Component 1 Fine Art Standard Mark – 49



Performance Level 4/5: Competent and Consistent/ Confident and Assured

	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4
Mark	12	13	12	12
Performance Level	4	5	4	4
	Fully competent and consistent ability	Just confident and assured ability	Fully competent and consistent ability	Fully competent and consistent ability

Keywords from the taxonomy:

Comprehensive

Moderator commentary

This Fine Art Component 1, consists of an A4 sketch pad, 2 A1 mounted sheets of studies and an A1 square mixed-media response. Images of the work selected here reflect the characteristics of work between Performance Level 4, Competent and Consistent and Performance Level 5, with a mark of 49/72.

The theme of "Inception' inspires the candidate to create a thoughtful mind map, from which further ideas are thoughtfully developed. Spirals, illusions and knots are starting points for the candidate, as well as a series of observational drawings relating to 'relationships'. The candidate annotates "this chain is a symbol of broken hearts and relationships. As one piece is broken everything falls apart". This theme is securely developed throughout the submission. Christopher Nevinson's 1915 Bursting Shell (Tate Britain), the circular cut-out of Yayoi Kusama's Infinity Mirror Room (Tate Modern), and the optical prints of Bridget Riley (V&A) inspire and inform the candidate's visual journey.

Purposeful photo-shoots focus on the variations of compositions and viewpoints using relevant objects alongside skilful drawings, prints and collages. The candidate uses coloured pencils in a sensitive still life study and thoughtfully annotates "Pink often expresses a feeling of tenderness between two people. The rose symbolizes how relationships bloom into an unbreakable bond which can create a never-ending illusion. The shell draws the viewer's gaze to the swirl."

A circular composition is revisited and the ideas of interlocking objects are pursued through collage and cyanotype printing. Two mannequin heads are entwined in rope and photographed as the candidate is inspired by the work of Cornelia Parker. The candidate's intention is to "portray the never-ending love with a shadow of death. The candles represent a clock like face where time is limited but there is always a beginning and an ending".

The final cohesive response is an A1 square, set within a shallow circular card frame. Rope acts as a further frame to the skilful, collaged prints of the candidate's drawings. Ideas are drawn together in a thoughtful way reflecting an informed development of ideas.

In order for the submission to move more securely into Performance Level 5, Confident and Assured, the candidate could demonstrate greater evidence of more skilful recording skills and refine and develop ideas where there was evidence of risk-taking.











































