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HOA3

Maximum mark: 20

Band 5	17-20 marks	Either	A fully developed answer with a secure knowledge and understanding of artefacts, their context and, if required, their presentation.
		Or	A full and detailed answer concerning meaning and context that clearly demonstrates an understanding of the issues.
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Band 1	1-4 marks	An answer that is either fragmentary or incomplete, or provides limited	
		information, much of which is inaccurate or irrelevant. No coherent	
		structure.	
Band 0	0 marks	No relevant material.	

1. Discuss and comment on the representation of women in Realist **and/or** Impressionist painting. Refer to **at least two** paintings, each by a different artist.

Maximum band 3 if only one example given.

 women in Realist and Impressionist painting are almost exclusively contemporary women in contemporary situations

J. F. Millet, The Gleaners, 1857

- 3 peasant women in lowly rural activity dominate composition harvest scene, figures, farm buildings, mounted guard in distance, all small scale and dominated by figures of women
- poverty/toil of women's labour sanitised, ennobled, idealised elegant poses repeated rhythms/shapes of figures women not individualised, faces not depicted
- political implications virtually ignored; gleaning a contemporary politically charged issue
- women depicted as natural, part of timeless natural order earth colours backs/heads repeat shape of hay stacks figures 'enclosed' by landscape; do not protrude above horizon
- smooth brushwork, even lighting, relatively high tonality contribute to positive beneficent relaxed atmosphere/mood.
 - B. Morisot, Reading, (The artist's mother and sister), 1869-70
- 2 elegantly dressed well-groomed women sit in comfortable middle class interior
- apparently casual composition enhances mood of quiet intimacy figures 'unposed' figures occupy large part of foreground of a confined shallow space the mother's figure cut off by right and bottom edge of frame, partly obscures daughter who sits behind her on floral sofa table with flowers on left also 'cut-off'
- women do not communicate with one another, nor with spectator
- serious, non-smiling faces
- emphasis on inner world; mother reads, daughter's unfocused pensive gaze
- women depicted as autonomous, intelligent not decorative/flirtatious, or on display engaged in own activity seated upright, not reclining no return gaze.

2. Discuss the aims and work of **one** of the following: Cézanne, Munch or Rodin.

Cézanne 1839-1906

Aims

- to achieve pictorial harmony by formal means without losing truth to visual sensation by close observation of nature/object
- to render 3-dimensionality, solidity of nature 'more depth than surface'
- to make of Impressionism a more structured, classical art, 'like the art of museums'.

Work

- early work, emotionally charged, traditional subject matter, heavy impasto, dark tonality
- adopts Impressionist manner and subjects (Pissarro's influence) early 70's
- landscapes depicting real places with grandeur and sense of order as past painters such as Poussin represented imaginary/ideal scenes
 <u>Bridge at Maincy</u>, 1882-5; <u>Mont Ste. Victoire with Great Pine</u>, 1885-7; regular orderly brushstrokes; contrived compositions
- still lifes: unchanging arrangements allowing for maximum control of composition; distortions, changing view points in interests of pictorial structure and perceptual truths; importance of colour to represent volume/depth
 Still Life with Ginger Jar, c.1888-9
- portraits: <u>The Gardener</u>, c.1906 looser brushwork; elimination of detail; coloured patches creating almost abstract surface pattern
- <u>The Great Bathers</u>, 1898-1905; traditional subject matter; furthest departure from Impressionism; depersonalised figures in contrived artificial space united in cathedral like structure of trees.

Munch 1863-1944

Aims

mainly apply to characteristic work before 1908

• to paint inner life not by objective description.

