

Commentary on candidate evidence

Candidate 2

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

The candidate was awarded a total of **24 marks** as follows:

Question 8

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

- 'I think it is a good comparison as the maze twists and bends in ways similar to that of the river Maeander'
- 'the maze is made so the turns seem unexpected'

There was no mark awarded for 'they all line up fluidly...' without more explanation

Question 9

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

- 'Minos might have power of the sea'
- 'he does not have control over the sky'

There was no mark awarded for the reference to the walls, as this is not mentioned in the text.

Question 10(a)

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

- 'he tied the middle with string'

- '(he tied) the bottom with wax'
- 'he bent (the feathers) into a shape that replicates that of a bird's wings'

Question 10(b)

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

- 'he was distracted (by the feathers and the wax)'
- 'he was playing games'

There was no mark awarded for the straightforward description of what Icarus was doing, as that was not answering this question.

Question 11

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

- 'Daedalus did a good job making sure he wouldn't go too high for fear of getting burnt...'
- '... and not to go too low in case he got swept up by the waves' (the idea that the waves were dangerous is sufficient here)
- 'he instructed his son to follow him ...'
- '... and stay in the middle path'

Further valid points made by the candidate are:

- 'if Icarus had followed these instructions, he wouldn't have died' (a developed point)
- 'it was (due to) ... Icarus' refusal to focus and listen' (a developed point)

- his father even gave extra advice about not getting distracted by the constellations'

Question 12(a)

The candidate was awarded **0 marks** for:

- 'he compared the man and his son to gods ... '

The candidate is referring to another part of the text and not to this reference which features the simile of Daedalus and Icarus being compared to birds.

Question 12(b)

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

- 'he made sure his son was behind him'
- 'he was going in front so he could keep an eye on him'

There was no mark awarded for 'he was the one to put Icarus' wings on', as this refers to an earlier part of the text.

Question 13

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

- 'Icarus was having a good time'
- 'he wanted to go even higher'

Question 14

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

- 'Icarus was screaming his father's name'

- 'the ocean swallows him'
- 'Daedalus is repeating 'Icarus, Icarus' but his words get no response'
- 'seeing feathers in the water makes him realise his son is gone for good'

The candidate is awarded full marks for discussing both Icarus and Daedalus.

Question 15

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

- 'Daedalus had a nephew'
- 'the nephew had skills'
- 'Daedalus had a sister'

Question 16

The candidate was awarded **0 marks** for this question as the candidate thinks Crete is where Daedalus wants to return to, rather than escape from, so has not made any valid points about Crete.