

2012 HSC Visual Arts Marking Guidelines

Section I

Question 1

Criteria	Marks
• Demonstrates sound understanding of how the artist has integrated form and surface decoration	4–5
Source material is used selectively and interpretation is coherent	
• Demonstrates some understanding of how the artist has integrated form and surface decoration	3
• Interpretation of the source material is less coherent/uneven	
Attempts the question	1-2
• May list features of the source material	1-2



Question 2

Criteria	Marks
• Demonstrates a highly developed understanding of the interrelations between the artworks and the world	8
• The source material is used selectively to justify a strongly reasoned and coherent argument	0
• Demonstrates a well-developed understanding of the interrelations between the artworks and the world	6–7
• The source material is used in a more descriptive way to sustain a generally coherent argument	0-7
• Demonstrates some understanding of the relations between the artworks and the world	4–5
• The source material is referred to in a more general way to support a less coherent/uneven argument	4–3
• Demonstrates a basic understanding of the artworks and the world	
• Use of source material relies on obvious features which may be listed, described and/or reiterated	2–3
May list some obvious features in the source material	1
Points of view are not supported	1



Question 3

Criteria	Marks
• Demonstrates a highly developed understanding of the artist's engagement in the material and conceptual practice of drawing	11–12
• Interpretation of the source material is used to justify a well-reasoned and effective explanation	11-12
• Demonstrates a well-developed understanding of the artists' engagement in the material and conceptual practice of drawing	9–10
• Interpretation of source material is used to sustain a coherent, but descriptive explanation	9-10
• Demonstrates a sound understanding of the artists' engagement in the material and conceptual practice of drawing	6–8
• Interpretation of the source material is general and may be used in an uneven way	0-8
• Demonstrates some understanding of the artists' engagement in the material and conceptual practice of drawing	3–5
• Interpretation of the source material relies on obvious features which may be listed, describe and/or reiterated	5–5
May list some obvious features in the source material	1–2
Points of view are not supported	÷ ~



Section II

Questions 4–9

Criteria	Marks
• A coherent, sustained and well-reasoned argument is represented which may acknowledge that other points of view are possible	
• All relevant aspects of content are comprehensively explained and interpreted in relation to the question	21–25
• The significance of examples/cases is explained and used to strongly support the argument	21-23
• Points of view are complex and logical and reveal a highly developed understanding of the Visual Arts	
• A coherent and reasoned argument is represented and sustained	
• All relevant aspects of content are thoroughly explained and more conventionally interpreted in relation to the question	
• Examples/cases are explained and used to support a successful argument that addresses most aspects of the question	16–20
• Points of view are accomplished and logical and reveal a well-developed understanding of the Visual Arts	
• A reasoned argument is represented and generally sustained	
 Most relevant aspects of content are broadly explained and more conventionally interpreted in relation to the question 	
• Examples/cases are generally explained, and used to support an argument that addresses some aspects of the question	11–15
 Points of view are reasonably clear and logical and reflect a good understanding of the Visual Arts 	
• An argument is represented but is unevenly sustained	
• Aspects of content are represented but explanations are superficial and may not be related to the question	
• Examples/cases are described in an obvious way and are connected to some aspects of the question	6–10
• Points of view tend to be inconsistent or not well developed and reflect a foundational understanding of the Visual Arts	
Comments relate to some aspects of the question	
• Ideas are identified and may be explored to some extent in an isolated way	
• Examples/cases may be offered but are not always relevant or addressed	1–5
• Points of view are not supported and reflect a limited understanding of the Visual Arts	

Visual Arts 2012 HSC Examination Mapping Grid

Section I

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
1	5	Frames (structural)	H7, H8, H9, H10
2	8	Conceptual Framework (artwork-world)	H7, H8, H9, H10
3	12	Practice	H7, H8, H9, H10

Section II Practice

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
4	25	Practice	H7, H8, H9, H10
5	25	Practice	H7, H8, H9, H10

Section II Conceptual Framework

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
6	25	Conceptual Framework	H7, H8, H9, H10
7	25	Conceptual Framework	H7, H8, H9, H10

Section II

Frames

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
8	25	Frames (postmodern)	H7, H8, H9, H10
9	25	Frames (subjective)	H7, H8, H9, H10

Artmaking: Body of Work

Question	Marks	Content	Syllabus outcomes
		Criterion 1: Conceptual Strength and Meaning;	
10	50	and	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6
		Criterion 2: Resolution	