

Component 2: Fine Art Standard Mark – 40

	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	TOTAL
Mark	9	10	10	11	40
Level	3	4	4	4	
	Fully emerging competent ability	Just competent and consistent ability	Just competent and consistent ability	Mostly competent and consistent ability	

Keyword descriptors from the taxonomy:

Engaged

Secure

Examiner comments

This Fine Art Component 2, consists of an A3 sketch pad, and an A2 square acrylic painted and charcoal drawn response produced in the 10-hour period of sustained focus. Images of the work selected here reflect the characteristics of work just into Performance Level 4, Competent and Consistent, with a mark of 40/72.

Written and predictable visual mind maps are created by the candidate in response to the examination them of 'Lock'. A transcription of artist Andy Warhol's painting 'Electric Chair', engages the candidate's intention to explore the concept of being 'locked into emotion', through looking at the subject matter and palette of this iconic image.

A purposeful photo-shoot is made, focusing on the symbolic contrasts within fresh and dead flowers. Physically layered images are created, using acetates and fabric samples. The candidate thoughtfully comments: "this interested me because of the bold colours and the blurriness the acetate creates over the top". Mark-making experiments using impasto acrylic paint layered with charcoal drawings show a growing control, following investigations into the work of artist Francis Bacon.

Planning for the 10-hour period of sustained focus includes a further photo-shoot of flowers and skeletal forms, highlighting the emotional contrasts of the selected objects. Drawings are made as well as experiments with acrylic impasto-painted and crackled surfaces. Annotation describes the candidate's insights as well as documenting processes and techniques.

The response from the 10-hour period of sustained focus consolidates the candidate's visual ideas and intentions. Ideas are refined to include skilful charcoal studies of skulls and bones set on a backdrop of a tonal background, where the influence of Warhol's red and black palette can be seen. This outcome reflects the candidate's ability to present a personal and meaningful response through an engaged application of the formal elements of art and design.

For the submission to move more securely into Performance Level 4, Competent and Consistent, the candidate could demonstrate greater evidence of the ability to develop ideas through critical understanding of sources.























