



SUBJECT: **Art**
PAPER NUMBER: Part I B – Thematic Project Work (100 marks)

DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

By Monday 13th August 2018, candidates must hand in all the work pertaining to Part I A – Coursework at the MATSEC Support Unit, University of Malta, or the Examinations Department, Victoria, Gozo.

In the case of candidates who will **not** be sitting for the examination for the first time:

- the coursework mark obtained previously – up to a maximum of five years from the candidate's first sit of the examination – may be carried forward to the 2018 Second Session upon request. Such a request may be made by sending an e-mail to matsec@um.edu.mt.
- Candidates who sat for the examination during the 2018 First Session have their coursework mark automatically carried forward to the 2018 Second Session unless a request stating otherwise is received from the candidate.
- New inserts (the total of which should not exceed the number stipulated by the syllabus) may be added to the coursework submitted during the 2018 First Session by Monday 13th August 2018.
- A new coursework altogether may be submitted by Monday 13th August 2018.

All new inserts should be marked clearly with the words '2018 Second Session' and should be submitted to the MATSEC Support Unit, University of Malta, Msida, or the Examinations Department, Victoria, Gozo by Monday 13th August 2018 as instructed in the timetable online.

On Friday 7th September 2018, candidates are to submit Part I B – Thematic Project Work at the MATSEC Support Unit or the Examinations Department, Victoria, Gozo. The Thematic Project Work is to be handed in between 8.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon.

The candidates' name, signature, photograph/s, self-portrait/s or any material that might disclose their identity **must not** feature in any part of what is submitted for assessment (including on the folder itself).

The Thematic Project Work (Part IB) must be separated from the other sections of the coursework and must be clearly distinguished by being marked accordingly.

The **number** and **title** of the starting point chosen for the Thematic Project Work (Part I B) are to be clearly written.

All submitted sheets are to be duly numbered and a 'List of Contents' indicating all the works must be included in the folder.

Work in progress can be discussed with the tutor/s but it has to be developed in a personal way. **The work should be entirely the candidate's.**

The candidates may submit work in any medium. However, media such as hypodermic needles, syringes, broken glass, barbed wire, raw plaster, unfired clay, fresh organic matter, razor blades and any media that might constitute a potential hazard are **not** permissible and must **not** be included.

Heavy or decorative mounting, boards thicker than 3 mm, frames and canvas stretchers must **not** be included in the folder while excessive mounting is **not** recommended.

Folders not adhering strictly to the rules and regulations indicated in the syllabus will **not** be accepted or assessed. Syllabi can be accessed through the following link:
www.um.edu.mt/matsec/syllabi

The Coursework shall remain the property of the MATSEC Examinations Board, but may be returned to the candidates at the discretion of the Board. Should the Coursework, including the Thematic Project Work, be returned to the candidates, it is **only** done so on the date/s stipulated by the MATSEC Support Unit (during the week starting Monday 29th October 2018 between 8.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, and 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.). It is therefore suggested that prior to submitting their work at the MATSEC Support Unit, or the Examinations Department, Victoria, Gozo, candidates keep digital records of their work, particularly if they wish to exhibit their work to other institutions.

PART I B – THEMATIC PROJECT WORK

Candidates are required to choose ONE starting point from the following list:

1. **Chinese Lanterns.** Create a composition which transmits the magical and spectacular play of flickering lights in floating coloured paper-lanterns.
2. **Open Borders.** 'We were looking for security and protection. We had no food, no shelter. We were desperate. We needed help.' Present work that engages with the debate on opening borders.
3. The **honey comb** is a mass of geometric wax structures built by honey-bees in their nests. Create a work inspired by such formations.
4. **Lifts and elevators.** Elevators may cause feelings of claustrophobia and panic due to their confined space. Produce work that captures such feelings of panic and anxiety.
5. **Beach barbeque.** Create a composition that captures the atmosphere of a barbecue gathering at sunset.
6. **Maestro Joseph Vella (1942-2018).** Music was his entire life. Produce a semi-abstract work which is inspired by your reaction to his music.

Emphasis should be placed on investigative research and the development and realisation of ideas.

The Thematic Project Work must include **ONE** final piece as well as other preparatory studies. The work presented must show the candidates' focused investigation, development, critical analysis and realisation of the selected theme. The preparatory work may also suggest other valid directions of investigation of the chosen theme.

Candidates are required to communicate their understanding and thinking process through integrated images and brief annotations.

