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GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit
 is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme,
 referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Assessment Objectives

AO1	Make a close visual and/or other form of detailed analysis of a work of art, architecture or design, paying attention to composition, structure or lay-out, use of colour/tone, texture, the handling of space and the manipulation of light effects as appropriate.
AO2	Place works of art in their historical and cultural context; both in relation to other works and in relation to factors such as artistic theory, patronage, religion and technical limitations, showing understanding of 'function' and 'purpose' where possible.
AO3	Demonstrate the ability to distinguish between accepted historical fact, art historical theory and their own personal judgements.
A04	Present a relevant, coherent and informed independent response, organising information, ideas, descriptions and arguments and using appropriate terminology.
AO5	Demonstrate evidence of sustained personal research.

All questions carry 20 marks each.

Marking should be done holistically taking into consideration the weighting of marks for each AO as they are reflected in the descriptor.

The question specific notes describe the area covered by the question and define its key elements. Candidates may answer the question from a wide variety of different angles using different emphases, and arguing different points of view. There is no one required answer and the notes are not exhaustive. However candidates must answer the question set and not their own question and the question specific notes provide the parameters within which markers may expect the discussion to dwell.

Use the generic marking scheme Levels of Response to find the mark. First find the level which best describes the qualities of the essay, then at a point within the level using a mark out of 20. Add the 3 marks out of 20 together to give a total mark out of 60 for the script as a whole.

Examiners will look for the best fit, not a perfect fit when applying the bands. Where there are conflicting strengths then note should be taken of the relative weightings of the different assessment objectives to determine which band is best suitable. Examiners will provisionally award the middle mark in the band and then moderate up/down according to individual qualities within the answer.

Rubric infringement

If a candidate has answered four questions instead of three, mark all questions and add the marks for the three highest questions together to give the total marks. If the candidate has answered fewer questions than required or not finished an essay, mark what is there and write "rubric error" clearly on the front page of the script.

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Generic marking grid (20 marks)

18–20	Excellent	 Comprehensive, detailed development and complex visual analysis in response to specific examples or in certain circumstances a single example. Imaginative and sensitive understanding of materials and techniques. Extensive and questioning contextual evidence of historical sources and concepts other than visual or other forms of analysis. Excellent ability to distinguish between fact, theory and personal judgement. Excellent, sustained organisation and development of argument in response to the question with outstanding use of subject terminology.
15–17	Very good	 Detailed and extensively developed analysis in response to specific examples or in certain circumstances a single example. Thorough understanding of materials and techniques. Confident and detailed contextual evidence of historical sources and concepts other than visual or other forms of analysis. Assured ability to distinguish between fact, theory and personal judgement. A thoughtful and well-argued response to the question with very confident use of subject terminology.
12–14	Good	 Relevant analysis with some detail and development in response to specific examples or in certain circumstances a single example. Solid but descriptive rather than analytical understanding of materials and techniques. Well-understood, solid contextual evidence of historical sources and concepts other than visual or other forms of analysis. Good ability to distinguish between fact, theory and personal judgement. A well-argued but not as extensively developed response to the question. Competent use of subject terminology.
9–11	Satisfactory	 Mostly relevant analysis in response to specific examples or in certain circumstances a single example, but lacking detail and development. Limited understanding of materials and techniques. Some examples of contextual evidence of historical sources and concepts other than visual or other forms of analysis, but with some inaccuracies and limited range. Distinguishes between fact, theory and personal judgement. A mainly relevant response to the question and use of subject terminology but lacking in structure and development.

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5–8	Weak	 Analysis lacks detail and has limited development. Materials and techniques barely acknowledged. Limited and inaccurate examples of contextual evidence of historical sources and concepts other than the specific case study analysis, but with some inaccuracies and limited range. Barely distinguishes between fact, theory and personal judgement. An uneven, basic, largely narrative response to the question. Includes some relevant points but development is very limited or contains padding and/or has very obvious omissions. Little use of subject terminology.
1–4	Poor	 Little analysis of poorly chosen examples that lack relevance <u>or</u> no examples singled out for analysis at all. No acknowledgement of materials and techniques. Insubstantial contextual evidence of historical sources and concepts other than the specific case study analysis. Little evidence of the ability to distinguish between fact, theory and personal judgement. Poor knowledge and understanding of the material. Insubstantial, irrelevant with little attempt to answer the question. Almost no use of subject terminology.
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Topic 1: The art and architecture of antiquity, c.600 BC to c.570 AD

Question	Answer	Marks
	Art and architecture in the archaic period, c.600 BC to c.450 BC	
1	Describe the ways in which the sculptural representation of the male figure developed between the archaic and classical periods of Greek art.	20
	Responses are likely to highlight the formal contrasts between the rigid, symmetrical posture of the archaic kouroi and the more mobile, realistically proportioned nude sculptures of the early classical period.	
	More detailed analyses may also focus on key differences with respect to the depiction of anatomy and of facial expression and hairstyle. Archaic kouroi tend to have disproportionately large eyes and low foreheads, whereas classical figures have more proportionate facial features. The elaborate plaited coiffures of the archaic period give way to the close-cropped hairstyles of the classical.	
	Differences in posture may be highlighted. Whereas archaic kouroi stand in a rigidly frontal manner, with one foot placed before the other, classical postures become more sinuous and gently asymmetrical. Attention may be drawn to the development of the 'contrapposto' pose whereby the body contorts slightly around the axial line, such that a subtle 'S' shaped sway is created. This is then further developed by the slight twist of the neck away from the frontal plane.	
	Responses may recite these factors, amongst others, and are likely to cite well-chosen specific examples of sculpture from the respective periods in order to illustrate their argument. Detail and relevance of description will be crucial. Responses might also mention technical factors regarding media (marble as against hollow-cast bronze). Mention might also be made of the possible influence of ancient Egyptian sculpture upon the Greek figure of the archaic period.	
	Possible archaic kouroi: <u>Grave marker of Kroisos</u> (540–515 BC) <u>Grave marker of Aristodikos</u> (c.500 BC)	
	Classical kouroi: <u>Kritian Boy</u> (c.480 BC) <u>Bronze warrior from Riace</u> (460–450 BC) <u>Apollo Belvedere</u> (Roman copy c.120–140 AD; Greek original 350–325 BC)	

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Question	Answer	Marks
Greek arc	hitecture and sculpture of the classical and Hellenistic periods, c.450 BC t	to c.100
2	In what ways does the Parthenon differ from earlier Greek temples? Candidates may assemble a range of possible examples of Greek temples for comparison with the Parthenon. Descriptions will pay close attention to differences including: Entasis and other refinements Materials The architectural orders The columniation The extent and location of any sculptural decoration Plans Possible examples from before the Parthenon include: Temple of Apollo at Corinth (c.450 BC) Temple of Hera at Paestum (550–525 BC) Examples which date from after the Parthenon such as the Temple of	20
	Examples which date from after the Parthenon such as the <u>Temple of Athena Nike</u> and the <u>Erechtheion</u> should be disallowed.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Roman Imperial architecture, c.50 AD to c.330 AD	
3	How did the design of the provincial house change during this period?	20
	Candidates are likely to note the fundamental layout of a typical Roman domestic dwelling. This consisted in essence of sequences of rooms grouped around a central atrium, with an impluvium open to the sky, which would have supplied rainwater to a pool at the epicentre of the central quadrangle. Candidates may also acknowledge the gradual process of development and elaboration in terms of layout which becomes evident as the period progresses. Gradually the central atrium becomes displaced, forming just one of a series of interior quadrangles and colonnades. Layouts of grander houses also begin to incorporate exterior gardens, peristyle courtyards, and belvederes – so diminishing the stark interiority of focus which typified domestic housing earlier in the period.	
	Possible examples from Pompeii: House of the Surgeon House of the Faun (site of the Alexander Mosaic: so indicating the growing decorative and material opulence of high end dwelling houses) House of the Vetii (atrium becomes vestibule) House of the Stags	
	Possible examples from Herculaneum: House of the mosaic atrium House of the Stags	
	Possible examples from Ostia: Insulae (functionally appointed commercial/residential units arranged around colonnaded quadrangles)	

