HL paper 3 question 4 markband

There must be evidence of independent research and investigation for students to reach the top level.

Marks	Level descriptor
No marks	 No knowledge or understanding of the relevant issues and concepts. No use of appropriate terminology.
Basic 1–3 marks	 Minimal knowledge and understanding of the relevant issues or concepts. Minimal use of appropriate terminology. The answer may be little more than a list. No reference is made to the information in the case study or independent research.
Adequate 4–6 marks	 A descriptive response with limited knowledge and/or understanding of the relevant issues or concepts. A limited use of appropriate terminology. There is limited evidence of analysis. There is evidence that limited research has been undertaken.
Competent 7–9 marks	 A response with knowledge and understanding of the relevant issues and/or concepts. A response that uses terminology appropriately in places. There is some evidence of analysis. There is evidence that research has been undertaken.
Proficient 10–12 marks	 A response with a detailed knowledge and clear understanding of the relevant issues and/or concepts. A response that uses terminology appropriately throughout. There is competent and balanced analysis. Conclusions are drawn that are linked to the analysis. There is clear evidence that extensive research has been undertaken.