structure. The candidate chose to quote directly from the source.

The candidate identified the following relevant points from the source and compared them to the classical world:

- ◆ Modern technology – contrast to the classical world which caused high levels of infant mortality **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Family celebrations – knowledge of days when families met and gifts were exchanged **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Announcement of birth – knowledge of ways birth was communicated in classical Rome – olive leaves and wool **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Naming ceremonies – although it seems like repetition from above, it is accurate information and so was credited **(1 mark)**

The following point was not awarded any marks:

- ◆ Registration of birth – candidate's meaning is unclear, and comments were not justified

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for their conclusion. The candidate has made a basic summary using a part of the answer above to make a reasoned judgement.