

Mark Scheme (Results)

October 2020

Pearson Edexcel GCE In History of Art (9HT0/01)

Paper 1: Visual analysis and themes

Edexcel and BTEC Qualifications

Edexcel and BTEC qualifications are awarded by Pearson, the UK's largest awarding body. We provide a wide range of qualifications including academic, vocational, occupational and specific programmes for employers. For further information visit our qualifications websites at www.edexcel.com or www.edexcel.com, you can get in touch with us using the details on our contact us page at www.edexcel.com/contactus.

Pearson: helping people progress, everywhere

Pearson aspires to be the world's leading learning company. Our aim is to help everyone progress in their lives through education. We believe in every kind of learning, for all kinds of people, wherever they are in the world. We've been involved in education for over 150 years, and by working across 70 countries, in 100 languages, we have built an international reputation for our commitment to high standards and raising achievement through innovation in education. Find out more about how we can help you and your students at: www.pearson.com/uk

Autumn 2020
Publications Code 9HT0_01_2010_MS
All the material in this publication is copyright
© Pearson Education Ltd 2020

General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Section A: Visual analysis

Question	Indicative content		
1	AO targeting		
	AO2: 6 marks; AO3: 6 marks.		
	Marking instructions		
	Answers must apply the level descriptors in line with the general marking		
	guidance.		
	Indicative content guidance		
	The indicative content below exemplifies points that candidates may make, but		
	this does not imply that any of the points must be included. Other relevant points must also be credited.		
	Indicative content		
	Treatment of space and depth		
	 Curved lines of hills and fence posts draw the viewer back to the horizon; distance travelled is great. 		
	 Curved line of path / road to the right leads the eye beyond the picture space; cropped composition suggests panoramic view. 		
	 Painted from top of a hill, sloping field comes up to picture plane, leading viewer's eye steeply down into the picture and back up again with the rise of the hills behind. 		
	 Regularity of planting creates orthogonals and shows space between crops. 		
	Cast shadows create an illusion of depth and dimension.		
	Overlapping of trees against hills creates depth and three- dimensionality.		
	Recessional scale correctly used throughout: tiny figures suggest great		
	distance; trees are smaller the further away they are.		
	Linear perspective applied to the building.		
	Depiction of scene		
	Panoramic, pastoral setting with figures.		
	Scene framed by rising ground and by trees.		
	Nature depicted as abundant and dominant over tiny human figures. Nature shows as tampable; rows of trees and planting of corp bayes.		
	 Nature shown as tameable; rows of trees and planting of corn have great regularity. 		
	 Calm and gentle rural activity; sense of human in harmony with nature. 		
	Stylized, fluffy, impossibly round trees stand solidly against the visual		
	recession of the straight, sharp rows of planting and hay; trees and hills lack detail.		
	The landscape remains very still and gives the impression of reverent silence; where there is movement in the painting, it seems very slow and regular - the act of ploughing or planting.		

	•	This contradictory impression of movement and stillness underscores the vastness of the land. Natural colours used– earthy red-brown, verdant greens. Bright sunlit day, scorched earth but flourishing trees suggest hot, dry climate.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–3	Analysis and interpretation are limited, showing basic understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Basic critical judgement, with limited reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 2	4-6	Analysis and interpretation are generally competent, showing an adequate understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Adequate critical judgement, supported by generally competent reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 3	7–9	Analysis and interpretation are coherent throughout, showing a secure understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Good critical judgement, supported by coherent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]
Level 4	10–12	Analysis and interpretation are perceptive throughout, showing excellent understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		In-depth critical judgement, supported by excellent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]

Question	Indicative content
2	AO targeting
	AO2: 6 marks; AO3: 6 marks.
	Marking instructions
	Answers must apply the level descriptors in line with the general marking
	guidance.
	Indicative content guidance
	The indicative content below exemplifies points that candidates may make, but this does not imply that any of the points must be included. Other relevant points must also be credited.
	Indicative content
	Composition
	• Four sculptors at work, absorbed in their tasks – building a wall, carving a spiral column, measuring a capital and carving a putto.
	 Long horizontal format tightly framed by projecting mouldings; horizontality counterbalanced by vertical forms within the scene.
	 Pairs of figures face each other, central two have backs to each other, creating two separate scenes.
	 Variety of poses – left hand pair are standing, those on right are seated; all figures bend in concentration but to varying degrees.
	 Arms of figures on left of each pair mirror each other, as do those on right, forming harmonious and rhythmic composition.
	• Figures are carved to give the forms solid vigour and so define the space they occupy.
	 Creation of space through variety of depth of carving and overlapping; objects in low relief hanging on back wall and deep undercutting of legs of furniture.
	Feet protrude into viewer's space, emphasising three-dimensions.
	Materials and techniques
	Figures and objects have been deeply undercut to cast shadows and enhance three-dimensionality.
	• Skill of carving seen in variety of forms e.g. spiral of column, fall of drapery, constructed wall and in ambitious handling of low-tensile material.
	Monochrome of white marble unites all parts of sculpture.
	• Relative softness of marble facilitates the creation of a variety and contrast of textures: smoothness of skin of putto, folds of drapery, hair and beards, roughness of wall.
	 Low levels of relief seen in shallow forms on back wall add to narrative of scene.
	Use of a drill enables precise definition e.g. spiral column.
	Folds of drapery arranged to give sense of movement and add greater definition to form of figures beneath.
	Wide range of techniques and skills of carving emphasises subject matter.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–3	Analysis and interpretation are limited, showing basic understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Basic critical judgement, with limited reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 2	4–6	Analysis and interpretation are generally competent, showing an adequate understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Adequate critical judgement, supported by generally competent reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 3	7–9	Analysis and interpretation are coherent throughout, showing a secure understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Good critical judgement, supported by coherent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]
Level 4	10-12	Analysis and interpretation are perceptive throughout, showing excellent understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		In-depth critical judgement, supported by excellent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]