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Question	Answer	Marks
Painting a	and sculpture in the Roman Republic and Imperial periods, c.100 BC to c.3	330 AD
4	Assess the importance of Greek art to Roman artists and patrons.	20
	Given the scarcity of archaeological evidence as to ancient Greek painting, most responses are likely to focus on sculpture. As such, the central importance of Greek sculpture to the subsequent development of Roman sculpture will likely be acknowledged. Numerous examples of (mainly 1st century BC – 1st century AD) Roman copies of original Greek sculptures could be cited such as:	
	Apollo Belvedere (Roman copy c.120–140 AD; Greek original 350–325 BC)	
	Belvedere Torso (1st century BC; possibly a copy of an original from the 2nd century BC)	
	Laocoon group (c.200 BC-c.70 AD)	
	Discobalus of Myron (460–450 BC)	
	Mention might be made of the respective media used – i.e. that Roman copies are in marble, whereas the Greek originals may well have been hollow-cast bronze. The so-called Neo-Attic school of sculptors (2nd–1st century BC, Pasiteles most notably) might be mentioned as specialising in the mass production of such copies. Pasiteles' 'Orestes and Electra' group might be cited. The influence of the Parthenon sculptures upon the sculptural reliefs of the Ara Pacis of Augustus might also be relevant.	
	Candidates might acknowledge that this apparent 'Grecophilia' on the part of Roman collectors and patrons was very much an elite preoccupation. Some mention might also be made of the earlier Roman 'Etruscan' school of sculpture although, even here, the impact of archaic and classical Greek sculpture can be distantly perceived.	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	The art and architecture of late antiquity, c.330 AD to c.570 AD	
5	Discuss the style of sculpture on triumphal arches of the period.	20
	Candidates are likely to note the evident differences in style which are visible between the contemporary, Constantinian sculptural friezes and the older, re-used, 2nd and early 3rd century sculptural elements. An at least notional distinction may be drawn between the various elements of the overall sculptural scheme. Candidates may be able to go into greater detail in this regard – i.e. which particular parts of the sculptural scheme (roundels, friezes, free-standing sculptures, etc.) date from which periods. Candidates may describe the stylistic differences concerned in analytical detail. Attention will be drawn to the deterioration which is visible in terms of anatomical proportion, posture, handling of shallow relief, and depiction of spatial recession, between the older, re-used portions of the sculptural scheme and the contemporary, Constantinian elements. Candidates may suggest at least some notional factors which might explain this deterioration. At the very least mention is likely to be made of an evident decay in the hitherto dominance of classical sculptural styles and an apparent transition towards a much more stylised set of sculptural conventions – which may themselves derive from provincial imperial sources.	
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Topic 2: Art, religion and society in Romanesque Europe, c.1000-1200

Question	Answer	Marks
	Building the 'militant' Church	
6	What effects of space and light are created by Romanesque architecture?	20
	Candidates are likely to show a solid knowledge of a few selected buildings, and describe how specific architectural features articulate space and manage illumination. Answers may be grounded in precise architectural terms.	
	 Areas for discussion include: The characteristic modular nature of much Romanesque design, with clearly delineated areas of both plan and elevation, demarcated by bays, string courses, and perceptible repetition of forms. Speyer Cathedral (late 11th and early 12th century), for example, accentuates vertical thrust through the sequence of arches and windows, engaged columns reaching groin vaults; alternation of solid and empty spaces creates a rhythm. According to the building, the accent on lateral or vertical thrust. The arrangement of elevation into arcade, gallery and clerestory, and the relative proportion of these; the continuity of wall and vault. Disposition of piers and columns in nave to create particular formal structures and rhythms. The effect of barrel, groin and ribbed vaults in articulating space in the vault. Complexity of spatial configurations in the Westwork, e.g. Maria Laach Abbey west end with paradisium (early 12th century). Development of East End, with ambulatories, radiating apses, stepped effect from outside. The illumination achieved through clerestories and towers. The different types of window: rose, single and double light. Importance of governing principles including symmetry, monumentality. 	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Heaven and hell: sculpture in the service of the Church	
7	How are religious concepts communicated through the medium of sculpture in the Romanesque period?	20
	Candidates are likely to engage with the key term 'religious concepts'. These may include Last Judgement, God/Christ, the Apocalypse, sin, virtue, salvation, prayer, martyrdom, penitence, intercession, the role of the Virgin Mary and many others.	
	Examples could be given of sculptures that clearly deal with the concept: for example, the <u>Suicide of Judas (Autun)</u> conveys through grotesque figurative forms the consequences of betrayal; while the appearance of the demons expresses the frightening, nightmarish world of sin and damnation through monstrous forms.	
	Concepts are often communicated through narrative, for example, in <u>Last Judgement tympana</u> .	
	Ideas of importance may be conveyed through scale. Colours, texts, gestures and posture may all convey ideas, as may pattern and the disposition of figures (for example, the place of the saved and the damned in relation to Christ).	
	As well as identifying some examples of sculptures which communicate ideas to the viewer, candidates could also answer the term 'How', and suggest ways in which the sculptural medium has been used to express, dramatise and make concrete and memorable the dogmas of the Church.	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Illuminating the word	
8	How were manuscript books produced in this period? Discuss with reference to at least <u>one</u> example.	20
	Candidates show an awareness of the stages by which a medieval manuscript book was made, usually in a monastic scriptorium:	
	Leaves made from vellum (parchment), the skin of sheep or other animals, soaked in lime, stretched on a frame and scraped with a lunellum. Leaves then cut and gathered in signatures. Guide lines ruled, typically scored with a stylus and then pricked. Writing in ink, using quill or reed pen. Surface prepared for decoration with gesso. Gold or silver leaf added and burnished before painting. Design, probably prepared on a wax tablet, then added and painted. Relevant terms for types of manuscript illumination include initial letter, border decoration, miniature, illumination, historiated initial. Leaves gathered into signatures and sewn onto boards of wood or sometimes leather.	
	Candidates may answer with reference to a single manuscript book or several. Examples include: Winchester Psalter (c.1050–1099); Bede, The life and miracles of St Cuthbert, British Library (1100–1200); St Alban's Psalter (c.1100–1200); Bury Bible (c.1135).	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Bibles for the illiterate	
9	Discuss the visual effects achieved by mosaics in the Romanesque period.	20
	Candidates are likely to show a knowledge of mosaic construction from tesserae, and its rediscovery in the West under the influence of Byzantine craftsmen. Reference to the Roman and Early Christian periods may be helpful. Specific examples should be discussed, with details of date and location, and an accurate description of the subject matter. Reference to patronage (e.g. the Norman dukes of Sicily) may help to explain the iconography employed.	
	Some attempt could be made to discuss artistic effects – the shimmering of gold, ethereal sight of 'floating' figures, abstracted forms, etc.	
	Examples: Sicily – Royal Palace in Palermo, Palatine Chapel (1132), Cathedral of Monreale (from 1174), Cathedral of Cefalù (mosaics, 1148); Rome – S. Clemente (1128), S. Maria in Trastevere (1140); Venice – St Mark's (from c.1063), Torcello (mosaic, 12th century), Church of Santa Maria and Saint Donato, Murano (c.1140).	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration	

Question	Answer	Marks
	Priests, warriors, peasants	
10	Discuss the representation of the Virgin Mary in Romanesque art.	20
	The importance of the Virgin as a cult figure may be noted; her importance as Mother of God (<i>theotokos</i>), Queen of Heaven and intercessor; ubiquitous images of Virgin and Christ Child in all media.	
	One important source of images is the 'Throne of Wisdom' type, e.g. <u>Virgin from Ger</u> (later 12th century). Mobile, painted wooden sculptures, held to be a manifestation of the Virgin's presence and used on ceremonial occasions. Mary representing Sedes Sapientiae, the Throne of Wisdom, derived from a description of the throne of Solomon. Virgin in Throne of Wisdom type typically hieratic, frontal, expressionless, symmetrical linear patterning.	
	Other examples: Virgin as Queen of Heaven next to Christ enthroned in mosaic, apse vault, <u>S. Maria, Trastevere</u> , Rome (c.1140–43), relief sculpture (<u>Autun, Tympanum</u> (c.1120), where Virgin acts as intercessor), ivory plaque, e.g. ivory of 'The Annunciation and the Nativity' (Victoria and Albert Museum), also images from illuminations and stained glass.	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration.	

