Component 1 Fine Art Standard Mark – 54

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Performance Level 5: Confident and Assured

	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4
Mark	14	14	14	12
Performance Level	5	5	5	4
	Mostly confident and assured ability	Mostly confident and assured ability	Mostly confident and assured ability	Fully competent and consistent ability

Keywords from the taxonomy: Convincing, Risk-taking

Moderator commentary

This Fine Art Component 1, consists of two A3 sketch pads and several outcomes including some A2 and A1 experiments across a range of media including collage and acrylic painting. The given theme of 'Urban' encourages the student to consider cityscapes and enables the candidate to develop independent and sustained ideas. Images of the work selected here reflect the characteristics of work within Performance Level 5, Confident and Assured with a mark of 54/72 with strengths across Assessment Objectives 1, 2 and 3, Develop Refine and Record.

The candidate selects a series of their convincing photographs taken on holiday across the UK and Europe, highlighting relevant architectural features. The layered and impasto work of British artist Gill Storr informs their developing ideas, alongside their confident photography responses that underpin and evidence the candidate's painterly interest in mark making and colour.

Informed by the candidate's own photographs, a series of monoprints is enthusiastically created, exploring creative overlapping and layering with some risk-taking. Contrasts within line drawings and layered imagery are a vehicle for further experimentation and development of ideas. The work of American Artist Robert Rauschenberg is thoughtfully considered and annotated: "I chose Rauschenberg to experiment collaging into my project to not only create a visually fragmented piece but also a fragmented perspective to cities and political issues incorporating Gill Storr's painting style with Rauschenberg's collaging technique and choice of photos".

Resolved and convincing printmaking experiments are made through moth prints, etchings and collagraphs constructed with wool, glue, scrim and cardboard. The candidate identifies and records the strengths and weaknesses of their prints before planning a final outcome, reflecting upon their selected artists' sources; the concepts behind their work as well as their processes. A series of confident larger-scale outcomes investigating collage and assemblage using their prints and photographs are created.

Ideas are consolidated within an A1 canvas, drawing together ideas and processes from their sustained journey where they have confidently experimented and refined concepts and competencies. However, ideas are drawn together less securely within the final outcome, reflected in the mark of 12/18 for Assessment Objective 4, Present.

The strengths of the candidate's creative journey are reflected in the risk-taking through printmaking, collaging, photography and painting. However, in order for the submission to move more securely into Performance Level 5, Confident and Assured, the candidate could demonstrate greater ability to present a personal and meaningful response that is more fully informed by their development of ideas and practical explorations.













































