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| 1–4 | * Exhibits mediocre understanding of the ideas and techniques that underpin artistic expression. * Demonstrates an attempt to produce some personally relevant artworks that show some exploration of ideas reflecting cultural and historical awareness and artistic qualities. * Shows the beginnings of development of the use of materials but ideas remain unresolved. * Displays mediocre technical competence. |
| 5–8 | * Exhibits satisfactory understanding of the ideas and techniques that underpin artistic expression. * Demonstrates the production of personally relevant artworks that show satisfactory exploration of ideas reflecting cultural and historical awareness and artistic qualities. * Shows development of ideas. * Displays a developing sensitivity to materials and their use, resulting in a partial resolution of ideas and medium. * Displays satisfactory technical competence. |
| 9–12 | * Exhibits good understanding of the ideas and techniques that underpin artistic expression. * Demonstrates the production of personally relevant artworks that show good exploration of ideas reflecting cultural and historical awareness and artistic qualities. * Shows development of ideas and strategies for expression. * Displays sensitivity to materials and their use. The work has been reviewed and modified as it has progressed, resulting in an increasingly informed resolution of ideas and medium. * Displays good technical competence. * Demonstrates an emerging confidence. * Shows self-direction and an increasingly independent judgment. |
| 13–16 | * Exhibits very good understanding of the ideas and techniques that underpin artistic expression. * Consistently demonstrates the production of personally relevant artworks that show very good exploration of ideas reflecting cultural and historical awareness and artistic qualities. * Shows thoughtful development of ideas and strategies for expression. * Displays sensitivity to materials and their use. The collection of work has been reviewed, modified and refined as it has progressed, resulting in an informed resolution of ideas and medium. * Displays very good technical competence. * Demonstrates confidence and inventiveness. * Shows self-direction and independent judgment. |
| 17–20 | * Exhibits excellent understanding of the ideas and techniques that underpin artistic expression. * Consistently demonstrates the production of personally relevant artworks that show excellent exploration of ideas reflecting cultural and historical awareness and artistic qualities. * Shows thoughtful development of ideas and strategies for expression. * Displays sensitivity to materials and their use. The coherent body of work has been reviewed, modified and refined as it has progressed, resulting in an accomplished resolution of ideas and medium. * Displays excellent technical competence. * Demonstrates confidence and inventiveness. * Shows an informed, reflective judgment that challenges and extends personal boundaries. |

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