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Topic 3: A new heaven and new earth: Gothic art and architecture, c.1140-1540

Question	Answer	Marks
Gothic architecture, the setting for prayer		
11	Discuss the ways in which the master builders of Wells and Ely cathedrals experimented with space and pattern.	20
	Candidates may explain that this interest in space came about because of the practical need to increase capacity and thus extend existing buildings. An interest in spatial juxtaposition led to much experimenting with the handling of interior space.	
	Examples: <u>Lady Chapel</u> , Wells cathedral (begun c.1310) The <u>Octagon</u> at Ely cathedral (1322–34) The <u>Lady Chapel</u> (begun 1310) at Wells was conceived as a completely different spatial unit to the choir. It is taller and shaped like a distorted, stretched octagon with a swollen centralised section. It displays elasticity in its shape which contrasts with the geometric lines of the rectangular choir to which it is attached.	
	The complex ground plan is given clarity by the vault pattern which has been inspired by the vault designs of central plan Chapter Houses such as that at York. The significance of these contrasting spatial units lies in the clarity and fluidity of space within the building. It points to a highly inventive master builder wanting to break away from the rigorous geometry which had previously characterised English Gothic architecture.	
	Inventiveness is seen in pattern designs of this period where vault patterns are echoed in the window tracery, e.g. choir of Wells cathedral and east end window. The choir elevation also shows pattern with a screen of canopied niches and mullions extending across the spandrels – influence from <u>St</u> <u>Stephen's Chapel</u> , Westminster.	
	The wooden structure of the Octagon at Ely was deliberately designed to create an illusion by using materials which would destroy visual rationality. The curved and polygonal volumes created by the octagon and placed into the rigidly horizontal line of the nave and choir offers candidates an opportunity to compare and contrast the handling of space here with the Lady Chapel at Wells.	
	The interior elevation of the octagon lantern and its vault above offer a good example for a further discussion on pattern as does the design of the exterior of the lantern.	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
Prayer and the role of images		
12	In what ways did stained glass of the period aid prayer and meditation? Answer with reference to specific examples.	20
	Stained glass was a significant part of the interior decoration of Gothic churches, helping to create the setting for prayer. Most churches had calculated schemes of stained glass, meticulously planned and executed as an integral part of the overall decorative scheme.	
	Candidates may refer to one scheme in detail or to a number of scenes from different locations.	
	Stained glass reinforces the notion of Heavenly Jerusalem, as described in Revelations Chapter 21. Stained glass provides the coloured stone, jewelled effect described in the Bible. The impact of light shining through stained glass was significant in mentally transporting Christians to a higher level, away from their sinful lives on earth and closer to God.	
	Stained glass offered a medium for displaying narrative scenes with a didactic role. Candidates are likely to refer to specific narrative cycles commenting on their relevance to the chosen church, their position within the church, composition, subject matter, figural poses, gestures and expressions, stylistic features and colour and to discuss how they would be interpreted by a contemporary viewer, thus aiding prayer and meditation.	
	Examples: Trinity Chapel, Canterbury Cathedral 1179–84 Chartres Cathedral, begun 1194 Sainte Chapelle, Paris 1243–48 York Minster, c.1414	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Death	
13	How do tombs of the period express social status?	20
	There are a large variety of tombs from which candidates may choose. Points for analysis of tombs may include: the chosen church, the location of the tomb within that church, the design and decoration including scale and materials, sculpted details including weeper figures, heraldry, inscriptions, architectural canopy, effigy, imagery concerned with the afterlife and how these may all be interpreted within the context of medieval social hierarchy.	
	Examples: Royal tombs: Henry III, Westminster Abbey, d.1272 Eleanor of Castile, Westminster Abbey, d.1290 Edward II, Gloucester, d.1327 Robert of Anjou, King of Naples, Santa Chiara, Naples, d.1343	
	Court Circle tombs: <u>Edmund Crouchback</u> , Westminster Abbey, d.1296 <u>Philip the Bold</u> , Dijon 1384–1410 <u>Philip Pot of Burgundy</u> (now in Louvre), d.1493	
	Other examples include: Late medieval brasses Cardinal Bray Francesco Sassetti Alice de la Pole	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Courtly life	
14	Analyse one building commissioned by a Capetian monarch.	20
	The Capetian Dynasty ruled France between 987–1328 through a system of heredity and primogeniture.	
	There are two possible buildings candidates may choose: Louis VI's patronage of <u>St Denis</u> ' east end extension and west facade followed by Louis IX's rebuilding of the nave OR Louis IX's building of the <u>Sainte</u> <u>Chapelle</u> in Paris.	
	St Denis, Louis VI Candidates could give a detailed analysis of the design of the west facade c.1135 and the extension of the east end 1140–44, commenting on their immense influence on Gothic architecture, their acceptance enhanced by their royal connection. Relevant to the debate is the particularly close relationship Louis VI had with Abbot Suger and the custom he began of storing the crown and other coronation regalia near the relics of St Denis (patron saint of France) for safekeeping.	
	The work at <u>St Denis</u> is continued by Louis IX who rebuilt the nave. It is at this point that the church was conceived as the royal burial church for the French kings. Candidates could give a detailed analysis of the nave elevation for which they may wish to consider: the increased dissolving of the wall and increase in the glass to stone ratio, skeletal stonework, verticality and bar tracery extending into the triforium as well as the clerestory.	
	Sainte Chapelle, 1243–48 In their analysis of the Sainte Chapelle, candidates may wish to include mention of the ground plan, interior elevation, vaulting, undercroft and interior decorative scheme.	
	Candidates may engage in a discussion about Louis IX's image of kingship and his designing of the Sainte Chapelle as a reliquary to house the grande chasse including a fragment of the True Cross and Crown of Thorns.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Civic life and patronage	
15	What was new about Early Netherlandish painting? Answer with reference to specific examples.	20
	Early Netherlandish painting describes the work produced in the flourishing cities of Northern Europe such as Bruges, Ghent, Flanders and Brussels.	
	Candidates may wish to consider the following characteristics: closely observed realism with meticulous attention to detail, deep colour, use of oil paint and its visual effects, careful representation of rich fabrics and textures, elaborate religious symbolism, religious subject matter without a narrative focus moving towards secular portraits. Also relevant are: the medieval heritage found in these works, the extent of influence from Italy and an analysis of stylistic features from the International Gothic style to which Netherlandish artists adhered.	
	The patron of their chosen examples needs to be identified to ensure they select examples from three different patrons.	
	Examples: Robert Campin, <u>The Mérode Altarpiece</u> , 1428 (Cloisters, Metropolitan Museum of New York) Jan van Eyck, <u>Arnolfini Marriage Portrait</u> , 1434 (National Gallery) Rogier van der Weyden, <u>Descent from the Cross</u> , 1435 (Prado) Jan van Eyck, <u>Madonna of Chancellor Rolin</u> , 1435 (Louvre)	

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Topic 4: Man, the measure of all things: the Italian Renaissance, c.1400 to c.1600

