

General Certificate of Education

Applied Art and Design (8511, 8513, 8516, 8517, 8519)

ADA6-ADF6 Option unit

Report on the Examination

2010 examination - June series

ADA6-ADF6 – Option Unit

AD06 consists of a series of six optional units including a range of areas of study from Drawing and painting to Public art and 3D design. Candidates choose one of these for study. Centres should keep in mind that the requirement for a short report on progression routes and career opportunities is now in this unit not Unit 5 and all options have this requirement specific to the specialism chosen.

This series some centres allowed candidates to choose their own option for study whilst others chose one option for all candidates at the centre to study. The extent of freedom of choice depended on the resources and staff available at the centre. It would be useful if centres made a copy of the brief(s) that candidates had followed available for moderators when they visit the centre. The written brief should cover the individual option bullet points found in the specification.

It is important that centres check the requirements of particular options and that candidates work in a vocational way, respond to the wishes of the client and follow the constraints set. The Graphic design option (ADC6) was popular this series, with strong ICT elements and local designers chosen for the research element. More candidates used screenshots to good advantage when explaining their developmental graphics work. This was quite often evaluative and included discussion of changes and so was a very useful method to adopt.

Mark Ranges and Award of Grades

Grade boundaries and cumulative percentage grades are available on the **Results statistics** page of the AQA website.

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