

Commentary on candidate evidence

Candidate 3

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

The candidate was awarded a total of **30 marks** as follows:

Question 26(a)

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

- 'large'
- 'roomy'
- 'full of ill repute'

Another valid point made by the candidate is:

- 'unhealthy'

Question 26(b)

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

- 'trying to create fear by saying that it was silent at night'
- 'silence especially when it's at a time when it's pitch black has connotations of ghost stories (a developed point)'

Further valid points made by the candidate are:

- 'he creates tension as he describes the sound of chains and iron getting louder and closer'

- 'he wants to scare the reader with the description of the ghost'

Question 27(a)

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

- 'he orders a couch'
- 'he orders a pen and something to write on' (1 marks for any/all of the writing equipment)
- 'he orders a light'

Another valid point made by the candidate is:

- 'he sends his slaves away'

Question 27(b)

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

- 'so he can write down any important details'
- 'he knows that people can become deathly ill. If he is prepared and knows what's coming, it's less likely to happen'

Further valid points made by the candidate are:

- 'the night time is when the ghost appears'
- 'at night it may be too difficult to see the ghost so he orders a lamp to see better'

Question 28

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

- 'yes, he describes the night as being silent'

- 'yes, he describes the noises as being on the threshold and then being within the threshold'
- 'no, Athenodorus doesn't bat an eyelid or put his pen down showing that he was not intimidated ... giving the audience some ease'
- 'yes, the ghost is wearing chains raising questions about how dangerous the ghost is'

The candidate gives a combination of 'yes' and 'no' responses which is acceptable.

Question 29

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

- 'yes, he has helped the ghost properly die'
- 'yes, everyone would think of him as a hero'
- 'yes, helping the ghost would have made him happy'

Further valid points made by the candidate are:

- 'yes, he didn't become deathly ill'
- 'yes, he could sleep peacefully at night'

Question 30(a)

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

- 'no, the boy was circled by the dolphin'
- 'yes, the dolphin had not done anything to harm the boy'
- 'yes, the dolphin was just trying to play with the boy'

Further valid points made by the candidate are:

- 'no, the dolphin carried him out to sea'
- 'yes, the dolphin returned him to shore'

The candidate gives a combination of 'yes' and 'no' responses which is acceptable.

Question 30(b)

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

- 'they crowded the boy'
- 'they asked him lots of questions'

Another valid point made by the candidate is:

- 'they listened ... to him'

Question 31(a)

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

- 'he says that the dolphin kept on appearing day after day'
- 'the dolphin was doing tricks in the water to impress the boy'
- 'he made it seem as though the dolphin was inviting the boy into the water'

Question 31(b)

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

- 'he wanted a friend to play with'

Further valid points made by the candidate are:

- 'he had a lot of fun with the boy previously'
- 'the dolphin was curious about humans'

Question 32

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

- 'they were interested in them, people asked the boy lots of questions when he came out of the water'
- 'people would travel for distances just to see them'
- 'some people didn't know if they could trust them'
- 'they believed they were superior to them as they could decide whether to kill animals'

Further valid points made by the candidate are:

- 'someone thought that if they poured oil onto the dolphin, it would bring him luck'. This detail is contained within a linking section of text (found in italics in the Prescribed Text) and does not normally feature in a question. However, if the candidate makes a valid point based on any linking text, then marks are awarded.
- 'they found it surprising that the dolphin interacted with humans, we know this because they all crowded the boy to ask him questions '