Work from c.1884-1908

- expression of tormented emotional inner states reflecting his own neurosis characterised by:
- simplification/distortion of form and expressive use of line and colour influenced by contact with Paris Symbolists and Nabis
- recurring themes such as loneliness, despair, love, sex, death
- use of allegory/symbols
- many works recreated in various media, oil, lithograph, woodcut, etching
- <u>Death in the Sick Room</u>, 1893; <u>The Sick Child</u>, 1896; several versions of each; autobiographical subject matter
- Evening on Karl Johan St., 1892; mask-like, angst-ridden faces (influenced by Ensor); crowd of ghost-like anonymous figures
- <u>The Frieze of Life</u>, incomplete cycle of works on theme of life, love and death; incorporating <u>The Kiss</u>, 1892, <u>The Scream</u>, 1893, <u>Jealousy</u>, 1895.

Work after 1908

- loses subjective intensity
- paintings of landscapes, portraits, workmen: bright palette, loose technique
- <u>History</u>, 1910-15; one of mural panels for University Hall of Oslo
- influences: Gauguin, Paris Symbolists and Nabis, Ensor; ideas of Neitzche, Kirkegaard.

Rodin 1840-1917

Aims

- to restore to sculpture the grandeur and integrity of Renaissance/Classical sculpture; reinforced by trip to Italy, 1875
- to express 'the truth from within'
- to render expression through sculptural unity, fully realised in the round, through, pose/gesture/surface.

Work

characterised by a powerful expressiveness, not present in contemporaneous academic work, achieved by:

• free direct handling of clay and modelling process; expressive fluid poses, extended limbs, emphatic gestures; animated/rippling/light-catching surfaces; lack of traditional 'finish'

The Age of Bronze, 1877

The Burghers of Calais, 1886-8

The Prodigal Son, 1889

- anti-academic/original treatment of public commissions/traditional themes
 - <u>Gates of Hell</u>, 1880-1900; unfinished bronze doors for proposed Musée des Arts Décoratifs; many of its figures were worked into independent sculptures
 - Burghers of Calais, 1886-8; 6 individualised figures facing threat of death; of equal height on low plinth; 'naturalistically' grouped
 - Balzac, 1893-7; mysterious, cloaked figure expressing creative power of the writer.
- erotic/emotive themes: sensually treated; smooth polished marble contrasted with rough surfaces The Kiss, 1886; Fugit Amour, 1885-7; The Eternal Idol, 1889
- portrayal of figures in movement: <u>Iris Messenger of the Gods</u>, 1890-1; Dancing figures of 1910-11; movement captured by drawing dancing figures in studio
- the partial figure: expressive power enhanced by truncated limbs through internal sculptural unity
 <u>The Walking Man</u>, 1877-1900; <u>Torso of Seated Woman Clasping her Left Leg</u>, c.1890; <u>Half-length Figure</u>
 of a Woman, 1910
- Portrait Busts: Victor Hugo, 1897; France, 1904; Clemenceau, 1911.

Other valid examples to be taken into consideration.

3. Outline some of the developments in architecture in Britain between c.1850 and c.1900, with reference to the work of at least two architects.

Maximum band 3 if only one architect discussed.

Main developments

• exploitation of new 'industrial' materials especially iron and glass seen especially in new 'types' of buildings

<u>The Crystal Palace</u>, Fox and Henderson, 1851 <u>St. Pancras Train Shed</u>, Barlow and Ordish, 1863-5 <u>Oriel Chambers</u>, Liverpool, P. Ellis, 1864

all exploit structural/functional/aesthetic potential of new materials exposed metal frame structure; glass curtain walls; prefabrication; great distances spanned; a new 'engineer's aesthetic'

reaction to effects of industrialisation – Arts and Crafts Architecture closely linked with English Domestic Revival
 The Red House, P. Webb, 1859-60, built for William Morris
 Broadleys, C. F. A. Voysey, 1897; Blackwell, 1898-99, Baillie Scott

attempt to revive a pre-industrial, rural vernacular vocabulary, based on traditional materials and craft techniques; stress on honestly exposed materials and structure, functional planning; medieval references; minimal ornament

Garden City Movement and importance of planned environment; philanthropic/paternalistic housing

<u>Bedford Park Garden Suburb</u>, N. Shaw, laid out 1876 <u>Port Sunlight</u> for Lever, W. and S. Owen, begun 1888

