

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each section of this course assessment component.

Candidate 4

A. Identifying and demonstrating factual and theoretical knowledge and understanding of the issue, showing an awareness of different points of view

Background and framing of issues and alternatives

The candidate clearly identifies the issue of the impact of Harris' loss in the 2024 election however, this is not explained further. The candidate does provide alternative points of view on the issue. They do make a comment on the significance of the issue in relation to the policies that Harris may have enacted. The candidate is awarded **3 marks** for this section.

Knowledge and understanding which supports the analysis of the issue

The candidate provides some descriptions and explanations with some exemplification. They identify three relevant factors: racism and sexism, the political environment and Trump's previous record. This development of knowledge to support their analysis was awarded **3 marks**.

In total, the candidate was awarded **6 out of 10 marks** for knowledge and understanding.

B. Analysing information in a structured manner

The candidate makes some analytical comments and was awarded marks for the following:

- An analytical comment is made on the consequence of the failures of the political system on Harris' lack of success. **(1 mark)**
- An analytical comment is made interpreting the impact of lack of education on the result of the election. **(1 mark)**
- An analytical comment is made on the underlying principles of why Americans chose to vote for Trump. **(1 mark)**

In total, the candidate was awarded **3 out of 14 marks** for analysis.

C. Communicating information from, and referring to, political sources

The candidate refers to two political sources: Medium and BBC News.

In total, the candidate was awarded **2 out of 2 marks** for political sources.

D. Drawing a detailed and reasoned conclusion(s) about the issue

The candidate attempts to make a conclusion on the impact of Trump's re-election, focusing on the impact for women. This is credit worthy but does not fully address the assignment issue. There is a lack of reference to detailed evidence in the conclusion and is therefore limited due to this.

As a result, the candidate was awarded **1 out of 4 marks** for conclusions.

In total, the candidate was awarded **12 out of 30 marks** for the assignment.