Pearson – International GCSE Art and Design Taxonomy

How to use the Taxonomy in conjunction with the Assessment Grid

Both components in this qualification are 100% externally assessed, however centres will find it helpful to use the taxonomy and assessment grid to provide feedback on student's progress.

- When assessing work for each component, examiners will make a holistic judgement using the descriptors in the taxonomy, to establish which performance band matches most closely the candidate's work.
- Candidate's work that falls between two performance bands must achieve all the keyword descriptors in the lower band and some in the band above. Where this happens, examiners will use their professional judgement to decide which performance band is most appropriate using a 'best-fit' approach.
- After a performance band has been established, the next stage is to use the assessment grid to decide a mark within the performance band. Read through *'Applying the Assessment Grid'* on page 41 of the specification prior to establishing a mark for each assessment objective and total mark.

Performance bands	BELOW INTERNATIONAL GCSE STANDARD (0)	LIMITED	LIMITED/ BASIC	BASIC	BASIC/EMERGING COMPONENT	EMERGING COMPETENT	EMERGING COMPETENT / COMPETENT & CONSISTENT	COMPETENT & CONSISTENT	COMPETENT & CONSISTENT / CONFIDENT & ASSURED	CONFIDENT & ASSURED	CONFIDENT & ASSURED / EXCEPTIONAL	EXCEPTIONAL
Consider the keyword descriptors to the right carefully. Has the candidate achieved all, most or some of the descriptors?	No rewardable material	Unstructured Clumsy Disjointed Minimal Rudimentary	The candidate has achieved all of the keyword descriptors in the lower band and some of those above.	Deliberate Methodical Superficial Partial Unresolved Simplistic	The candidate has achieved all of the keyword descriptors in the lower band and some of those above.	Reflective Predictable Broadening Repetitive Intentional Adequate	The candidate has achieved all of the keyword descriptors in the lower band and some of those above.	Informed Purposeful Diverse Sustained Skilful Effective	The candidate has achieved all of the keyword descriptors in the lower band and some of those above.	Advanced Comprehensive Perceptive Exciting In-depth Fully resolved Risk-taking	The candidate has achieved all of the keyword descriptors in the lower band and some of those above.	Highly skilled Inspired Intuitive Sophisticated Insightful Powerful Daring Unexpected Outstanding
	0 marks	1 – 12 marks	13 14 15 marks	16 – 24 marks	25 26 27 marks	28 – 36 marks	37 38 39 marks	40 – 48 Marks	49 50 51 marks	52 – 60 marks	61 62 63 marks	64 – 72 marks

*Please note that as of November 2023, the Level 1 key word descriptor 'Crude' has been changed to 'Rudimentary'