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

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### **DIRECTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

By Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 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 2020 Supplementary Session upon request. The coursework mark that can be carried forward does not include that of the Thematic Project. Such a request may be made by sending an e-mail to matsec@um.edu.mt.
- Candidates who sat for the examination during the 2020 Special Session have their coursework mark automatically carried forward to the 2020 Supplementary Session unless a request stating otherwise is received from the candidate. The coursework mark that can be carried forward does not include that of the Thematic Project.
- New inserts (the total of which should not exceed the number stipulated by the syllabus) may be added to the coursework submitted during the 2020 Special Session by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.
- A new coursework altogether may be submitted by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

All new inserts should be marked clearly with the words '2020 Supplementary Session' and should be submitted to the MATSEC Support Unit, University of Malta, Msida, or the Examinations Department, Victoria, Gozo by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 as instructed in the timetable online.

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On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020, candidates are to insert Part I B – Thematic Project Work in the same folder submitted at the MATSEC Support Unit or the Examinations Department, Victoria, Gozo on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Thematic Project Work is to be handed in at the MATSEC Support Unit, University of Malta, Msida or the Examinations Department, Victoria, Gozo between 8.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon, and between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

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:  
<http://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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 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. **Places of worship** are often imbued with a spiritual atmosphere conditioned by various interior and exterior elements. Create a work that captures the ambience found in such places.
2. **Waste collectors' trucks** go around our streets every day, collecting our waste, helping us to keep our homes and environment clean. Produce a composition that shows the important role these people play in our life.
3. **Front line at the hospital...** the heroes in the thick of the Covid-19 pandemic. Create a composition inspired by what happens in hospitals in a time of crisis.
4. **Knives and scissors.** Create a semi-abstract composition based on your studies of the forms, shapes, colours and contours of different knives and scissors.
5. **Inside looking out.** Use the painting *Figure at a window* by Salvador Dali (1904-1989) as your point of departure to create a composition based on your own experience in a similar situation.
6. **Gustav Klimt (1862-1918) and Alphonse Mucha (1860-1939).** Study the works of both artists and create a composition based on the colourful mosaic-like paintings of Klimt and the sensual, sinuous outlines of Mucha.

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.




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SUBJECT:	<b>Art</b>
PAPER NUMBER:	Part II – Section A: Work from Observation (100 marks)
DATE:	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
TIME:	10:15 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

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### **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 and is authenticated by the session invigilator **before** you start your work. It 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 Board. 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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**INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINATION SUPERVISOR****Part II – Section A: Option (ii) – The Human Figure****Model's pose:**

The model sits frontally, in a relaxed position on a chair. His/her arms crossed on his/her chest. His/her left leg placed inwards beneath the seat, while the right stretches slightly to the front.

**Model's dress-code:**

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



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SUBJECT:	<b>Art</b>
PAPER NUMBER:	Part II – Section B: History of Art – Critical Analysis (100 marks)
DATE:	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
TIME:	9:00 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.

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**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 syllabus list refers only 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. *Trajan's Column*, 113, Trajan Forum, Rome
2. *Annunciation*, Simone Martini, 1333, Uffizi Gallery, Florence
3. *Birth of Venus*, Sandro Botticelli, c. 1485, Uffizi Gallery, Florence
4. *Rape of the Sabine Women*, Giambologna, 1574-1582, Loggia dei Lanzi, Florence
5. *Death of Marat*, Jacques Louis David, 1793, Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Brussels
6. *Les Femmes d'Alger (O. J.)*, Pablo Picasso, 1907, MoMA, New York City