Attempts to break away from the 'battle of the styles' and create a new style for a new age – Art Nouveau Glasgow School of Art, C. R. Mackintosh first phase 1896-9
Forster House, Bedford Park, C. F. A. Voysey, 1891

minimal reference to historical styles; no applied ornament; elegant ornamental structural details; Japanese influence

some overlap between Arts and Crafts and Art Nouveau; both eschew historical 'styles'; interiors/furnishing planned integrally

continuation of eclecticism, Gothic/Classical Revivals
 <u>Leeds Town Hall</u>, C. Brodrick 1853-8
 <u>Natural History Museum</u>, London, A. Waterhouse, 1873-81

St. Vincent Street Church, Glasgow, Alexander Thomson, 1858

often a 'historical' façade/exterior of traditional materials and style, hides exposed use of new materials in interior.

4. Outline the development of Cubist painting in France between c.1907 and c.1914. Answer with reference to specific examples.

Picasso and Braque, Analytic phase: characterised by increasing analysis and fragmentation of form, diminished role for colour, multiple view points

1907-8

<u>Les Demoiselles d'Avignon</u>, Picasso; <u>Large Nude</u>, Braque; reduced palette, shallow space, facetted forms, rejection of Renaissance perspective/illusionism; influenced by African and Oceanic artefacts, Iberian art, Cézanne

<u>Three Women</u>, Picasso; <u>Houses at L'Estaque</u>, Braque; both 1908, bold sculptural forms in compressed space; geometricising planes

1909-10

interlocking shifting planes; fusion of form and space; spatial ambiguity; inconsistent light source; solid space (especially Braque)

La Roche-Guyon, Braque, 1909

Woman with Pears (Head of Fernande), Horta de Ebro paintings, Picasso, both 1909

work becomes increasingly complex in fragmentation of form and faceting; increasingly monochromatic; hermetic; inclusion of illusionistic details; grid-like compositions

Portrait of Kahnweiler, Picasso, illusionistic watch and chain

Violin and Palette, Braque; trompe l'oeil nail; both 1910

• 1911: high point of Analytic phase; introduction of lettering, numbers, musical notation; motif centralised; fading towards edges

Ma Jolie, Picasso

Le Portugais, Braque

• 1912-14: collage and papier collé; Synthetic phase characterised by building rather than dissecting forms; combined forms/extraneous materials/drawing/painting/lettering

Still life with Chair Caning, Picasso; Fruit Dish and Glass, Braque, both 1912; both include real 'fake' materials/fragments; exploration of colour/texture; sand/gesso mixed with pigment; stippling; papier collé imitated in oil

Student with a Pipe, Picasso, 1913; Woman with Guitar, Braque, 1914

Ma Jolie, Picasso, 1914

• other developments

Léger, Delaunay developed own idiom from Analytic Cubism

widened subject matter to cityscapes and other less studio based themes

heightened role of colour

introduced sense of movement

developed abstraction

The Smokers, 1911. Contrasting Forms, 1913, both Léger

Eiffel Tower series, 1910, The City, 1911, Circular Forms, 1912, Delaunay.

Others valid for discussion include: Gris; Le Fauconnier; Gleizes; Metzinger; Duchamp; Villon.

5. Outline the aims and achievements of De Stijl artists and assess their contribution to abstract art.

Maximum band 3 if only one artist discussed.

De Stijl

founded Leiden, 1917; disbanded 1931

first issue of magazine, 1918 edited by van Doesburg

membership in constant flux, nine founder members include Theo van Doesburg, Mondrian, Bart van der Leck, Vantongerloo

El Lissitsky became a member, 1921; contributed similar Constructivist ideas and practices.

Aims

to create an art based on principles of universal harmony applicable to all the arts and to all aspects of life to realise a Utopian vision of a new rational harmonious society – "realised art".

