Component 1 Photography Standard Mark – 52

Performance Level 5: Confident and Assured



	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4
Mark	13	14	13	12
Performance Level	5	5	5	4
	Just confident and assured ability	Mostly confident and assured ability	Just confident and assured ability	Fully competent and consistent ability

Keywords from the taxonomy:

Comprehensive

Moderator commentary

This comprehensive Component 1 Photography submission consists of an A3 sketchbook and four A2 sheets with edited and printed outcomes. Images of the work selected here reflect the characteristics of work just into Performance Level 5, Confident and Assured, with a total mark of 52/72. The strength of the submission lies within Assessment Objective 2, Refine.

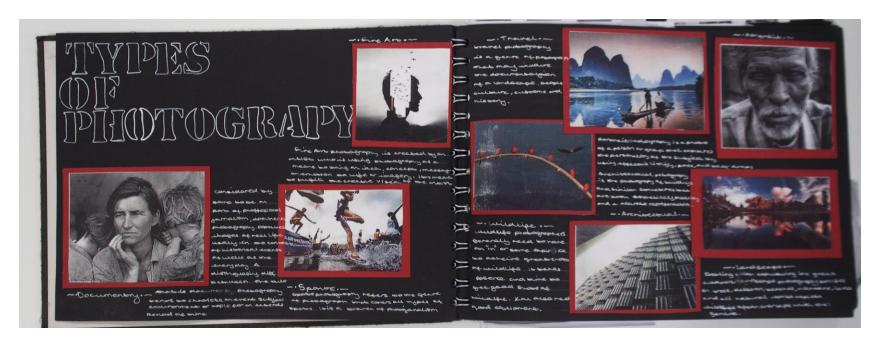
The submission consists of two thematic projects: 'Natural Forms' and 'Transformations. Within the theme of 'Natural Forms' the candidate explores the photographic work of Karl Blossfeldt, Edward Weston, Adrienne Adam, and Peter Defty. Photoshoots and photographic experiments follow with the focus on digitally editing natural forms and inanimate objects using Adobe Photoshop. The candidate demonstrates a clear interest in the repetition of patterns, textures, and motion in nature. A visit to Kew Gardens deepens their understanding of these concepts and photographic techniques.

For the second thematic project, 'Transformations', the candidate explores different ideas through photoshoots and digital experiments, drawing inspiration from Maurizio Anzeri's embroidered portraits, Alexandra Valenti's painted geometric shapes with human figures, and Sam Kaplan's still-life photography. In response to this process of experimentation and review, the candidate creates thoughtful and skilful responses. The project then evolves through an exploration of Aleksandr Rodchenko's constructivist architectural photography, informing the planning and process for the outcome.

In response to Rodchenko, the candidate photographs the Eiffel Tower, leading to an exploration of Mark Hersh's blend of contemporary and historic architecture. A further photoshoot of London's architecture illustrates the city's transformation through contrasting architectural styles. Annotation throughout the submission is thoughtful and purposeful. For example, in response to Hersh's work they write: "I appreciate Hersh's approach as it adds depth to the way modern infrastructure has evolved and the impact of modernization. I chose an iconic London monument to capture this idea and used Photoshop to blend the images together effectively."

The final outcomes for this project involve 'paper transformations' of the candidate's own architectural photographs. These images are manipulated both manually and digitally, using techniques such as cutting, overlaying, blurring, scrunching, and folding. The final three-dimensional 'crumpled paper' outcomes demonstrate a cohesive collection of skilful images, blending DSLR photography with digital enhancements.

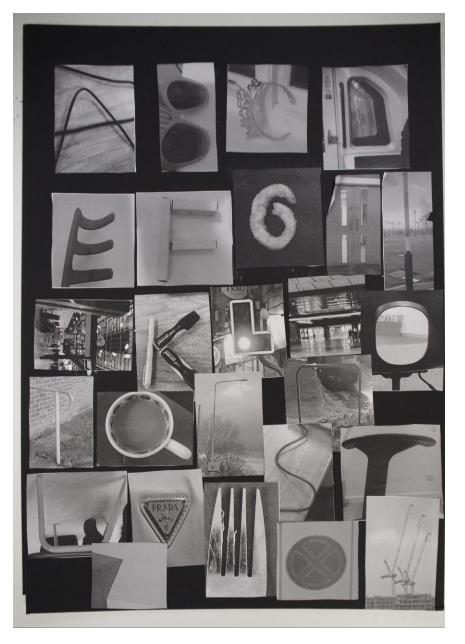
To move more securely into Performance Level 5, Confident and Assured, the candidate could further demonstrate their critical understanding of both their own ideas and the work of established photographers. Taking more creative risks would also lead to more original and innovative responses.