Question	Indicative content		
3	AO targeting		
	AO2: 6 marks; AO3: 6 marks.		
	Marking instructions		
	Answers must apply the level descriptors in line with the general marking		
	guidance.		
	Indicative content guidance		
	The indicative content below exemplifies points that candidates may make, but this does not imply that any of the points must be included. Other relevant points must also be credited.		
	Indicative content		
	Structure and form		
	Three storey, grand structure; two upper storeys united by giant order columns; lower storey contains arched windows below main run of windows, suggesting basement.		
	Symmetrical, regular and ordered organisation of structure, heavily ornamented.		
	Horizontality of building emphasised by stringcourse, repetition of windows, decorative mouldings and balustrade, countered by verticality of columns and alignment and form of windows.		
	Divided in to large number of bays by columns and paired columns.		
	Temple front divided into three with open lower storey, reminiscent of triumphal arches and providing entrance for horse-drawn carriages.		
	• Central focus with double-width central bay which protrudes, is framed by double columns and enhanced by pilasters, pediment and sculpted crown.		
	Articulated façade; columns project at varying depths from wall behind.		
	Regular yet complex arrangement of windows and architectural and		
	decorative forms.		
	Pattern and ornamentation		
	Use of green and white and lavish decoration mark it out as a building of importance.		
	Gold ornamentation of capitals, column bases and cartouches suggest wealth.		
	Huge number of windows, adds to overall decorative splendour and suggest wealth, reflecting large number of rooms inside.		
	Statues along roofline align with columns beneath; groups of figures above double columns.		
	Central pediment and statues on roofline elevate the building, articulate roofline and, along with clock, show further wealth and importance of building.		
	Complex mouldings – lower storey windows topped with scrolls and arches, piano nobile has alternating semi-circular and triangular pediments, mullioned windows on upper storey.		

	 Massive gold cartouches push up and break through the entablature / cornice on upper storey. Iron gates heavily ornamented adding to splendour. Use of classical forms and references suggests education of patron / architect. 		
Level	Mark	Descriptor	
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1–3	Analysis and interpretation are limited, showing basic understanding of visual language. [AO2]	
		Basic critical judgement, with limited reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]	
Level 2	4-6	Analysis and interpretation are generally competent, showing an adequate understanding of visual language. [AO2]	
		Adequate critical judgement, supported by generally competent reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]	
Level 3	7–9	Analysis and interpretation are coherent throughout, showing a secure understanding of visual language. [AO2]	
		Good critical judgement, supported by coherent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]	
Level 4	10–12	Analysis and interpretation are perceptive throughout, showing excellent understanding of visual language. [AO2]	
		In-depth critical judgement, supported by excellent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]	

Section B: Themes

Nature in art and architecture

Question	Indicative content				
4(a)	AO targeting				
	AO1: 4 marks; AO2: 4 marks; AO3: 4 marks.				
	Marking instructions				
	Answers must apply the level descriptors in line with the general marking guidance.				
	Candidates who fail to refer to any named works of art by their specified painter will be demonstrating only 'basic' knowledge and should be awarded a mark in Level 1 (1–3 marks). Answers that discuss only one valid example by their specified painter should be limited to a maximum of Level 2 (4–6 marks).				
	Indicative content guidance				
	The indicative content below exemplifies points that candidates may make, but this does not imply that any of these points must be included. Other relevant points must also be credited.				
	Indicative content				
	Example: JMW Turner Slave Ship (Slavers Throwing Overboard the Dead and Dying, Typhoon Coming On), 1840				
	 Turner represents the terrifying grandeur of nature in this seascape. The painting was based on a poem that described a slave ship caught in a typhoon, and on the true story of the slave ship Zong whose captain, in 1781, had thrown overboard sick and dying slaves so that he could collect insurance money available only for slaves 'lost at sea'. 				
	Turner successfully captures the drama and horror of the event through hot, churning colour and light that merge sea and sky.				
	 Turner conveys a sense of the unpredictability and uncontrollability of nature as the ship and its passengers are thrown about by the violence of the waves and the storm. 				
	Scene shown beneath a flaming sunset; dramatic use of colour shows bursts of red and orange and flashes of bright white against the murky grey-brown sea.				
	 Turner's brushwork and choice of oil as a medium allow him great versatility in the depiction of nature. 				
	 Great variety is shown in the application of paint, from the pale mistiness of the sky in the top right to the impasto area at the centre of the scene and the precisely painted ship. 				
	Movement of the storm and its effects are shown through directional brushwork and use of colour to depict hopelessness of the plight of the victims of the scene.				