Influenced by

Schoenmaekers, theosophist mathematician; texts, <u>The New Image of the World</u> and <u>The Principles of Plastic Mathematics</u> published 1915 and 1916 respectively

Calvinism

ideas of Berlage and F. L. Wright on the unity and interrelationship of the arts and society.

• Achievements and contribution

creation of a body of work in painting, sculpture, architecture and design in characteristic style as follows: suppression of individual expression

austere geometrical abstraction based on relationships of elementary forms

the pre-eminence of orthogonals and the primary colours

dynamic asymmetry/equilibrium/balance of opposing forces

extreme clarity and equality of individual elements.

Examples

Geometrical Composition, 1919; Bart van der Leck

Composition in Grey, Red, Yellow and Blue, 1920; Composition with Red, Yellow, Blue and Black, 1921, both Mondrian

<u>Composition XX</u>, 1921; interior of <u>Café L'Aubette</u>, 1928, both van Doesburg, abstract relief decoration <u>Construction of Volume Relations</u>, 1921, Vantongerloo.

- De Stijl group major influence on development of Mondrian's abstraction
- international dissemination of ideas through magazine and other texts and work
- Mondrian in Paris 1919-1937, England, 1938-40. Contributed to Constructivist journal, <u>Circle</u>; in USA 1940-44
- Van Doesburg visited Weimar, 1921; influence on Bauhaus and the development of Modernism generally of which the integration of the arts and an abstract visual language are major ingredients.

Other valid examples to be taken into consideration.

6. Identify ways in which the work of European architects between c.1920 and c.1940 exhibits characteristics of Modernist architecture. Refer to the work of **at least two** architects.

Maximum band 3 if only one architect discussed.

Characteristics

- functional rational approach to planning and structure; plan/structure 'legible'
- use of industrial materials, structural steel, reinforced concrete, plate glass, glass bricks; properties allowed for frame structure/disappearance of load-bearing walls, flexible planning, free-flowing interior spaces; prefabrication; cantilevered forms
- rejection of historical styles, ornament-free; geometric, abstract formal language dictated partly by structure and use and desire to reflect/express the modern world, create a 'machine aesthetic'
- commitment to social issues and Utopian ideals; concerned with town planning, social housing, public
 amenities.

Examples

- The Bauhaus Building, Gropius, 1925-6; cantilevered balconies on residential block; glazed curtain wall on workshop block; reinforced concrete frame; separate blocks for separate functions expressed in plan and elevation
- Apartment Block, Weissenhof, Stuttgart, Mies van der Rohe, 1927; steel frame, mass-produced standardised wall sections and windows; part of international housing exhibition sponsored by the Deutscher Werkbund
- <u>Villa Savoye</u>, Le Corbusier, 1929-30; raised on slender pilotis, expressing frame structure; ribbon windows; ramp, spiral staircase enhance sense of continuous interior space; sliding glass walls give flexible interior space, easy access between interior/exterior
- <u>Isokon Flats</u>, Lawn Rd, Wells Coates, 1933-4; horizontal, reinforced concrete block; cantilevered balconies.

All above exhibit crisp, geometric, white-painted idiom characteristic of Modernism.

Others valid for discussion include: E. Mendelsohn, B. Lubetkin, J. J. P. Oud, H. Scharoun, M. Stam.

7. In what ways does the work of **either** Miró **or** Magritte show Surrealist characteristics?

Surrealism

Manifesto written 1924 by André Breton; although written with literature in mind many of its ideas and methods were taken up by painters

Characteristics

influence of Freud's concept of the unconscious led to:

- development of techniques and methods which avoided premeditated results such as 'pure psychic automatism'
- fantasy/dream imagery
- suggestive symbolic forms to encourage latent associations
- juxtaposition of incongruous ideas/objects 'thought dictated in the absence of all control exerted by reason'
- subversion of established values/aesthetic rules to liberate from bourgeois social conditioning.