Question	Answer	Marks
	Sculpture in Florence in the 15th century	
16	With reference to named examples, compare the use of bronze and marble as materials for sculpture.	20
	The first stage in each case: the carving process for marble sculpture and the lost-wax method of bronze casting.	
	The finishing processes: the use of fine chisels, drills and polishing for marble sculpture. For bronze, the chasing and polishing of the rough cast. In some cases, the fire-gilding of the bronze surfaces.	
	A comparison of compositions. The high tensile strength of bronze allows more complicated and open compositions with extended limbs. The malleability of bronze allows extensive chasing which makes it possible to produce naturalistic detail such as locks of hair, veins, etc. Surfaces can be highly polished to represent smooth skin. Marble can also be polished to give a reflective surface, and drills can be used for the treatment of hair. More detail is possible in bronze sculpture compared to marble (see Donatello's reliefs, for example, in the <u>Santo at Padua</u>).	
	Factors which affected the choice of material including patronage and social and political factors.	
	Possible examples for bronze: Ghiberti: St John the Baptist, 1412; Donatello: Herod Relief, 1423–1427, Siena Cathedral Baptistery; Antonio Pollaiuolo: Hercules and Antaeus, 1470s; Verrocchio, Colleoni Monument, 1480s.	
	Possible examples for marble: Donatello: <u>St George</u> , 1416; <u>The Ascension and Giving of the Keys</u> (Victoria and Albert Museum), 1428–1430; Bernardo Rossellino: <u>Tomb of Leonardo Bruni</u> , 1444.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	The new naturalism; Florentine painting in the 15th century	
17	Discuss the treatment of pictorial space in paintings of the period.	20
	The use of perspective to merge the pictorial space with that of the viewer so that the frame acts as an opening into the scene. This results in increased empathy by the viewer and makes religious images more effective. Candidates may refer to the advice given to artists in Alberti's della Pittura, published in 1436 (Masaccio was one of the five dedicatees).	
	Masaccio: The Trinity, Santa Maria Novella, Florence, 1425–38. The carefully constructed perspective (lines incised in the plaster) and the way in which it projects the figure of the crucified Christ towards the viewer. The possible influence of Brunelleschi. The Tribute Money and St Peter Healing with his Shadow, the Brancacci Chapel, Santa Maria del Carmine, Florence, 1426–1427. In the former, most of the heads are on the same level (isocephaly) and diminution is used to place the figured in space. In the latter, the vanishing point is to the right-hand side, out of the painting, a device which helps to project St Peter towards the viewer.	
	Fra Angelico: The San Marco Altarpiece, 1438–1440. An example of a Sacra Conversazione in which the saints occupy the same space as one another and the Virgin and Child (in fourteenth century examples, the saints were isolated, in niches): The San Marco Annunciation, 1442–1443. The use of architecture to generate clear pictorial space in which the sacred event takes place.	
	Paolo Uccello: <u>The Flood</u> , Green Cloister, Santa Maria Novella, Florence, 1447–1448. Deep space and a vanishing point. Reminiscent of Alberti's writings on perspective. <u>The Battle of San Romano</u> , 1450s. <u>The Monument to Sir John Hawkwood</u> , Florence Cathedral, 1436, for the way in which the perspective changes half way up the painting.	
	Piero della Francesca: <u>The Flagellation</u> , c.1455. Carefully constructed perspective scheme.	
	Candidates may compare these developments with the treatment of pictorial space by artists such as Lorenzo Monaco and Gentile da Fabriano whose work shows the influence of the International Gothic style. However, the emphasis is likely to be on the new attitude to pictorial space as shown in the work of the artists named in the syllabus.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
Early Italian Renaissance architecture and the influence of antiquity		
18	With reference to named examples, discuss the factors that affected the appearance of Venetian buildings in the fifteenth century.	20
	Economic factors: Venice's great wealth resulting from its activities as a centre for international trade. This allowed lavish patronage by individuals (on palaces), by institutions (especially the major scuole) and by the government (additions to the Palazzo Ducale, for example). Display was important and buildings were often faced with expensive marble veneers and their facades were richly decorated with sculpture and architectural details.	
	Geographic factors: the lack of space and its effect on design. For example, palaces overlooking the Grand Canal had their narrow sides facing the water because of the high cost of the frontage. In turn, this led to windows being grouped together to illuminate the long rooms on the principal floors.	
	Historical factors: Venice's Gothic and Byzantine past and its effect on decoration. Gothic architectural forms and coloured marbles in the Byzantine tradition.	
	The influence of Florentine early Renaissance architecture. Employment of the classical orders of architecture, modified by local Venetian traditions.	
	Examples: Churches: Pietro Lombardo, <u>Santa Maria Miracoli</u> , 1480s; Mauro Codussi, <u>San Michele in Isola</u> , 1480s. Scuole: <u>Scuola Grande di San Marco</u> , 1480s; <u>Scuola Grande di San Giovanni Evangelista</u> , Pietro Lombardo and Mauro Codussi, 1480s. Palaces: <u>Ca Foscari</u> , Bartolomeo Bon, 1450s; <u>Ca Dario</u> , Pietro Lombardi, 1480s; <u>Palazzo Vendramin-Calergi</u> , Mauro Codussi, 1490s.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Painting in Renaissance Venice, c.1450 to c.1600	
19	In what ways was Giovanni Bellini's work innovative?	20
	During his very long career he assimilated a wide variety of influences including the work of north Italian artists such as his father, Jacopo Bellini, and his brother-in-law, Andrea Mantegna; from artists outside Venice, including Netherlandish art and the work of Antonello da Messina; and from Venice's Byzantine and Gothic traditions. His innovations included his highly sensitive treatment of light and colour, often to evoke a particular mood. Example: The Agony in the Garden, 1465.	
	He was arguably the first Venetian artist to adopt a version of the Netherlandish oil technique in place of traditional tempera painting (the change in his work occurred in about the late 1470s). Example: The Pesaro Madonna , 1471–1474.	
	The development of a new type of large altarpiece with the painted architecture integrating with the actual frame in an illusionistic manner. Example: The San Giobbe Altarpiece, 1488.	
	The development of a new type of devotional image containing half-length figures of the Virgin and Child flanked by two saints, set in front of either a dark background or a landscape. Example: Virgin and Child with John the Baptist and a Saint (Accademia, Venice), c.1500–1504.	
	Portraits in which the sitter is seen in three-quarter view rather than in strict profile. Example: Portrait of Doge Leonardo Loredan, 1501.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
The High Renaissance in Rome, Florence and Milan		
20	Compare the architecture of Michelangelo and Bramante.	20
	Bramante's knowledge of antique architecture was much wider than that of Michelangelo. According to Vasari, on moving to Rome, Bramante spent considerable time studying and measuring antique buildings in Rome and as far afield as Naples. Although Michelangelo was familiar with Roman buildings, his knowledge was in part derived from a compilation of drawings of antique buildings known as the Codex Corner.	
	Bramante's <u>Tempietto of San Pietro in Montorio</u> exemplifies the influence of Roman antiquity and of the writings of Vitruvius. It was the first Renaissance building to adhere to the Vitruvian canon. Candidates may point out the choice of the Doric order (with its masculine connotations) according to Vitruvian decorum, the dimensional rigour (the use of the column diameter as a module determining many of the building's dimensions), and the correct use of the order with triglyphs and metopes.	
	In contrast, the architecture of Michelangelo's New Sacristy at San Lorenzo, Florence, 1519–1533, and his Biblioteca Laurenziana, begun in 1524, show a deliberate departure from the rules of classical architecture established by Vitruvius. For the interior of the New Sacristy, candidates may refer to the highly unusual design of the niches which form a decorative band running around the walls. (The pilasters belong to no known order and enclose unusual sunken panels surmounted by abbreviated segmental pediments.)	
	Candidates may also describe the vestibule to the <u>Biblioteca Laurenziana</u> with its unusual staircase which seems to flow down from the entrance and the very unusual articulation of the walls with massive double columns in niches under which are huge but non-load bearing volutes.	