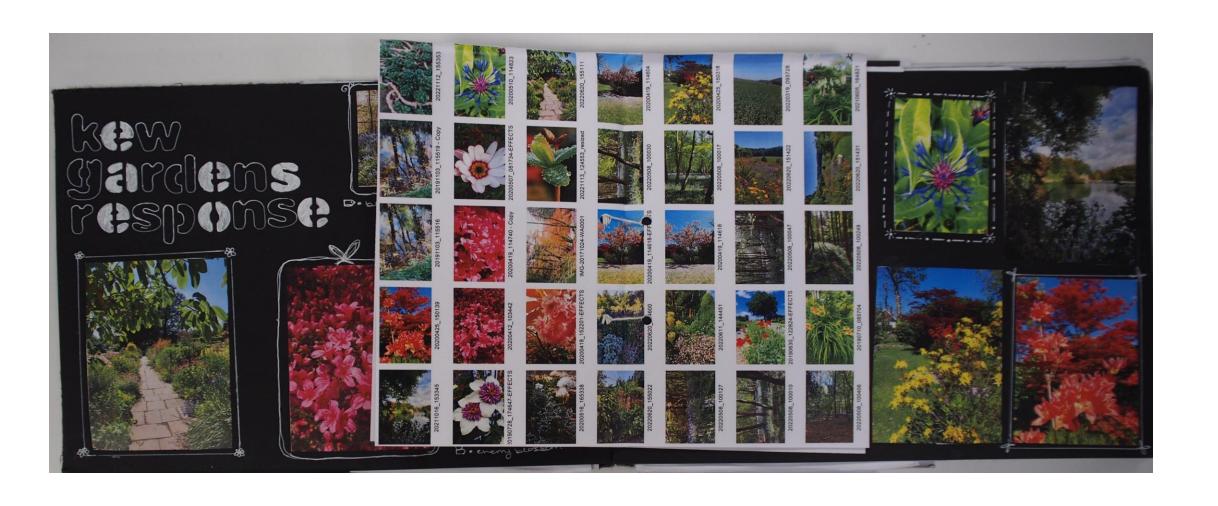


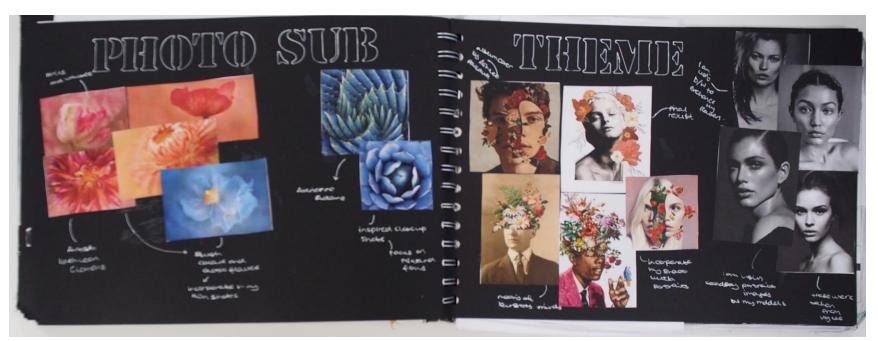












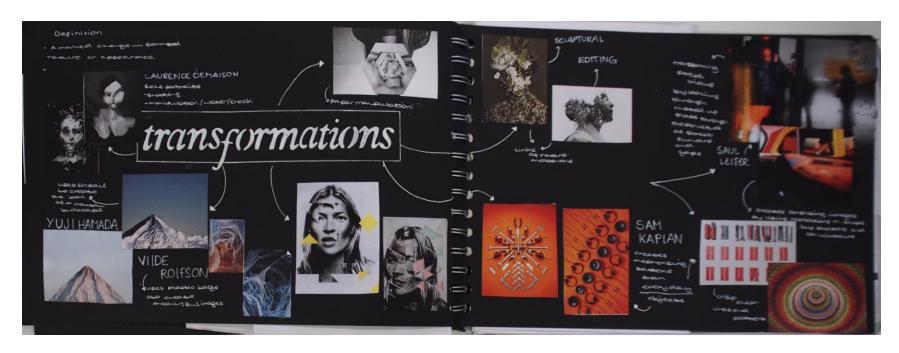


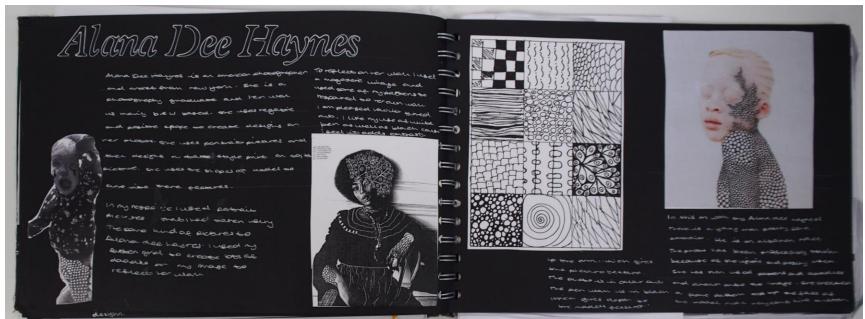




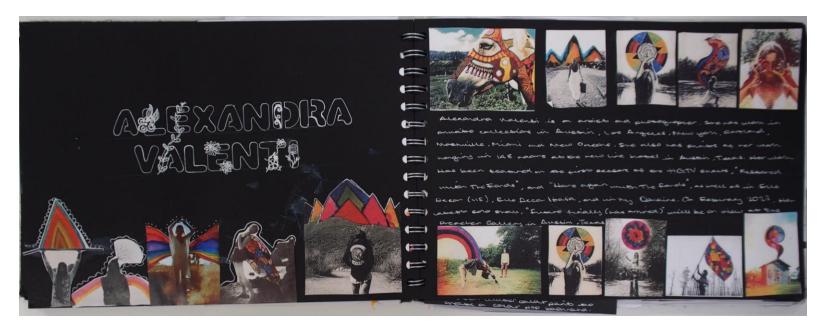