Example: JMW Turner **Snowstorm - Steam-Boat off a Harbour's Mouth,** 1842

- The snow storm and its effects are the real subject of this work; the boat serves only to show the futility of man's efforts to combat / calm the forces of nature.
- The ship is shown at the centre of a vortex and Turner convincingly depicts an immense sense of movement in an anti-clockwise direction of sea, snow and sky.
- It is famously said that Turner conceived this image while lashed to the
 mast of a ship during an actual storm at sea. This seems to be nothing
 more than fiction, but the story has endured as a way of demonstrating
 Turner's quest to understand nature and to establish him as one of the
 greatest Romantic artists.
- Turner's study of colour and light theory and his fascination with them, particularly the importance of the use of yellow, which was thought to be the closest colour to the production of white light, can be seen here in the area surrounding the ship's mast.
- Variety in the application of paint allows Turner to show the turmoil of the storm; he uses glazed and finely brushed darks in contrast to lighter areas applied with a knife and stiff brush.
- Brushstrokes of alternate lights and darks in the bottom left-hand corner show the rise of the wave.
- Turner's depiction of the scene verges on abstraction as he successfully captures the icy wind and swirling vortex of the natural elements of his scene.
- It is this, perhaps, that sets Turner apart as a painter of the sublime.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–3	Knowledge is basic, selected in a way that demonstrates a limited understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are limited, showing basic understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Basic critical judgement, with limited reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 2	4–6	Knowledge is adequate, selected in a way that demonstrates generally competent understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are generally competent, showing an adequate understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Adequate critical judgement, supported by generally competent reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 3	7–9	Knowledge is good, selected in a way that demonstrates secure understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are coherent throughout, showing a secure understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Good critical judgement, supported by coherent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]
Level 4	10–12	Knowledge is detailed, accurate and in depth, selected in a way that reveals excellent understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are perceptive throughout, showing excellent understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		In-depth critical judgement, supported by excellent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]

Question	Indicative content			
4(b)	AO targeting			
	AO1: 8 marks; AO2: 8 marks; AO3: 9 marks.			
	Marking instructions			
	Answers must apply the level descriptors in line with the general marking			
	guidance.			
	Markers must keep in mind that the AOs are equally weighted across levels except for Level 5, where there is additional weighting given to AO3.			
	Candidates who fail to refer to any named works of architecture will be demonstrating only 'basic' knowledge and should be awarded a mark in Level 1 (1–5 marks). Those who refer to only a single work of architecture will similarly fail to demonstrate an effective argument or knowledge and so should be limited to a maximum of Level 2 (6–10 marks).			
	This is a synoptic question. Candidates are therefore expected to integrate knowledge and understanding from works they have studied, as well as the visual analysis and interpretation skills applied to architecture.			
	Indicative content guidance			
	The indicative content below exemplifies points that candidates may make, but this does not imply that any of these points must be included. Other relevant points must also be credited.			
	Indicative content			
	Some may say			
	The design and composition of a building can be determined solely by its natural environment. For example, Frank Lloyd Wright Kentuck Knob , 1953-56 takes its entire design and materials from the environment in which it is built; it appears almost part of the mountain itself and stands 2,050 feet above sea level; yet the roof almost becomes the forest floor as one walks around the house.			
	Wright nestled the crescent-shaped Usonian house into the side of the hill and oriented it to catch the best light throughout the day.			
	• The building illustrates Wright's argument that No house should ever be on a hill or on anything. It should be of the hill. Belonging to it. Hill and house should live together each the happier for the other. (Frank Lloyd Wright)			
	• Kentuck Knob's construction materials of native sandstone, tidewater red cypress and a copper hipped roof blend naturally with the surroundings. The fully functional kitchen is the architectural core of the home. Its walls of stone not only anchor the two wings of the house but they also rise to penetrate the horizontal line of the copper roof. An open floor plan, cantilevered overhangs, and great expanses of glass effortlessly integrate the inside with the outside. Stretching to the east, just beyond the back terrace, is a breath-taking panorama of the Youghiogheny River Gorge and the beautiful Laurel Highlands mountains that surround it.			
	The design and structure of Philip Johnson Glass House 1949 can also be said to be determined solely by its natural environment. Its four glass walls are supported only by eight steel piers so that the house and its landscape blend seamlessly; the materials and simple design are selected			

