

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Candidate 6

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 success of US Presidents, and the background is explained, although this is not in detail. They do provide alternative points of view on the issue. The candidate does not make a comment on the significance of the issue or make a link to political concepts. The candidate is awarded **3 marks** for this section.

Knowledge and understanding which supports the analysis of the issue

Throughout the assignment the candidate makes use of knowledge and understanding to support the analysis in the assignment. They focus on four aspects of the presidency: public opinion, healthcare, economy and conflict. This includes a high degree of well exemplified knowledge and understanding on each aspect. These knowledge and understanding points use appropriate social science terminology and are linked to the analysis given throughout the assignment. The candidate was awarded **5 marks** for this aspect of knowledge and understanding.

In total, the candidate was awarded **8 out of 10 marks** for knowledge and understanding.

B. Analysing information in a structured manner

The candidate makes a number of analytical comments and was awarded marks for the following:

- An analytical comment is made on the implication of Obama's economic policies. **(1 mark)**
- A developed analytical comment is made interpreting the success of Obama's economic policies in comparison to Trump's and Biden's. **(2 marks)**
- An analytical comment is made linking the success of Obama's healthcare plan to his success overall. **(1 mark)**
- An analytical comment is made on a negative consequence of Obama's healthcare policy. **(1 mark)**
- An analytical comment is made interpreting public opinion on Obama compared to Trump or Biden. **(1 mark)**
- An analytical comment is made evaluating the relative importance of public opinion on the success of a Presidency. **(1 mark)**
- A developed analytical comment is made interpreting Obama's legacy in relation to the Middle East. **(2 marks)**

In total, the candidate was awarded **9 out of 14 marks** for analysis.

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

The candidate refers to several political sources including senate.gov, YouGov and heritage.org.

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 makes a conclusion on the success of Obama's Presidency. They discuss each factor in turn and evaluate each of these. They then conclude that Obama

was indeed the most successful. The conclusion is limited due to lack of detail on the success or failures of other recent Presidents.

As a result, the candidate was awarded **2 out of 4 marks** for conclusions.

In total, the candidate was awarded **21 out of 30 marks** for the assignment.