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Topic 5: Faith triumphant: 17th-century art and architecture

Question	Answer	Marks
Baroque Rome		
21	'No less than an artistic revolution.' (Howard Hibbard).	20
	Discuss Bernini's sculpture in the light of this statement.	
	Candidates could discuss one or more of Bernini's early sculptures created for Cardinal Scipione Borghese including Neptune and Triton (1620), Pluto and Proserpine (1621–22), Apollo and Daphne (1622–25) and, to a lesser extent, the earlier Flight from Troy (1619).	
	Hibbard considered Bernini's 'artistic revolution' to be the result of the sculptures' innovative relationship to their physical environment and Bernini's radical manipulation of marble to make it appear to be a pliable and fully load-bearing substance.	
	Candidates may indicate that the sculptures' emotional and dramatic appeal to the spectator is innovative. It is possible that Bernini had gained inspiration from Caravaggio's depictions of instantaneous bodily reactions to shock, pain and confusion (for example, in Boy Bitten by a Lizard), and the energetic treatment of classical scenes by Annibale Carracci, in his paintings in the Palazzo Farnese, and that he sought to emulate them in sculptural form.	
	Bernini's depiction of arrested movement and forms that extend unsupported into space are also aspects that candidates could indicate are ground breaking. By paying visual homage to the static postures of the figures in earlier sculptures – such as Michelangelo's <u>Risen Christ</u> (recalled in the figure of Aeneas in Bernini's <u>Flight From Troy</u>), <u>Belvedere Torso</u> (<u>Pluto and Proserpine</u>), and <u>Apollo Belvedere</u> (<u>Apollo and Daphne</u>) – Bernini also underscores his originality and 'Novità'.	
	On the other hand, Bernini's use of youthful and idealised figures, carved in marble and depicting scenes from mythological sources, and his awareness of well-known examples of antique and more recent art allows candidates to counter-argue Hibbard's contention if they wish.	
	Other examples may include: <u>The Ecstasy of St. Teresa</u> , 1645–1652; <u>Fountain of the Four Rivers</u> , 1648–1651.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	French classicism	
22	To what extent did French Caravaggism imitate the style of Caravaggio?	20
	Candidates are likely to be aware that Caravaggio (1592–1610) had a distinctive and original artistic style distinguished by such characteristics as high levels of verisimilitude, unidirectional lighting, tenebrism, the capturing of transitional events, the use of 'low' models to depict religious figures, and an interest in the psychological effects of surprise, pain and disbelief. Valentin de Boulogne's The Martyrdom of Sts. Processus and Martinian (1628–29) demonstrates many of the characteristics stated above. The angel delivering a palm leaf borrows directly from Caravaggio's Martyrdom of St Matthew (1600). Aspects of Caravaggio's style have clearly inspired Georges de la Tour's St Joseph (1642), such as the use of non-idealised models to depict religious figures and a sparse, simplified composition. However, candidates could argue that whereas Caravaggio preferred to depict the drama of a martyrdom or conversion, de la Tour has represented a thoroughly mundane scene with symbolism taking precedence over narrative excitement. Simon Vouet's The Fortune Teller (c.1620) more explicitly reprises not only a particular narrative scene, but also the representation of low-life figures depicted in half-length that are to be found in Caravaggio's earlier work. However, candidates could suggest that from 1630 onwards, Vouet's work is much less dependent on Caravaggio – The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (1641), for example, is clearly more indebted to Veronese.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Flemish ambassadors	
23	Discuss Rubens' late landscapes with reference to <u>one or more</u> example(s).	20
	Candidates may be aware that Rubens' late landscapes were most probably not painted for sale, but as a personal exercise for the artist. They were painted on panel rather than canvas and depict a personal landscape – that is, the territory in and around his country estate, Het Steen. It is likely that Rubens' Autumn Landscape with a View of Het Steen in the Early Morning (c.1636) and Rainbow Landscape (c.1636) were both painted to decorate the walls of Het Steen.	
	Candidates may explore the notion that the views are not topographical, but idealised panoramas, detailing the foreground, mid-ground and background in a way that the human eye could never countenance.	
	Candidates may also be aware that, as the owner of the land that he depicts, Rubens is representing it in a way that celebrates and justifies his role as proprietor.	
	Virgil's <i>Georgics</i> are a likely source for the artist's vision of the cultivation of land in <u>Autumn Landscape</u> with a View of Het Steen in the Early Morning. The rainbow in <u>Rainbow Landscape</u> refers to the covenant between Man and God established after the flood, from the Old Testament Book of Genesis.	

Question	Answer	Marks
	The Dutch golden age	
24	Discuss the style and subject matter of Vermeer's paintings.	20
	Candidates could define Vermeer's style as characterised by use of light and symbolism, fine brushstrokes, careful modulation of tone, and ability to replicate the fall of light on a variety of textures – possibly aided by his use of a camera obscura.	
	In terms of subject matter, Vermeer often painted domestic genre scenes depicting isolated and introspective figures; however, examples such as The Procuress">Procuress and View of Delft">View of Delft are exceptions.	
	Candidates could refer to the artistically competitive environment of Delft and the contemporary vogue for genre scenes to account for Vermeer's choice of subjects and his desire to stand out by incorporating abstruse symbolism.	
	View of Deft (c.1658), The Art of Painting (c.1670), and A Young Woman at a Virginal (c.1670–72) are apt examples for candidates to be able to illustrate the artist's restrained, highly naturalistic and carefully orchestrated scenes.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	The Spanish court and Church	
25	Discuss Zurbarán's art in the context of the Counter-Reformation.	20
	Candidates may be aware of the Counter-Reformation as the Catholic response to the Protestant Reformation. The role of the arts in this period was to affirm the Catholic faith by being easily understandable, biblically accurate and a stimulus to piety. Zurbarán's style can be defined by his use of tenebrism and austere compositions to create an atmosphere of religious solemnity and sincerity.	
	The Crucifixion (1627) was painted for the oratory of the sacristy in the monastery of San Pueblo Real, Seville. Priests prayed to the painting before entering the church, and the starkness and immediacy of the image was designed to heighten their spiritual experience.	
	Zurbarán's use of tenebrism and solemn, restrained compositions is also evident in St Peter Nolasco's Vision of the Crucified St. Peter (1625) and St Serapion (1628) which were both commissioned by the Mercedarian order for the convent of la Merced Calzada in Seville. St Peter Nolasco's Vision of the Crucified St. Peter was painted to celebrate the canonisation of Nolasco. St Serapion was commissioned to adorn the Sala de Profundis, where deceased monks would be laid out before burial.	
	<u>Virgin and Christ in the Holy House of Nazareth</u> (c.1631–40) depicts a youthful Christ in a scene full of symbols that prefigure the crucifixion, designed to incite the piety of the (unknown but presumably private) patron and invite reflection on Christ's sacrifice.	
	In his various paintings of <u>St Francis</u> , Zurbarán depicts the saint in a state of meditation to inspire viewers to share the religious seriousness of the moment.	

