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Paper 1 Art Discourse

For examination from 2026

SPECIMEN PAPER

3 hours



You must answer on the answer booklet.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **three** questions in total:
Section A: answer Question 1.
Section B: answer **one** question.
Section C: answer **one** question.
- An answer booklet will be provided with this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains all the resources referred to in the questions.

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Section A: Visual Analysis

Answer **all** parts **(1(a)–1(b))** of the question.

- 1** Study Figure 1.1 and comment on its visual qualities. Your response should focus on the following:

(a) the use of colour.

(b) the depiction of form and pictorial space.

[20]

Section B: Comparative Study

Answer **all** three parts **((a)–(c))** of **one** question.

- 2** Compare the two works (Figures 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3) and comment on how the artists have:

(a) used light, colour and space.

(b) considered the use of these visual qualities to influence the audience's experience.

(c) effectively explored novel ideas to integrate technology with art.

[30]

- 3** Compare the two works (Figures 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3) and comment on:

(a) the use of texture and mark making.

(b) the representation of subject matter and environments.

(c) the narratives of issues presented.

[30]

Section C: Discursive Essay

Answer **one** question, referring to artworks by at least **two** different artists.

- 4 In your opinion, does installation art allow artists to interact with contemporary society in a more effective manner than other forms of art? [30]
- 5 With the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its ability to create highly realistic artworks, how does the work of artists present a counter-narrative to the need for realistic representation? [30]

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