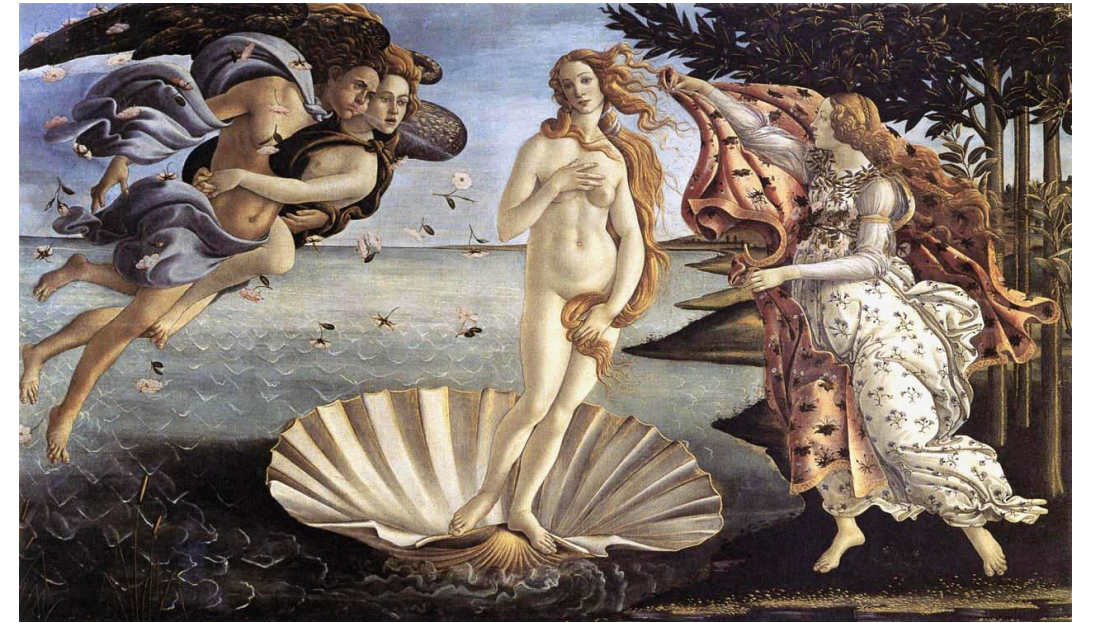
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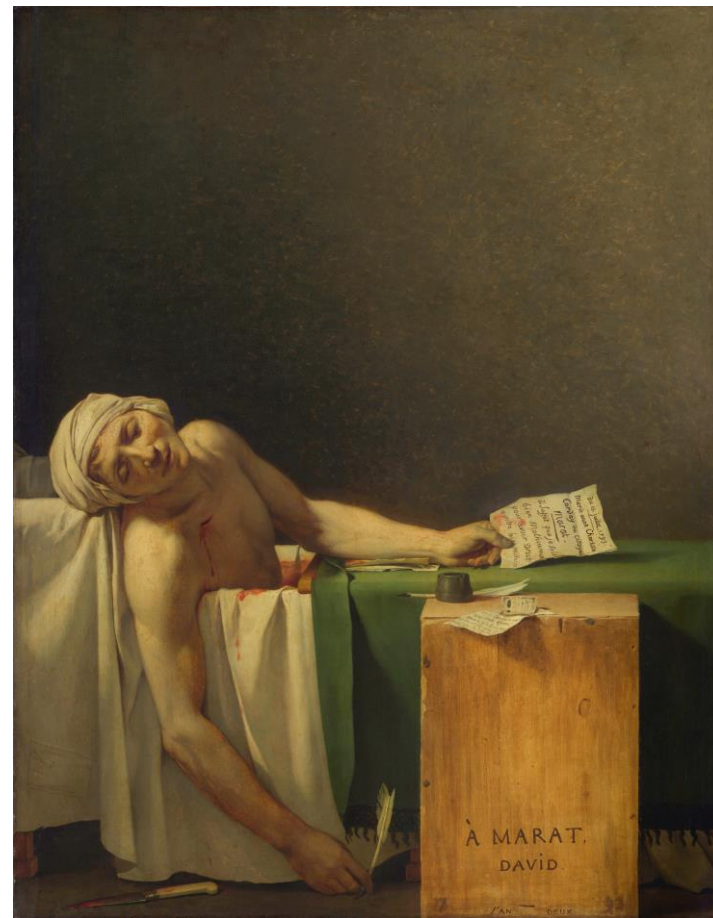
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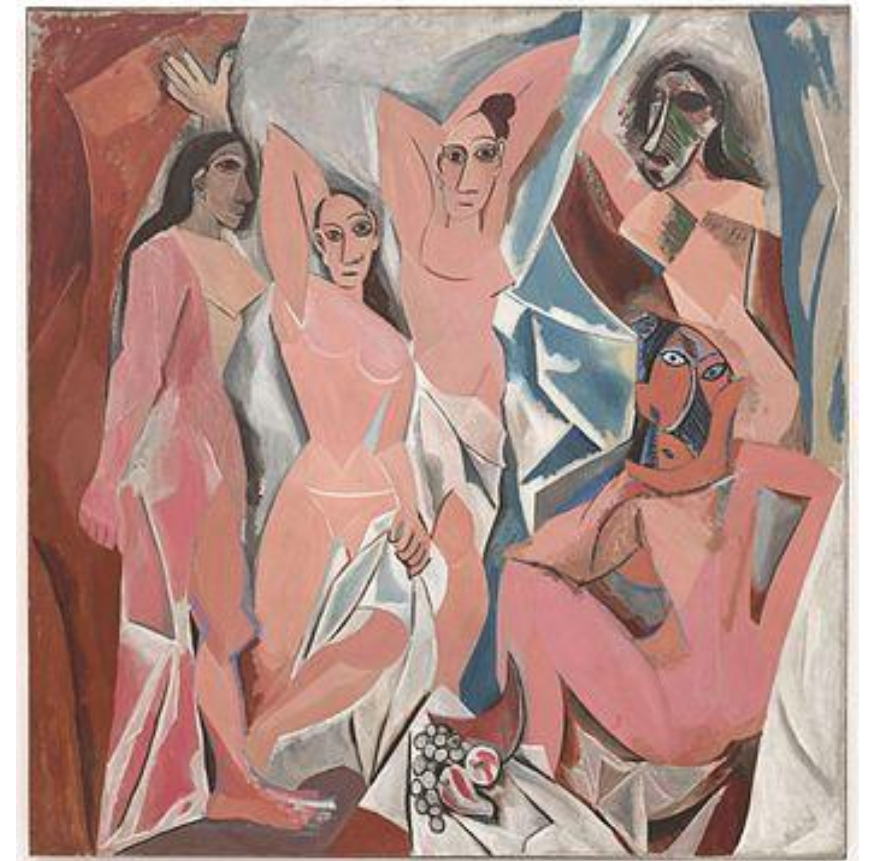
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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO MATSEC**

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 with open lids
2. A rolled newspaper
3. A wine bottle
4. A mug
5. A small towel
6. A ball