- to ensure that the house frames but does not impact upon the beauty of nature.
- Its asymmetrically placed bathroom and fireplace are enclosed in a brick cylinder but the house is otherwise entirely part of its natural environment.
- The clear glass panels create a series of lively reflections, including those of the surrounding trees, and people walking inside or outside of the house, layering them on top of one another creating ever-changing images with each step taken around it.
- The design and structure of Ken Yeang's **Mesiniaga Tower**, Malaysia 1992 is determined by its natural environment. The traditional form of the skyscraper is altered by the climate of the site on which it is built.
- This building is unique to the environment in which it is situated as the
 asymmetrical design takes into account the direction of the sun on various
 parts of the building so the interior space and overhanging sections allow
 in natural light and provide shade as appropriate. Natural ventilation is
 also utilised in the stairwells and elevators.
- When the tower won the Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 1995, it was
 hailed as a striking alternative to the reigning mode of corporate towers and a
 new synthesis for contemporary architecture that is responsive to the climate of
 a particular place and finds inspiration for a new architectural language from
 forces that are ultimately cosmic. (Charles Jenks, quoted in Archdaily,
 September 2015).

Others may argue

- The design and structure of a building are determined not by its natural environment but by other requirements of the commission. Santiago Calatrava, Olympic Sports Complex, Athens, 2001-04, for example, did need to incorporate aspects of the natural environment but its design and structure were ultimately determined by the necessity to accommodate thousands of visitors and to integrate the different aspects of the site; indeed trees had to be removed, replanted and new ones added in order to make nature fit in with the building.
- The design of the building is determined not by its natural environment but by the inspiration it takes from other natural forms; the roof of the Velodrome (part of the Olympic Sports Complex) for instance, looks like a huge insect with arched legs and outstretched wings; the Nations Wall (part of the Olympic Sports Complex) is a series of tubular steel rods that move to represent the wind.
- The design and composition of a building are determined not by its natural environment but by its symbolic function. The form of **Angkor Wat**, Cambodia 12th century, for example is designed as a representation of the universe in sandstone with Mount Meru, the sacred five-point mountain of Hindu, Jain and Buddhist cosmology, at its centre.
- The massive scale of the temple, believed to be the world's largest religious building, is attributable to its purpose of honouring the gods to whom it is dedicated. No building has ever been more methodically devised as a cosmic symbol, in lay-out, orientation, dimensions, form and in the iconological program of its sculpture. (Honour and Fleming A World History of Art).

	 The towers of this vast limestone temple represent the five peaks of the mountain, the outer wall the mountains at the edge of the world and the moat the seas beyond. The design and structure of the building, therefore, is not determined by its natural environment but rather it creates a new environment through its form. Angkor Wat was sited so that the sun would rise directly above the central spire at the beginning of the solar year so the natural environment, or rather, its place in the solar system determined the exact placement of the temple. 		
Level	Mark	Descriptor	
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1–5	Knowledge is basic, selected in a way that demonstrates a limited understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]	
		Analysis and interpretation are limited, showing basic understanding of visual language. [AO2]	
		Basic critical judgement, with limited reasoned argument and evidence. No relevant reference to critical texts. [AO3]	
Level 2	6–10	Knowledge is partially adequate, selected in a way that demonstrates uneven understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]	
		Analysis and interpretation are uneven, showing a partially-adequate understanding of visual language. [AO2]	
		Partially-adequate critical judgement supported by uneven reasoned argument and evidence. Some relevant use of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]	
Level 3	11–15	Knowledge is competent, selected in a way that demonstrates competent understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]	
		Analysis and interpretation are competent, showing a competent understanding of visual language. [AO2]	
		Competent critical judgement, supported by appropriate reasoned argument and evidence. Competent use of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]	
Level 4	16–20	Knowledge is good, selected in a way that demonstrates secure understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]	
		Analysis and interpretation are coherent throughout, showing a secure understanding of visual language. [AO2]	
		Good critical judgement, supported by coherent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. Secure integration of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]	
Level 5	21–25	Knowledge is detailed, accurate and in depth, selected in a way that reveals excellent understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]	
		Analysis and interpretation are perceptive throughout, showing excellent understanding of visual language. [AO2]	
		In-depth critical judgement, supported by excellent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. Insightful integration of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]	

