

# Commentary on candidate evidence

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

The candidate was awarded a total of **25 marks** as follows:

## Question 36(a)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for:

- ◆ 'It was bronze'
- ◆ 'It was sacred'
- ◆ 'It was the most beautiful'

Another valid point made by the candidate is:

- ◆ 'People kissed it'

## Question 36(b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for:

- ◆ 'They were armed'
- ◆ 'They were able to beat the guards'

There was no mark for 'there was a lot of slaves involved' as the text does not indicate this.

## Question 36(c)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for:

- ◆ (The guards) 'fought back'
- ◆ 'Rung the alarm'

## Question 37

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for:

- ◆ 'It was very secure'
- ◆ 'They didn't have much time' This point falls under the heading of 'Any other valid point'.

There was no mark for the statue being too big, as there is no indication in the text of the statue's size.

### Question 38

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for:

- ◆ 'The people all... got the nearest weapon they had'
- ◆ 'All came to defend the temple'

### Question 39

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for:

- ◆ 'Shocked because Verres defied the gods.'
- ◆ 'Angry because Verres wasn't doing his job as a governor'

Each mark is given for the reaction and the reason for it.

There was no mark awarded for:

- ◆ 'Shocked at how nasty Verres was.' There needs to be specific reference to Verres' 'nasty' behaviour.
- ◆ (The jury) 'laughed at humour used.' There needs to be specific reference to what was humorous.

### Question 40(a)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for:

- ◆ 'The Senate had not agreed.'
- ◆ 'It would be disrespectful to the Gods.'

### Question 40(b)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks** for:

- ◆ 'Sopater had refused Verres's request the first time.' This point falls under the heading of 'Any other valid point.'
- ◆ 'Verres threatened him'

There was no mark for:

- ◆ 'Verres returned which may have shocked Sopater.' This detail formed part of the question and so is not a new point.

### Question 41

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** for:

- ◆ 'There was open courts where anyone could watch.'

None of the candidate's further points was relevant to the question:

- ◆ 'Open courts allowed Cicero to emphasise how evil Verres was.'
- ◆ 'The jury could not be biased'
- ◆ 'The jury could be bought off'
- ◆ 'Everyone is treated with respect'

### Question 42(a)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks** for:

- ◆ 'Sopater was tied to a statue.'
- ◆ 'He was stripped naked.'
- ◆ 'It was in winter.'
- ◆ 'He was tortured Verres was merciless.'

The candidate's point that the statue was of an important figure in the town is not relevant to the question.

### Question 42(b)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks** for:

- ◆ 'They wanted to save Sopater.'
- ◆ 'They wanted to let the Gods handle Verres.' ('handle' is acceptable here as an alternative to 'punish')
- ◆ 'Believed that an innocent life was more important than the statues.'