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Topic 6: Defining the nation: art and architecture in Britain, c.1700–1860s

Question	Answer	Marks
High art and high life		
26	Discuss the depiction of subjects taken from English literature in history paintings and/or prints of the period.	20
	From the mid-eighteenth century onwards, British painters extended the canon of classical literary works regarded as suitable for history painting by depicting subjects taken from English drama and poetry. Candidates may make reference to the expansion of middle-class wealth and literacy, and the related revival of interest in Shakespeare as the 'English national poet'.	
	Explanation of strategies for the visual representation of narrative significance (an important aspect of all history painting) could be emphasised. Comparisons between works may draw contrasts between visual style – Rococo, Neo-classicism, Romanticism/gothic, Pre-Raphaelitism – and/or subject matter. This might be reflected in the taste for particular works of literature – for instance, the Romantic taste for the melodrama of Macbeth or Hamlet – or in contrasting depictions of a theme such as 'fairies' in the works of Henry Fuseli and John Everett Millais.	
	Examples might include depictions of scenes from Shakespearian drama executed by, amongst many others, Hogarth, Scene from Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' (c.1735); Fuseli, Titania and Bottom (1790); Maclise, The Play Scene in Hamlet (1842); Millais, Ferdinand Lured by Ariel (1850).	
	The representation of John Milton's 'sublime' epic poetry: works from Fuseli's Milton Gallery (1791–99); John Martin's mezzotint illustrations for Paradise Lost (1825–27).	
	Depictions of modern poetry such as Keats, (Millais, <u>Isabella and the Pot of Basil</u> , 1849), Erasmus Darwin; (Danby, <u>The Upas Tree</u> , 1820) Tennyson, (Holman Hunt, <u>The Lady of Shalott</u> (illustration), 1857), or Rossetti's own early Double Works, (e.g. <u>The Girlhood of Mary Virgin</u> ,1849).	
	All relevant examples to be accepted.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Portraiture and society	
27	Explain the characteristics of the conversation piece with reference to works by <u>at least two</u> painters.	20
	Hogarth and his peers developed the form in the early 18th century. It was an innovative mode of portraiture that depicted groups posed in landscape or domestic settings. Unlike 'Grand Manner' portraiture, conversation pieces presented contemporary manners and informal social customs, frequently depicting multi-generational family networks and bonds of affection. The genre was subsequently adapted by Zoffany and Gainsborough, but declined in popularity after around 1780.	
	The works of Hogarth and his generation: Hogarth, <u>The Fontaine Family</u> , 1730; <u>The Children's Theatre at John Conudit's House</u> , 1732; <u>Captain Lord George Graham in his Cabin</u> , 1745; Hayman, <u>Family Group</u> , 1745; Devis, <u>The James Family</u> , 1751.	
	Subsequent developments of the genre as claims for the subject's involvement with contemporary intellectual currents: Gainsborough: Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, 1750. The Byam Family, 1762. Zoffany: The Lavie Children, c.1770. The Gore Family, 1775, Charles Townley in the Park St. Gallery, 1782. Romney: The Beaumont Family, 1779. The conversation piece after 1780. Lawrence: Lady Acland, with Her Two Sons, 1815. The Masters Pattison, 1811–17. Millais: James Wyatt and His Granddaughter Mary, 1849.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Modern life	
28	What was new about the works of <u>either</u> George Stubbs <u>or</u> William Powell Frith?	20
	Both artists developed specialised formulae to suit the tastes of emerging audiences. Stubbs's work appealed to the expertise of the land-owning aristocracy of the late eighteenth century, while Frith's painting responded to the commercial tastes of the urban middle class in the mid-nineteenth century.	
	Candidates writing on Stubbs may emphasise the significance of his anatomical research and 'The Anatomy of the Horse' as examples of an 'enlightened' approach to nature, while those writing about Frith might locate his representations of social types within the popular literary conventions of physiognomies and physiologies (cf. Dickens, Thackeray), or as high art versions of popular visual forms such as panoramas and composite photographs.	
	Stubbs's practice included both idealised representations of horses and depictions of individual specimens such as Whistlejacket , 1762. His rejection of conventional background in this painting and certain other examples could be considered in relation to Neoclassical style. Although working in the specialised genre of animal painting, the frequent motif of horses attacked by lions (e.g. Horse Devoured by a Lion , 1763) might be discussed as an expression of the 'sublime', connecting his work with wider cultural trends. The idealisation of rural labour in the Haymakers and Reapers series from the 1780s might also be investigated.	
	Any account of Frith is likely to concentrate on his three most important works: Ramsgate Sands, Life at the Seaside, 1854, The Derby Day, 1858, and The Railway Station, 1862. The Crossing Sweeper, 1858, might also provide a focus for discussion. The social consequences of new technologies and social forms were a key concern for Frith and were addressed through his depictions of public interaction between classes and genders. Candidates could discuss the role of figure groups in building multiple anecdotal narratives within a single pictorial space. Contrasts of wealth and poverty, innocence and experience, naiveté and worldliness help the audience to 'read' the picture.	
	The influence of both artists on French painting might also be mentioned in support of the assertion that they were innovators. (Stubbs/Géricault, Frith/Manet, Degas)	

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Question	Answer	Marks
Landscape		
29	By what means did British landscape artists represent 'the sublime'?	20
	Candidates may refer to Burke's 'Philosophical Enquiry into the Origin of Our Ideas of the Sublime and Beautiful' and to the wider context of the Romantic expression of sensibility when viewing nature, in which the sublime might be defined as 'pleasurable terror' or similar.	
	The question does not demand extensive historical contextualisation but mention of elite tourism to the periphery of Great Britain as a substitute for the continental Grand Tour and the concurrent emergence of both 'historical-mindedness' and the science of geology is valid if offered. More emphasis could be given to both choice of subject and formal means of representation.	
	Turner's extensive exploration of the sublime might be included within the groupings below or discussed as a subject in its own right.	
	British artists abroad and the depiction of natural phenomena: Wilson: View of Snowdon from LLyn Nantlle, 1766, and Llyn-y-Cau, Cader Idris, 1774; Wright of Derby: Vesuvius in Eruption, 1776; De Loutherbourg: An Avalanche in the Alps, 1803; Ward: Gordale Scar, 1812–14; Turner: Buttermere Lake and a Part of Crummockwater, 1798, The Fall of an Avalanche in the Grisons, 1810.	
	The 'historical' and 'industrial sublime': Girtin: <u>Bamburgh Castle</u> , Northumberland, 1797; Constable: <u>Salisbury Cathedral from the Meadows</u> , 1831; De Loutherbourg: <u>Coalbrookdale by Night</u> , 1801; Turner: <u>Dolbarden Castle</u> , 1799, <u>Ships Bearing Up for Anchorage</u> (<u>The Egremont Sea Piece</u>), 1802, <u>Kenilworth Castle</u> , 1830, <u>Staffa</u> , <u>Fingal's Cave</u> , 1832, <u>Rain</u> , <u>Steam and Speed</u> , 1844.	
	After Turner, the nineteenth-century sublime: Dyce, Pegwell Bay, Kent – a Recollection of October 5th 1858, 1858–60; Brett, Glacier of Rosenlaui, 1856.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Architecture	
30	Assess A.W.N. Pugin's contribution to the architecture and decoration of the period.	20
	Candidates may make reference to the context of the revived Gothic style before Pugin, e.g. Walpole, <u>Strawberry Hill House</u> , 1749, Adam, <u>Seton Castle</u> , 1791, Wyatt, <u>Fonthill Abbey</u> , 1796–1813, Wyattville, <u>Windsor Castle</u> , remodelled 1824–40. The 'battle of the styles' and the competition for the <u>New Palace of Westminster</u> .	
	Candidates may make reference to Pugin's polemical writings, especially Contrasts, 1836, and The True Principles of Pointed, or Christian Architecture, 1841. The two 'principles of design' may be discussed in relation Pugin's own built architecture and that of his followers in the Gothic Revival.	
	Pugin's adaptation of gothic forms to nineteenth-century functions and materials: St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, 1837, New Palace of Westminster, 1840–70, St. Augustine's Grange, Ramsgate, 1843. The emergence of the 'free plan' and 'picturesque massing' approaches to the design of buildings in both secular and church contexts.	
	Pugin's impact on public taste, especially polychromy and ornament: <u>St Giles, Cheadle</u> , 1840–46, wallpapers and furniture for the <u>New Palace of Westminster</u> , especially <u>The Chamber of the House of Lords</u> , 1840–50, the <u>Medieval Court</u> at the <u>Great Exhibition</u> , 1851.	
	His influence traced in the work of other architects: Butterfield: <u>All Saints</u> , <u>Margaret St.</u> , 1850. Dean and Woodward, <u>Oxford Museum of Natural History</u> , 1855. Scott, <u>The Albert Memorial</u> , 1863–66. Street, <u>St James the Less</u> , Pimlico, 1861. Webb & Morris, <u>The Red House</u> , <u>Bexleyheath</u> , 1860–62.	

