



ART HISTORY

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Paper 2 Historical Topics

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If you have been given an Answer Booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the Booklet.

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

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This paper contains questions on nine topics.

Answer **three** questions in total from **at least two** different topics.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.

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Topic 1: The art and architecture of classical antiquity**1 Sculpture in the archaic period**

In what ways does sculpture executed between approximately 500 BC and 450 BC mark the turning point between the Archaic and Classical periods of Greek art?

2 Greek architecture and sculpture in the classical period. The 5th and 4th centuries BC

The goddess Athena was of enormous importance to the city of Athens in this period. In what ways is this reflected in the sculptures which were executed for the Parthenon?

3 Hellenistic art and architecture

Discuss the essential features of figure sculpture in the Hellenistic period. You should refer to both style and subject matter in your answer.

4 Roman imperial architecture from c. 50 AD to c. 130 AD

In the context of Roman temples of this period, what was innovative about the Pantheon?

5 Painting and sculpture in the Roman Republic and the early Imperial period, c. 100 BC to 120 AD

A wide variety of portraits were produced in this period. With reference to **at least three** named examples, outline the purposes for which they were made.

Topic 2: Art, religion and society in Romanesque Europe c. 1000–1200**6 Building the ‘militant’ Church**

With close reference to **three** buildings, discuss some of the regional varieties of Romanesque architecture.

7 Heaven and hell: sculpture in the service of the Church

Write a detailed comparative study of **two** Romanesque portals, exploring the relations between subject matter and style.

8 Illuminating the word

With close reference to specific images, analyse the styles of **three** manuscript illuminators.

9 Bibles for the illiterate

With reference to specific examples, discuss the role of decoration inside the Romanesque Church.

10 Priests, warriors, peasants

Explain the importance of monasticism to the art of the Romanesque period.

Topic 3: A new heaven and a new earth: Gothic art and architecture c. 1140–1540**11 Gothic architecture, the setting for prayer**

What was innovative about the design of the great French cathedrals in the first half of the 13th century?

12 Prayer and the role of images

In what ways did the cult of the Virgin have an effect on the art and architecture of the period?

13 Death

What can painting and sculpture in this period tell us about attitudes towards death and the search for salvation?

14 Courtly life

How are themes of courtly life depicted in the period? You should refer to both content and style in your answer.

15 Civic life

In 14th century Italy, many paintings and sculptures were commissioned by groups of citizens. With reference to specific examples, discuss the reasons for this.

Topic 4: Man, the measure of all things: the early Italian Renaissance 1400–1500**16 The making of art**

What were the advantages and disadvantages of casting a statue in bronze rather than carving it in marble? Refer to specific examples in your answer.

17 The human form

With reference to specific examples, discuss the functions of portraits in the period.

18 Patronage

What impact did **either** the Florentine Guilds **or** the Venetian Scuole have on the art and architecture of their respective cities?

19 The influence of antiquity

Compare and contrast the architecture of Florence and the architecture of other artistic centres in this period.

20 The influence of Humanism, literature and artistic theory

In what ways was the content of Botticelli's mythological paintings related to the interests of the patrons who commissioned them?

Topic 5: The Renaissance in northern Europe c. 1420–1570**21 Painting in the southern Netherlands in the 15th century**

Compare and contrast any **two** altarpieces by different artists in the period.

22 Painting in the southern Netherlands in the 16th century

What evidence is there of Italian influence on artists who were working in Antwerp in the first half of the 16th century?

23 The German speaking lands

Many works of art in this period were intended to produce a strong emotional response from the viewer. With reference to named examples, discuss how artists achieved this effect.

24 France

What influence did Serlio have on French architecture in the 16th century?

25 England

What was innovative about the work of Nicholas Hilliard?

Topic 6: Faith triumphant: seventeenth century art and architecture**26 Baroque Rome**

Discuss **two** works of art by different artists working in Rome in the seventeenth century and explain how they used illusionism to achieve their aims.

27 French classicism

How did seventeenth-century French painters depict nature? Refer to the work of Poussin and Claude in your answer.

28 Flemish ambassadors

Analyse **three** portraits of women by **either** Rubens **or** Van Dyck.

29 The Dutch Golden Age

What effects did Rembrandt achieve through different printmaking techniques?

30 The Spanish court and Church

Discuss the characteristics of **three** kinds of subject matter in 17th century Spanish painting.

Topic 7: Defining the nation: art and architecture in Britain c. 1700–1860s**31 High art and high life**

Discuss Hogarth's ideas, as reflected in *The Analysis of Beauty*, with reference to specific examples of his prints.

32 Portraiture and society

How did British portrait painters of the period represent 'celebrity'? Discuss with reference to **at least three** paintings by different artists.

33 Modern life

How were scientific and/or industrial developments represented in paintings of the period?

34 Landscape

Discuss style and meaning in **three** examples of English landscape by the Pre-Raphaelites and their followers.

35 Architecture

How did the Grand Tour influence British architecture of the period? Analyse at least **two** buildings, each by a different architect.

Topic 8: Art, society and politics in Europe c. 1790–1900**36 Neo classicism**

Consider the influence of the antique in **three** examples of painting and/or sculpture of the period.

37 Romantic heroes

Analyse and discuss **three** political paintings and/or prints by different artists executed during the period.

38 1848 and its aftermath

Discuss ways in which **at least two** artists of the period 1848–1865 challenged the salon.

39 Rejected and refused

Consider works exhibited at the early Impressionist Exhibitions and discuss their reception by critics.

40 Beyond Impressionism

Compare and contrast the style and technique of **two** post-Impressionist painters, whose interpretations of similar subject-matter clearly display different characteristics.

Topic 9: The Shock of the new: art and architecture in Europe and the United States in the 20th and 21st centuries

41 Brave new world

To what extent do you think Italian Futurist artists before the First World War broke new ground with their paintings and sculptures?

42 Visions of Utopia – architecture

With reference to **at least two** earlier buildings, consider why Frank Lloyd Wright was commissioned to design the New York Guggenheim (1959).

43 Rebellion and the unconscious

How would you define the term abstraction? Discuss with reference to the work of **at least two** painters.

44 The figure and the object

'A work only needs to be interesting' (Donald Judd, 'Specific Objects' 1965). To what extent does minimalist sculpture achieve this aim and how? Discuss with reference to specific works.

45 'Art is about life': Art after Modernism 1970 to the present day

How do contemporary women express their identity? Compare and contrast the work of **two** artists.

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