Identities in art and architecture

Question	Indicative content			
5(a)	AO targeting			
	AO1: 4 marks; AO2: 4 marks; AO3: 4 marks.			
	Marking instructions			
	Answers must apply the level descriptors in line with the general marking guidance.			
	Candidates who fail to refer to any named works of art by their specified sculptor will be demonstrating only 'basic' knowledge and should be awarded a mark in Level 1 (1–3 marks). Answers that discuss only one valid example by their specified sculptor should be limited to a maximum of Level 2 (4–6 marks).			
	Indicative content guidance			
	The indicative content below exemplifies points that candidates may make, but this does not imply that any of these points must be included. Other relevant points must also be credited.			
	Indicative content			
	Example: Grayson Perry Our Mother, 2009			
	 This rusting cast-iron figure shows the identity of the woman as being African, a mother and a refugee. She steps forward, suggesting a long journey on foot and appearing exhausted as she is weighed down by a huge number of objects that hang from her neck, shoulders and arms. This great pile of paraphernalia includes baskets, a sewing machine, a ghetto blaster, religious objects, a water canister and a necklace made of mobile phones and cassette tapes. She balances all of these with her malnourished child whom she cradles in the foetal position. Perry is directly influenced by African art in the primitive quality of this 			
	 figure with its mask-like features. The choice of metal makes this appear as an archaeological object rather than a work of fine art and the rusted metal is particularly effective in depicting the figure as she struggles along with her burden, parched in the heat of the African sun. 			
	 Perry shows this nomadic mother-figure as resourceful as she collects and utilises discarded items and carries all that she possesses and has managed to accumulate on her arduous journey; a reference to the numerous miles walked daily by many African women. 			
	She is uncomplaining and looks wistful as she strides along under a staff bearing an icon showing the Virgin Mary, suggesting protection and motherhood.			
	Perry's sensitive handling of the subject evokes great empathy in the viewer.			

Example: Grayson Perry Modern Family, 2014

- The identity represented in this large ceramic pot is that of the most modern of families with two white, homosexual men as the parents who have adopted a child of mixed ethnicity.
- In this work, based on a real family (Jack Ash, John and Shea), Perry wanted to convey a family who represented 'a complex mixture of identity issues'.
- The choice of ceramic for the medium of this work takes inspiration from the most ancient of artistic narrative, decorative objects, Greek vases.
- The fragility of ceramics, highlighted in pots that Perry himself has smashed and reconstructed for other works, suggests mortality and yet the preserving of this family in an artistic object immortalises them to ensure something is left behind.
- Grayson Perry makes a point that Jack and John are very conscious of what it takes to be good parents and not to take for granted that this will happen naturally; he is commenting on the issues of identity and acceptance of both sexuality and race.
- The pot shows the family as happy and connected; their colourful, coordinated outfits link them into a visually unified group who appear to float on clouds above the streets and houses of a pleasant, if somewhat bland, suburban area.
- Photographs of more conventional / traditional families are collaged onto the pot by way of comparison.
- Perry's choice of raising the profile of such a family through 'high art' shows his respect for and acceptance of all types of family and his encouragement for all of society to focus on the similarities between this happy, loving family and the others seen in the photographs, rather than the differences.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-3	Knowledge is basic, selected in a way that demonstrates a limited understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are limited, showing basic understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Basic critical judgement, with limited reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 2	4–6	Knowledge is adequate, selected in a way that demonstrates generally competent understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are generally competent, showing an adequate understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Adequate critical judgement, supported by generally competent reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 3	7–9	Knowledge is good, selected in a way that demonstrates secure understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are coherent throughout, showing a secure understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Good critical judgement, supported by coherent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]
Level 4	10–12	Knowledge is detailed, accurate and in depth, selected in a way that reveals excellent understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are perceptive throughout, showing excellent understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		In-depth critical judgement, supported by excellent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]