Miró 1893-1983

- methods involved experimental and automatic techniques
- avoids predetermined results by exploitation of chance effects, with aid of stimuli of random blotches/grease/torn newspaper (consciously chosen); automatic drawing
- freedom of line, random configuration, childlike 'unskilled' appearance
 The Birth of the World, 1925 and many similar works entitled simply Painting use 'found' materials often combined with drawing/paint/words
- imagery includes suggestive/hybrid/universal bimorphic forms to suggest latent meanings <u>The Ploughed Field</u>, 1923-4; <u>Harlequin's Carnival</u>, 1924-5; distortion of scale and perspective Seated Woman, 1932; The Escape Ladder, 1939; sexual/symbolic imagery.

Magritte 1898-1967

- images and titles attack reason; provoke disorientation/mystery; undermine conventional modes of thinking/seeing
- juxtaposition of contradictory ideas/objects; On the Threshold of Liberty, 1929. Indoors/outdoors
- impossible objects/states Threatening Weather, 1928; gravity defying objects
- subversion of conventions of illusionistic representation; distortion of scale/perspective; <u>The Listening</u> Room
- questions received ideas about word/image/object relationship <u>The Use of Words 1</u>, 1928-9; <u>The Key of Dreams</u>, 1936
- works rationally executed in dead-pan realistic/illusionistic manner
- paints the absurd realistically adding to bizarre Surrealist quality.

8. Examine the materials and techniques used in the work of at least two Minimalist artists.

Maximum band 3 if only one artist discussed.

- choice and use of materials stem from the following:
- reaction to subjectivity/metaphysics/emotional content/individualism of Abstract Expressionism.
- in order to discourage interpretation, expression of emotional involvement works characterised by:
- use of real materials in real space; often site specific; to deny illusionism/metaphor
- no plinth, denying separation of artistic space from real space
- minimal or no intervention of artist's handling/skill/craft; often factory made to artists' specification or materials propped/supported by gravity alone to deny expression
- materials and process largely determine colour/texture/form
- minimal configuration; unitary non-relational forms. Serial/repeated units (both to deny intervention of personality)
- reference to anything beyond the art work eschewed to enable direct experience of the literal/actual properties of the material; surface, scale, shape, space, time.

Examples

D. Judd

- materials: galvanised iron/steel, copper, coloured perspex, enamel, aluminium
- all works untitled; referred to his works as specific objects; works characteristically have identical units, sometimes stacked at identical distances and cantilevered from wall, whose number can be determined by height/space of gallery; favoured series; work industrially fabricated to his specifications Untitled, 1970; brass and fluorescent plexiglass; vertical stack of repeated rectangular units; Untitled, 1972, copper, enamel, aluminium cube.

R. Morris

• favoured unitary forms; interest in 'gestalt' theory; <u>Untitled</u>, 1965; four waist high mirrored cubes; materials encourage physical, actual experience of space; <u>Untitled (Tangle)</u>, 1968; 'unformed' pile of intertwined industrial felt strips dropped on floor; process determines form/configuration.

C. André

- materials: brick, sandstone, wood, metal plate; properties revealed not imposed
- many floor-bound pieces obviating need for techniques of support; minimally made/worked; marks of wear accepted as fact of existence in time Lever, 1966; linear arrangement of 137 firebricks straightforwardly placed together on floor Equivalent VIII, 1966; eight permutations of units of 120 bricks, each 2 bricks deep, placed in geometric configuration on floor Copper Ribbon, 1969; roll of strip of copper unravelling on floor.

Others valid for discussion include: D. Flavin, R. Serra, E. Hesse, T. Smith, and R. Smithson.

9. Describe and comment on **two** works of art, each by a different artist, made between c.1970 and 1990 which make reference to contemporary social issues.

Candidates are required to select two works in any medium which make reference to contemporary events/issues such as:

race, gender, violence, consumerism, environmental issues, globalisation, commodification of art, AIDS.

Maximum band 3 if only one artist used.

Examples

Tony Cragg, Riot, 1987

- large wall frieze; image of street-fighters and visored police (some mounted) with shields and weapons
- theme of urban violence not long after poll tax riots
- image made from coloured fragments of plastic scrap; material retains identity; dehumanises and destabilises figures
- material used taken from contemporary real world of industrial waste
- makes reference to ecology/contemporary urban landscape, waste/man-made environment.