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Topic 7: Art, society and politics in Europe, c.1784–1900

Question	Answer	Marks
	Neoclassicism	
31	What is distinctive about Canova's style?	20
	In general, his style is a modernising version of antique statuary. Although several works are based on antique prototypes such as the <u>Apollo Belvedere</u> , he never made copies or casts. His interpretation of the antique style owed a great deal to Winckelmann's writings on antique art.	
	Aspects of his style include:	
	Simplicity and a high degree of idealisation. A feeling of tranquillity and a complete rejection of late Baroque drama and movement. (According to Winckelmann, simplicity was the supreme aim of antique art.) There is a sense of great restraint in his figures.	
	In his tomb designs, figures are isolated from one another and the spaces which separate them are carefully contrived. The individual figures do not communicate with one another but show great concentration.	
	There is a sensuous quality to his work. Flesh tones are highly polished (according to contemporary accounts, after the polishing was complete, Canova painted the surface with a thin transparent glaze, applied under candlelight, to give greater luminosity).	
	A range of other factors which affected style include patronage, the intended audience, etc.	
	Examples: <u>Theseus and the Minotaur</u> , 1782; the <u>Tomb of Pope Clement XIV</u> , 1783–1787; <u>Cupid and Psyche</u> , 1786–1793; <u>Tomb of Duchess Maria Christina of Saxony-Teschen</u> ,1798–1805; <u>The Three Graces</u> , 1814–17 (Victoria and Albert Museum, London).	

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Question	Answer	Marks
Romantic heroes		
32	Compare and contrast the depiction of dramatic subjects by Géricault and Delacroix.	20
	Suitable comparisons include:	
	Géricault: Raft of the Medusa, 1818–1819, and Delacroix, The Death of Sardanapalus, 1827.	
	Géricault: <u>An Officer of the Chasseurs commanding a Charge</u> , 1812, and Delacroix, <u>Combat of the Gaiour and the Pasha</u> , 1835.	
	Comparison of the Raft of the Medusa and the Death of Sardanapalus. Candidates may point out that both paintings are very large (7 metres by about 5 metres for the former and about 5 metres by 4 metres for the latter). They may also outline the stories that are being told.	
	Similarities: Individual figures are powerfully modelled and suggest the influence of High Renaissance artists such as Michelangelo and Raphael. Both artists made many preparatory drawings of individual figures and figure groups to enhance the dramatic effect. Both artists employ a range of expressions and gestures to communicate the drama and both use foreshortening.	
	Differences: Compositions: in the Raft of the Medusa, the figures are arranged in a pyramid, the apex of which coincides with the dramatic focal point of the man waving to attract attention. The composition in the other work is arranged around two diagonals, one from top left to bottom right formed by the bed and the form of the King, and the other at right angles formed by the horse's head and the slave's forearm. The other figures swirl around these lines in chaotic movement (one critic referred to 'this maelstrom of light and colour').	
	Colour: the overall sickly greenish-yellow in the Raft of the Medusa as the storm is about to break. Delacroix, on the other hand, uses patches of bright colour (especially reds and whites) to attract the viewer's attention.	
	Light and shade: apart from the brighter sky and the flesh tones, the overall tone of the Raft of the Medusa is dark. In the Death of Sardanapalus, Delacroix uses very strong contrasts of light and shade to enhance the dramatic impact.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	1848 and its aftermath	
33	To what extent did art during the Second Empire in France have a political intent?	20
	Although the Second Empire began in 1852, examples which date from 1848 to 1871 are acceptable.	
	Millet's peasant background. His paintings including: The Gleaners, 1857, and The Man with a Hoe, 1862. The overwhelmingly negative critical response to these two paintings when they were exhibited in the salon. The accusation by conservative writers that Millet was criticising the government for the condition of the rural poor at a time when it was officially claimed that such poverty had been eradicated. Millet's denial that this was his intention and that instead he was attempting to depict the timelessness of the peasants' lot.	
	Courbet. His political views. His publication of anti-clerical pamphlets, his involvement in the Paris Commune. His paintings including: The Stonebreakers, 1849; A Burial at Ornans, 1849–1850; The Bathers, 1853; The Painter's Studio, 1854–1855; Portrait of the Jules Vallès, 1861 (anarchist writer and later member of the Communard); Charity of a Beggar at Ornans, 1868. Interpretation of his work as politically motivated.	
	Other examples include: Manet – Execution of the Emperor Maximillian, 1867. View of the exposition universelle, 1867. Daumier – sculpture Ratapoil Meissonier – The Barricade, 1848.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	The Impressionist Eye	
34	How did Impressionist painters depict the urban environment of Paris?	20
	Candidates may approach this either thematically (different aspects of the city) or by artist. Themes might include the Grand Boulevards, parks and other settings for leisure, the exteriors of buildings including museums and apartment blocks, railway stations, street scenes including celebrations of events, etc.	
	In most cases, artists emphasised the modernity of the city and the rapid changes that were taking place. It also served as the setting for the depiction of leisure activities. Possible examples include the following:	
	Monet: <u>Boulevard des Capucines</u> , 1873; <u>Quai du Louvre</u> , 1867, <u>The Gare St Lazare</u> (National Gallery, London) 1876–1877; <u>Rue Montorgueil decked out with Flags</u> , 1878. Caillebotte: <u>The Pont de l'Europe</u> , 1876; <u>Paris Street</u> , <u>Rainy Day</u> , 1877; <u>Boulevard Haussman</u> , Snow, c.1880.	
	Manet: Music in the Tuileries Gardens, 1862; Rue Mosnier with Pavers, 1878. Renoir: The Pont des Arts, Paris, 1867; Skaters in the Bois de Boulogne,	
	1868; <u>Dance in the Moulin de la Galette</u> , 1876. Degas: <u>Place de la Concorde</u> , 1876; <u>Women at the Terrace of a Café</u> , 1877.	
	Other examples include: Pissarro – Effet de nuit.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
Beyond Impressionism		
35	What was new about the paintings which Gauguin produced in Brittany in the late 1880s?	20
	Candidates may preface their answer with context about the isolation of Brittany, its backward-looking nature and the deeply-held religious beliefs of the inhabitants.	
	Gauguin first visited Pont-Aven in the summer of 1886. His style was then a version of Impressionism, influenced by Pissarro with whom he had recently worked.	
	Following a visit to Martinique, he returned to Pont-Aven in February 1888 and stayed for several months. During this period, his work underwent a decisive break from Impressionism. The seminal work was his Vision after the Sermon in which he displays his new Synthetist style using colour, forms and pictorial space in a non-naturalistic way to express the feelings of the simply and deeply religious peasant women after hearing the sermon. Candidates may give a detailed analysis of the painting and may point out the formal similarities with the work of Émile Bernard, some of whose work Gauguin may have seen in Paris following his return from Martinique. (Bernard's style was referred to as Cloisonnism, due to its similarities to mediaeval enamels.)	
	Reference may also be made to Albert Aurier's influential essay of 1891, Symbolism in Painting, in which he discusses at length the Vision after the Sermon and introduces the term 'pictorial symbolism'.	
	Examples of Gauguin's work: <u>Washerwomen at Pont-Aven</u> , 1886; <u>Vision after the Sermon</u> , 1888; <u>The Yellow Christ</u> , 1888; <u>The Calvary</u> , 1889.	
	For comparison: Bernard: <u>Breton Women in a Meadow</u> , 1888.	