Question	Indicative content				
5(b)	AO targeting				
	AO1: 8 marks; AO2: 8 marks; AO3: 9 marks.				
	Marking instructions				
	Answers must apply the level descriptors in line with the general marking				
	guidance.				
	Markers must keep in mind that the AOs are equally weighted across levels except for Level 5, where there is additional weighting given to AO3.				
	Candidates who fail to refer to any named works of art will be demonstrating only 'basic' knowledge and should be awarded a mark in Level 1 (1–5 marks). Those who refer to only a single work of art will similarly fail to demonstrate an effective argument or knowledge and so should be limited to a maximum of Level 2 (6–10 marks).				
	This is a synoptic question. Candidates are therefore expected to integrate knowledge and understanding from works they have studied, as well as the visual analysis and interpretation skills applied to the different types of art.				
	Indicative content guidance				
	The indicative content below exemplifies points that candidates may make, but this does not imply that any of these points must be included. Other relevant points must also be credited.				
	Indicative content				
	Some may say				
	• It is in self-portraits that we understand the sitter best. In painting themselves, artists can reveal a depth of character and thought that is impossible to capture when painting another.				
	By their very nature, self-portraits are expected to be more revealing of the painter than those they have painted of others. Why would they choose to paint themselves if not to produce a wholly convincing image?				
	Van Gogh Self Portrait 1889 (Musée d'Orsay) for example is much more convincingly expressive of the emotions of the sitter than any of his portraits of others e.g. L'Arlésienne Madame Ginoux with Books , 1888,				
	which, in comparison, appears to be a study of the woman from a distance rather than a portrait showing her inner character.				
	Contrastingly, in Self Portrait the close viewpoint, swirling background, cool blues, furrowed brow, pained eyes and a look that can only be achieved through looking in the mirror and feeling the pain that exists within, reveal a wholly convincing psychological intensity.				
	• Van Gogh recognised the particular act of painting oneself and said <i>People</i> say, and I am willing to believe it, that it is hard to know yourself. But it is not easy to paint yourself, either. The portraits painted by Rembrandt are more than a view of nature, they are more like a revelation. (As quoted by Musée d'Orsay).				
	 Frida Kahlo Self Portrait along the Border Line between Mexico and the USA, 1932, reveals so much about the artist herself. The symbolism and divisions depicted reveal a conflict within Frida Kahlo that it would have been difficult for another artist to portray. She is able to express her 				

- feelings through subtle, personal symbolism in a way that would have been impossible if she were trying to depict someone other than herself.
- The contrast between the colourful, cultural land of Mexico and the drab, industrialisation of the USA is marked and Frida shows her allegiance to her homeland through the Mexican flag she holds in her hands. Signing her name on the work as 'Carmen Rivera' also suggests that she feels she has to sacrifice her true identity as she assumes the role of Diego Rivera's wife and hide her Germanic-sounding name of 'Frida' during the rise of Nazism.
- This portrait reveals depths of emotion and identity that would be difficult to ascertain when painting a portrait of a sitter.

Others may argue

- Self-portraits are less convincing as the artist may deliberately hold something back or wish to depict themselves in a certain way in order to raise their status or show themselves in a way they wish to be seen ...it could be argued that self-portraits involve obvious conflicts of interest, that they may be less true to appearance than portraits (Cumming, A Face to the World).
- Elisabeth Vigée le Brun **Self Portrait**, 1790, for example, is focused entirely on the viewer and appears to be establishing her legitimacy as a painter through the eye contact she makes. Her self-portraits appear to be acts of self-promotion rather than an attempt to reveal her true character.
- Great portrait painters are able to capture the true character of the sitter
 as well as they could if painting themselves e.g. Frans Hals Laughing
 Cavalier 1624, is a wholly convincing image which reveals not only the
 status and confidence of the sitter through the elaborate costume painted
 with such fine detail but also a real insight into his character with his
 sideways glance and wry smile.
- The variety of brushwork and technical detail, manipulation of light and rendition of varied textures make this a wholly convincing portrait to rival any self-portrait. The body of the Cavalier, swathed in colours, is an amplification of basic brushstrokes; you can see how Hals brushed him into life (Jonathan Jones, The Guardian).
- Artists such as Chuck Close make no distinction between painting themselves and others. He applies exactly the same technique to all his portraits as his art is not about capturing likeness but of evolving patterns that the mind can piece together as a recognisable face. His technique is based on the rigorous, gridded application of individual colour squares, which, although abstract up close, form unified, highly realistic images from afar. His black and white **Self-portrait**, 1991, with its blurred, front facing orientation and staring eyes reveals less of his character than that of his portrait of **Lyle**, 1999. It is the latter, perhaps that can be considered the more successful, if the purpose of a portrait is to capture and reveal something of the personality of the sitter or subject.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-5	Knowledge is basic, selected in a way that demonstrates a limited understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are limited, showing basic understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Basic critical judgement, with limited reasoned argument and evidence. No relevant reference to critical texts. [AO3]
Level 2	6–10	Knowledge is partially adequate, selected in a way that demonstrates uneven understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are uneven, showing a partially-adequate understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Partially-adequate critical judgement supported by uneven reasoned argument and evidence. Some relevant use of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]
Level 3	11–15	Knowledge is competent, selected in a way that demonstrates competent understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are competent, showing a competent understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Competent critical judgement, supported by appropriate reasoned argument and evidence. Competent use of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]
Level 4	16-20	Knowledge is good, selected in a way that demonstrates secure understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are coherent throughout, showing a secure understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Good critical judgement, supported by coherent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. Secure integration of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]
Level 5	21–25	Knowledge is detailed, accurate and in depth, selected in a way that reveals excellent understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are perceptive throughout, showing excellent understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		In-depth critical judgement, supported by excellent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. Insightful integration of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]