Jean-Michel Basquiat, Charles 1, 1982

- triptych, acrylic and oil stick on canvas; combines text and graffiti-like, gestural mark making
- references to black American culture/ New York City urban environment, a black artist in a white art world
- about "royalty heroism and the streets" (Basquiat)
- Charles of title refers to the black hero Charlie Parker whose famous tune 'Cherokee' is juxtaposed with the word 'opera'
- other references to black American culture include: crown, feathers, black hand, Marvel comics
- spontaneous gestural style (influenced by de Kooning/Twombly) lends expressionistic immediacy to ideas and references

Other examples may include work by: H. Haacke, Gilbert & George, J. Koons, V. Burgin, Art and Language, J. Holzer and others with Feminist agenda.

10. Describe the characteristics of the architecture of **either** Philip Johnson **or** Robert Venturi. Answer with reference to specific examples.

Johnson, b.1906; Harvard, 1923-30; Director of Architecture Dept. of MOMA, NYC, 1930-36 and 1946-54; studied under Gropius and Breuer at Harvard, 1940-3; own practice in NYC since 1954

Reference to Johnson's work before 1960 is valid

Characteristics

- until c.1956 advocate and practitioner of Modernism; follower of and worked with Mies van der Rohe
 The Glass House, 1949; elegant glass prism; elementary geometric forms; perfection of detail; clearly
 expressed structure/materials
 - The Seagram Building, 1954-8, in collaboration with Mies
- change towards Post Modernism; "I got bored...we cannot not know history"; introduces historical references especially Classical; ideas expressed in The 7 Crutches of Architecture, 1955, and Processional Element in Architecture, 1965;
 - <u>Kreses Tifareth Synagogue</u>, 1954-56; first work to show historical references; Soane, Ledoux <u>Sheldon Memorial Art Library</u>, 1963; Beaux Arts symmetry, Schinkel, Palladio
- many tall prestigious commercial buildings for wealthy corporations throughout the U.S.; <u>AT&T Building</u>, 1978-83;

Gothic/Renaissance/neo-classical/Art Deco references; sheathed in pink granite; others, often combining hotel/office accommodation, characterised by shaped tops/articulated entrances, with a variety of playful historic references but which do not lose Modernist characteristics of crisp geometric profiles, glass sheathing and lack of ornament Penzoil Place, Houston, 1970-6.

Venturi, b.1925, Beaux-Arts/Art Historical training; residence in Rome 1954-56; worked with E. Saarinen, L. Kahn; formed own practice 1958; joined by Rauch, 1964, Denise Scott Brown 1967.

Characteristics

- major advocate and practitioner of Post Modernist theory and practice
- deliberately reverses Modernist ideas/approach/idiom
 "less is a bore"; ideas expressed in <u>Complexity and Contradiction in Architecture</u>, 1966; advocates virtues
 of a variety of past styles especially Mannerism; complex, layered forms as opposed to simple geometry
 <u>Guild House Retirement Home</u>, 1961, <u>Venna Venturi House</u>, 1962;
 Both show, gables, arches, broken pediments, columns, complex architectural compositions
- in partnership with Denise Scott Brown developed interest in urban vernacular/popular culture, architectural symbolism; idea of 'decorated shed'; expressed in <u>Learning from Las Vegas</u>, 1972; <u>Best Store</u>, 1977; bold floral applied decoration; <u>Basco Showroom</u>, 1979; giant "distracting" lettering "painted building out"; both intended to be "deliberately ugly and ordinary"
 - contextualisation; respect for/reference to existing buildings
 <u>Allen Art Museum</u>, Oberlin Ohio, 1973-6; colour and patterning of existing college
 <u>Sainsbury Wing</u>, National Gallery extension, 1980s; classical order of existing building continued; references to Modernism of neighbouring building.