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Topic 8: The shock of the new: art and architecture in Europe and the United States in the 20th and 21st centuries

Question	Answer	Marks
Brave new world, 1890–1914		
36	Discuss the evolution of Picasso's early work, up to and including 1907.	20
	 Areas for discussion may include: Blue Period and the death of Casagemas leading to possible depression. Angularity of figures; sharp contours; abandonment of traditional perspectives. Morose subjects of poverty, hunger and alcoholism. Example: The Old Guitarist, 1903. Many other examples. 1905 so-called Rose Period heralds a change in pallet to softer colours including pinks and terracotta. Subjects become more personal and mystical in nature. Fascination with the circus, clowns, Harlequins, Spanish cultural figures and the Carnival. Examples could be The Family of Saltimbanques, 1905; Acrobat and Young Harlequin, 1905. In 1907, Picasso paints Les Demoiselles D'Avignon. Large canvas with five naked women. They have flattened geometric bodies and represent prostitutes in Barcelona. Three have faces inspired by Iberian sculpture – large almond-shaped eyes – while two have mask-like faces, clearly derived from African figures or masks. Lack of traditional femininity, distorted, massive and angular. Reaction from his friends was negative and he did not exhibit the canvas until 1916, but clearly it paved the way towards cubism. Comparisons could be made with The Turkish Bath, Ingres, 1862; The Great Bathers, Cézanne, 1906. 	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	Visions of Utopia – architecture	
37	In an industrialised society, Le Corbusier felt architecture's purpose was to restore man to nature. In what ways can this aim be seen in his buildings?	20
	Candidates can choose from several of Le Corbusier's buildings/projects to discuss different aspects of a growing concern over urbanisation, and his desire to place 'man' at the centre of his buildings.	
	For example:	
	The collective architecture of the <u>Unité d'Habitation</u> (1947–53) – a variety of dwelling spaces to accommodate different family units; double height windows which opened the space, allowing nature in – light, space and greenery; the interior street for shops; the use of the roof terrace for running track and creche; the liberation of space at ground level which dissolved boundaries between city and country.	
	Domestic buildings such as <u>Villa Savoye</u> (1928–31) or <u>Maison La Roche</u> (1923–25) which can be analysed in terms of the Five Points of Architecture, and how these affect the lives of the occupants.	
	Notre Dame du Haut, (1950–54) set in the landscape at Ronchamp, and the interplay between interior and exterior forms, volume and light, as both sculpture and spiritual experience for the pilgrims who came to worship.	
	Candidates could mention Corbusier's proposal for a universal system of proportional measurement based on man and the Golden section, <u>Le</u> <u>Modulor</u> , which was intended to put the human form at the centre of all aspects of design in his buildings.	
	Candidates may wish to discuss the results of adapting Corbusier's designs/thinking for mass produced public housing in the later part of the 20th century.	
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Question	Answer	Marks
	Rebellion and the unconscious	
38	To what extent did Modernist art influence the styles and techniques of early avant-garde cinema?	20
	This question requires candidates to critically analyse the films of their choice with a particular focus upon the degree to which prevailing Modernist art movements may have acted as a formal influence upon the cinematic techniques which are used in those films. Hence weaker responses may tend in the direction of an uncritical narrative of the films in question.	
	Candidates may frame their analyses very much with a view to identifying and demonstrating the particular stylistic or cinematic features of the films in question which most clearly indicate the influence of particular early Modernist art movements.	
	Areas for discussion may include:	
	Buñuel's <u>Un Chien Andalou</u> . The presence of Dalì on the production team gives a very clear indication that Surrealism will have played a key role in the conception and construction of this film. This is amply borne out by the calculatedly bizarre and non-rationalistic imagery which suffuses the film, and by its deliberately non-linear, irrational narrative structure. The film overtly aspires to echo the content and texture of dreams, and in so doing fulfils a central aspect of the Surrealist aesthetic mission.	
	 Vertov's Man With a Movie Camera. The genesis of the film within the early Soviet Union will guide responses in the direction of a particular set of contemporary artistic movements: those which were encouraged (or at least tolerated) by the Leninist regime. Léger's Ballet Mécanique. Léger's own artistic identity provides a ready clue as to the likely source of artistic influence: that of post-Cubism, with its smooth, almost mechanically reduced contours and boldly defined areas of primary colour. As such, the film does meditate upon the supposed affinities between humans and machines: very much in line with Léger's own publicly expressed admiration of all things mechanical. 	
	Fritz Lang's Metropolis is perhaps the best known of the films listed, and so may feature in a disproportionate number of responses. As to its possible artistic sources, clearly contemporary avant-garde cinematic techniques are visible in terms of its narrative structure, while its visual textures and set designs clearly owe much to the slick, clean-lined Modernism of late Cubism and the Bauhaus. The film's design aesthetic also suggests a momentum toward the more glamorous hedonism of the burgeoning Art Deco movement.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
	The figure and the object	
39	In what ways did popular culture influence British pop art?	20
	Candidates will need to establish what they consider the particular British qualities of this period.	
	Richard Hamilton's definition of the term 'Pop' in 1957 and his collaged poster for the Whitechapel Gallery exhibition could make good starting points. Just what is it that makes today's homes so different, so appealing? (1956)	
	Visual images from American advertising and new consumerism were used to create art works – comic books, advertising images, labels and boxes from packaging.	
	Britain was still experiencing rationing and luxury goods were unavailable. Early works, such as Eduardo Paolozzi's collage <u>I was a rich Man's Plaything</u> (1947) used covers and images from American magazines, but as the movement in Britain developed, artists such as Hockney and Blake began to create their own iconography which displayed local images and celebrities, drawing on a genuinely popular culture as opposed to high art. Humour and satire are both in evidence in British Pop art of this period. See Hockney's <u>We Two Boys together Clinging</u> (1961); <u>A Bigger Splash</u> (1967); Blake's <u>On the Balcony</u> (1956).	
	Images were produced from the rise of British pop music at the same time – bands such as the Beatles, with record album covers and animated songs, to the rather more subversive screen prints of members of the Rolling Stones. See Blake's Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band Album Cover (1967); Hamilton's Swingeing London (1967).	
	Commercial processes, borrowed from the newly developing advertising industry were used to create 'art' works, as distinctions between high and low were dismissed. See Hamilton's My Marilyn (1965).	
	As economic and political stability returned to Britain, music and fashion design came to prominence – record covers, posters and advertisements replaced academic conventions of landscape, portraiture and still life.	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration.	

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Question	Answer	Marks
'Art is about life': art after Modernism – 1970 to the present day		
40	How successfully have artworks made since 1970 dealt with the traumas of history?	20
	This question requires the candidate to reflect upon the degree to which contemporary artists have reflected or evoked historical experiences in their work. Candidates are likely to concentrate upon particular commissions which have been specifically intended to perform an historically commemorative function.	
	Likely examples include:	
	 Rachel Whiteread: Holocaust Monument (Vienna, 2000) – a vast concrete sarcophagus, or bunker, which is formed so as to suggest a cast of the interior space within a late 19th century bourgeois library. This immediately alludes to the identity of Jews themselves as 'People of the Book'. The intense site specificity of the work – which is common, and vital, to virtually all of Whiteread's works – enhances its commemorative quality. Joseph Beuys: The End of the Twentieth Century – arguably a less successful meditation on the millennial passage of time (one perhaps marred by the insistent theatricality of the artist's own persona). The tumbled basalt monoliths, which comprise the work, are apparently intended to evoke the passage of time on a geological scale, basalt being a primeval volcanic rock. Anthony Gormley: Sculpture For Derry Walls (1987) – here, as with Whiteread's Vienna memorial, site specificity seems to be key to the success of the artwork. Gormley's back-to-back conjoined cruciform figures evoke the agony of sectarian tension within the city itself. The cruciform posture of the figures acknowledges that both the loyalist and republican communities within Derry – both of whom were passionate parties to the Northern Irish Troubles – are products of essentially the same Christian religion and culture. Anselm Kiefer's work perennially meditates upon the pained remembrance of German history: particularly the collective trauma of Nazism. Kiefer seems fascinated with the tactile evocation of that past, often employing unconventional materials in the construction of visually febrile 'Neo-expressionist' paintings. His work creates images which disquietingly evoke the tenebrous chaos of totalitarian violence and total war. 	
	All other valid points will be taken into consideration.	

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