War in art and architecture

Question	Indicative content				
6(a)	AO targeting				
	AO1: 4 marks; AO2: 4 marks; AO3: 4 marks.				
	Marking instructions				
	Answers must apply the level descriptors in line with the general marking				
	guidance.				
	Candidates who fail to refer to any named works of architecture by their specified architect will be demonstrating only 'basic' knowledge and should be awarded a mark in Level 1 (1–3 marks). Answers that discuss only one valid example by their specified sculptor should be limited to a maximum of Level 2 (4–6 marks).				
	Indicative content guidance				
	The indicative content below exemplifies points that candidates may make, but this does not imply that any of these points must be included. Other relevant points must also be credited.				
	Indicative content				
	Example: François de Mondion Gate of Bombs, 1721				
	Malta's location in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea has made it vulnerable to invasion throughout its history; this meant that many cities throughout the island were fortified, not least the capital Valletta.				
	This structure is an arched, advanced gate built within the lower defensive wall of the Floriana Lines, a line of fortifications in Floriana, Malta, which surround the fortifications of Valletta and form the capital city's outer defences.				
	The gate originally had a single arch, flanked by carved cannons, which gave the gate its original name <i>Porta dei Cannoni</i> , and each cannon has a relief of a coat of arms. The four cannons which formed part of the original gate bear the arms of Grand Master Ramon Perellos y Roccaful.				
	• The gate has a cornice above a row of carved Maltese crosses, showing its place as defending the sovereignty of the island. Above the cornice are escutcheons bearing the coats of arms of the Order of St. John, Grand Master Perellos, as well as a marble plaque with Latin inscription. The plaque reads: While I fight the Turks everywhere, I am secure in my seat – 1721. This shows that defence against the threat of Turkish invasion was the inspiration for this structure.				
	 Porte des Bombes is one of only two gates in Malta which bear representations of life-sized artillery pieces, the other one being St. Helen's Gate which was built in 1736. 				
	Example: François de Mondion St. Helen's Gate, 1736				
	When Grand Master António Manoel de Vilhena became Prince of Malta in June 1722, he embarked on an ambitious building programme and commissioned François de Mondion to carry out extensive work on the island's fortifications.				

- This structure is the main gate of the Santa Margherita Lines, located in Cospicua, Malta. The lines were built in the 17th and 18th centuries to protect the land front defences of the cities of Birgu and Senglea and also to prevent a flanking attack on the capital Valletta.
- **St. Helen's Gate** consists of a Baroque portal, and it is regarded as one of the most beautiful 18th-century Hospitalier gateways. The portal's main façade is built out of alternating plain and rusticated hardstone masonry courses, and it also contains an ornate keystone and two half-columns which support a cornice. A carved marble mortar stands above each column, and these gave the gate the name *Porta dei Mortari*. A central pediment is found between the mortars, and it contains two marble escutcheons separated by a carved sword.
- The arched entrance is surmounted by a marble plaque containing a Latin inscription, which gives an account of the construction of the Santa Margherita Lines.
- Inspired largely by the historic invasion of the island, the inscription shows that its intention was to defend the harbours against further attack.
- Its massive architectural form dwarfs the small, low opening, showing the effective defensiveness of the structure.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-3	Knowledge is basic, selected in a way that demonstrates a limited understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are limited, showing basic understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Basic critical judgement, with limited reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 2	4-6	Knowledge is adequate, selected in a way that demonstrates generally competent understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are generally competent, showing an adequate understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Adequate critical judgement, supported by generally competent reasoned argument and evidence. [AO3]
Level 3	7–9	Knowledge is good, selected in a way that demonstrates secure understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are coherent throughout, showing a secure understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Good critical judgement, supported by coherent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]
Level 4	10–12	Knowledge is detailed, accurate and in depth, selected in a way that reveals excellent understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are perceptive throughout, showing excellent understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		In-depth critical judgement, supported by excellent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. [AO3]