All work pertaining to the Thematic Project (final piece, research, preparatory studies, etc.) must be presented on **FOUR** A2 sheets (420 mm x 594 mm). The works and the relevant annotations can either be carried out directly or pasted onto the presentation sheets. Photographs which document large works, three dimensional works, installations and other works can also be included. The candidates may use their discretion as to whether to use one or both sides of each of the said sheets. The sheets should be clearly marked and numbered accordingly.



SUBJECT:	Art
PAPER NUMBER:	Part II – Section A: Work from Observation (100 marks)
DATE:	6 th September 2018
TIME:	5:15 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your **index, paper, section** and **option number** within the space provided.

SECTION A: WORK FROM OBSERVATION

You may attempt only **ONE** of the two options offered – the one you indicated on the application form.

- Option (i) Still-Life with Natural and/or Man-Made Forms
- Option (ii) The Human Figure

This section may be executed either in drawing or painting.

A2 size paper is provided by MATSEC. You may use an alternative A2 size paper (420 mm x 594 mm) provided that it is brought in as supplied by the manufacturer and is **not** tampered with in any way. The paper needs to be signed at the back by the examination supervisor/invigilator **before** any work is carried out. The supervisor/invigilator should also write his/her name next to his/her signature.

Sketches done during the examination must be handed in with the final work.

Work may be executed in monochrome or in colour. Any quick-drying medium or a combination of media can be used. Chalk-pastels, charcoal and other material liable to smudge must be fixed.

Option (i) Still-Life with Natural and/or Man-Made Forms

Candidates are to produce work from observation of a group of six objects which may include natural and/or man-made forms. The objects and their setting are the responsibility of the MATSEC Examinations Board.

Option (ii) The Human Figure

The model is provided by MATSEC and is to assume a two-hour pose not including the rest intervals. The pose of the model is set during the examination session by the supervisor as instructed by MATSEC. The rest intervals taken by the model will be added at the end of the session.

Candidates must produce **ONE** quick study **OR A NUMBER** of quick studies during the first fifteen minutes, followed by **ONE** in-depth study during the rest of the examination time.



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PAPER NUMBER:	Part II – Section A: Work from Observation (100 marks)
DATE:	6 th September 2018
TIME:	5:15 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINATION SUPERVISOR**Part II – Section A: Option (ii) – The Human Figure****Model's pose:**

The model sits frontally, in a relaxed position, with his/her back against the chair. Both arms are placed behind his/her back and resting on the seat. His/her legs are stretched out and his/her right leg crosses over the left. The head is turned slightly down and to the right.

Model's dress-code:

The model should wear a tight T-shirt and trousers. Jeanswear is to be avoided. The T-shirt and trousers need to be light in colour, preferably plain (i.e. without stripes, dots, prints, etc). Black and other very dark colours are to be avoided.



SUBJECT:	Art
PAPER NUMBER:	Part II – Section B: History of Art – Critical Analysis (100 marks)
DATE:	6 th September 2018
TIME:	4:00 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.

DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your **index, paper, section** and **question number** within the space provided.

Choose **TWO** of the six works presented below and write an in-depth critical analysis on each one.

Discuss the general stylistic and historical context of the works, the contribution of the particular artist (when known), as well as the iconography, meaning, and formal and technical characteristics of the works. Although the list (in the syllabus) refers to painting and sculpture, you are encouraged to also refer to other art forms.

It is suggested that you spend 30 minutes on **each** of the two critical analyses.

1. *Sarcophagus of Junius Bassus*, c. 356, St Peter's Treasury, Rome
2. *The Betrothal of the Arnolfini*, Jan van Eyck, 1434, National Gallery, London
3. *Madonna with Saints and Members of the Pesaro Family*, Titiano Vecelli, 1519-1528, Santa Maria dei Frari, Venice
4. *Allegory on the Blessings of Peace*, Peter Paul Rubens, 1630, National Gallery, London
5. *The Scream*, Edvard Munch, 1893, National Gallery of Oslo, Oslo
6. *Standing by the Rags*, Lucien Freud, 1988, Tate Gallery, London

INSTRUCTIONS TO MATSEC

Thematic Project Work starting points: to be received by candidates at least three weeks before the commencement of the MATSEC examinations.

Candidates must choose only **ONE** option from the two options provided i.e. Still-Life or The Human Figure – that indicated by them on the application form.

All models should be of the same gender.

List of Objects needed for Work from Observation – Still-Life:

1. A cardboard box
2. A wine bottle
3. A kitchen roll
4. A ball
5. A ceramic mug
6. A lemon



6.



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