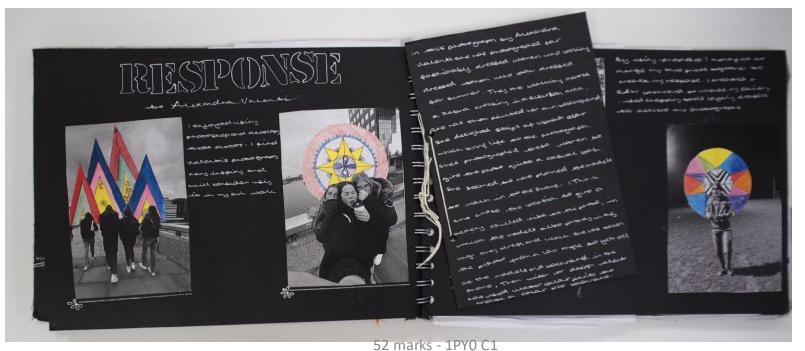
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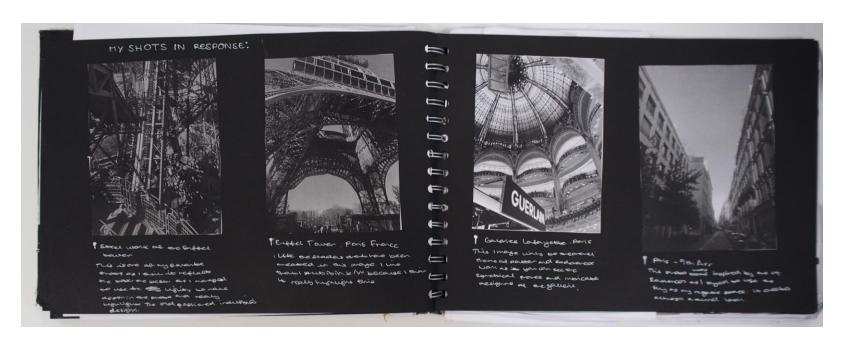


















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