Question	Indicative content			
6(b)	AO targeting			
	AO1: 8 marks; AO2: 8 marks; AO3: 9 marks.			
	Marking instructions			
	Answers must apply the level descriptors in line with the general marking			
	guidance.			
	Markers must keep in mind that the AOs are equally weighted across levels except for Level 5, where there is additional weighting given to AO3.			
	Candidates who fail to refer to any named works of art or architecture will be demonstrating only 'basic' knowledge and should be awarded a mark in Level 1 (1–5 marks). Those who refer to only a single work of art or architecture will similarly fail to demonstrate an effective argument or knowledge and so should be limited to a maximum of Level 2 (6–10 marks).			
	This is a synoptic question. Candidates are therefore expected to integrate knowledge and understanding from works they have studied, as well as the visual analysis and interpretation skills applied to the different types of art.			
	Indicative content guidance			
	The indicative content below exemplifies points that candidates may make, but this does not imply that any of these points must be included. Other relevant points must also be credited.			
	Indicative content			
	Some may say			
	 It is in 2D works that war is commemorated most successfully. Francisco Goya 3rd May 1808, 1814, stands as a universal symbol of the victims of war by showing the lack of humanity or fairness involved in many conflicts. This painting commemorates not only those Spaniards who were massacred by Napoleon's French troops the night after their invasion of Spain, but all those who have lost their lives at the hands of such tyrants. The powerful contrast of light and dark, the facial expressions and powerful gestures of those depicted can only be conveyed through the medium of paint. The fear and defiance, emotion and bloodshed which the 			
	painting conveys allow the viewer to connect with those killed in conflict in a way that would be very difficult to achieve in a 3D work.			
	Pablo Picasso Guernica , 1937, similarly, shows the desperation and brutality of conflict and the extreme emotion experienced by those caught up in it during the bombing of the small Basque town by German Luftwaffe following Franco's orders.			
	• The graphic black and white imagery, which echoes newsprint, has a strong narrative and shows that this is a document of the consequences of war and so commemorates its victims in the most appropriate way.			
	• Agree with Jean-Louis Ferrier that <i>Guernica</i> is much more than a painting of the present moment. It shows the disaster of our society. (Art of the Twentieth Century).			
	Ibrahim El Salahi The Inevitable , 1984-5, uses the same powerful contrast of black and white to show a scene of the confusion of conflict relating to war in Sudan. The mask-like haunted faces fail to connect with the viewer			

- as their eyes are blank, representing the hollow shells of those who are left behind after war.
- The raised arms, which punch upwards defiantly show that people who are being pushed down continually have to rise up and liberate themselves (Ibrahim El Salahi, Tate Shots). This strength of feeling and subtlety of meaning would be hard to convey in three dimensions.

Others may argue

- It is in fact in 3D works that war is commemorated most successfully as the location and display of the work can add to the significance of its message.
- Installations such as Paul Cummins and Tom Piper **Blood Swept Lands** and Seas of Red, 2014, for example, is a powerful reminder of the lives lost by Britain in WWI. Created to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Britain's first full day of involvement in World War I, the 888,246 individually handmade ceramic poppies, a symbol of remembrance, each represent one of the soldiers killed in the battle.
- The sea of red flowers is the most powerful represention of lost lives and bloodshed imaginable. The way that the poppies were displayed, cascading from the Tower of London and falling into a sea of red, symbolising blood, surrounding the moat of the Tower makes this particularly poignant and shows that it is in 3D works that war is commemorated most successfully.
- Edward Lutyens **Cenotaph**, 1919, whose name means 'empty tomb', was commissioned by the Prime Minister David Lloyd George and has become a permanent structure to commemorate the soldiers lost in war. Its symbolism at the centre of the Remembrance Day parade in London shows that it is in this 3D work that war can be commemorated most effectively.
- The design and composition of Lutyens' memorial allows for it to be a universal monument which commemorates all those who have died, and will die, in war irrespective of their creed or colour, rather than being a specific memorial of a single event. The Cenotaph struck an immediate chord with the public. Its success owed much to its simplicity and non-religious appearance. It was a blank canvas on to which people could project their own particular thoughts (Skelton and Gliddon, Lutyens and the Great War).
- The simple structure made of Portland stone stands solemnly in Whitehall, its strength and permanence contrasting with the fragility of human life experienced during World War I. The simple decoration of only a wreath of poppies and the inscription 'The Glorious Dead' reflect the gravity of the act of remembrance and serve as a fitting tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for their country.

Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-5	Knowledge is basic, selected in a way that demonstrates a limited understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are limited, showing basic understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Basic critical judgement, with limited reasoned argument and evidence. No relevant reference to critical texts. [AO3]
Level 2	6–10	Knowledge is partially adequate, selected in a way that demonstrates uneven understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are uneven, showing a partially-adequate understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Partially-adequate critical judgement supported by uneven reasoned argument and evidence. Some relevant use of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]
Level 3	11–15	Knowledge is competent, selected in a way that demonstrates competent understanding of contexts of art. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are competent, showing a competent understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Competent critical judgement, supported by appropriate reasoned argument and evidence. Competent use of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]
Level 4	16–20	Knowledge is good, selected in a way that demonstrates secure understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are coherent throughout, showing a secure understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		Good critical judgement, supported by coherent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. Secure integration of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]
Level 5	21-25	Knowledge is detailed, accurate and in depth, selected in a way that reveals excellent understanding of contexts of art throughout. [AO1]
		Analysis and interpretation are perceptive throughout, showing excellent understanding of visual language. [AO2]
		In-depth critical judgement, supported by excellent reasoned argument and evidence throughout. Insightful integration of view(s) from critical texts. [AO3]