

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Assessment Criteria

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Language and Literature Assessment Criteria

Year 1 - Criterion A - Analyzing

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. provides minimal identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts ii. provides minimal identification and comment upon the creator's choices iii. rarely justifies opinions and ideas with examples or explanations; uses little or no terminology iv. identifies few similarities and differences in features within and between texts .
3 - 4	The student: i. provides adequate identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts ii. provides adequate identification and comment upon the creator's choices iii. justifies opinions and ideas with some examples and explanations, though this may not be consistent; uses some terminology iv. identifies some similarities and differences in features within and between texts .
5 - 6	The student: i. provides substantial identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts ii. provides substantial identification and comment upon the creator's choices iii. sufficiently justifies opinions and ideas with examples and explanations; uses accurate terminology iv. describes some similarities and differences in features within and between texts .
7 - 8	The student: i. provides perceptive identification and comment upon significant aspects of texts ii. provides perceptive identification and comment upon the creator's choices iii. gives detailed justification of opinions and ideas with a range of examples, and thorough explanations; uses accurate terminology iv. compares and contrasts features within and between texts .

Year 1 - Criterion B - Organizing

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. makes minimal use of organizational structures, though these may not always serve the context and intention ii. organizes opinions and ideas with a minimal degree of logic iii. makes minimal use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style that may not always be suitable to the context and intention.
3 - 4	The student: i. makes adequate use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention ii. organizes opinions and ideas with some degree of logic iii. makes adequate use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.
5 - 6	The student: i. makes competent use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention ii. organizes opinions and ideas in a logical manner, with ideas building on each other iii. makes competent use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.
7 - 8	The student: i. makes sophisticated use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention effectively ii. effectively organizes opinions and ideas in a logical manner with ideas building on each other in a sophisticated way iii. makes excellent use of referencing and formatting tools to create an effective presentation style.

Year 1 - Criterion C - Producing text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. produces texts that demonstrate limited personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates a limited degree of thought or imagination and minimal exploration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes minimal stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating limited awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects few relevant details and examples to support ideas.
3 - 4	The student: i. produces texts that demonstrate adequate personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates some thought or imagination and some exploration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes some stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating some awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects some relevant details and examples to support ideas.
5 - 6	The student: i. produces texts that demonstrate considerable personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates considerable thought or imagination and substantial exploration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes thoughtful stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating good awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects sufficient relevant details and examples to support ideas.
7 - 8	The student: i. produces texts that demonstrate a high degree of personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates a high degree of thought or imagination and perceptive exploration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes perceptive stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating clear awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects extensive relevant details and examples to support ideas.

Year 1 - Criterion D - Using language

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. uses a limited range of appropriate vocabulary and forms of expression ii. writes and speaks in an inappropriate register and style that do not serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with limited accuracy; errors often hinder communication iv. spells/writes and pronounces with limited accuracy; errors often hinder communication v. makes limited and/or inappropriate use of non-verbal communication techniques.
3 - 4	The student: i. uses an adequate range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression ii. sometimes writes and speaks in a register and style that serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with some degree of accuracy; errors sometimes hinder communication iv. spells/writes and pronounces with some degree of accuracy; errors sometimes hinder communication v. makes some use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.
5 - 6	The student: i. uses a varied range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression competently ii. writes and speaks competently in a register and style that serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a considerable degree of accuracy; errors do not hinder effective communication iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a considerable degree of accuracy; errors do not hinder effective communic. v. makes sufficient use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.
7 - 8	The student: i. effectively uses a range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression ii. writes and speaks in a consistently appropriate register and style that serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a high degree of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is effective iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a high degree of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is effective v. makes effective use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.

Year 3 - Criterion A - Analyzing

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. provides minimal identification or explanation of the content, context, language, structure, technique and style, and does not explain the relationship among texts ii. provides minimal identification and explanation of the effects of the creator's choices on an audience iii. rarely justifies opinions and ideas with examples or explanations; uses little or no terminology iv. interprets few similarities and differences in features within and between genres and texts.
3 - 4	The student: i. provides adequate identification and explanation of the content, context, language, structure, technique and style, and some explanation of the relationship among texts ii. provides adequate identification and explanation of the effects of the creator's choices on an audience iii. justifies opinions and ideas with some examples and explanations, though this may not be consistent; uses some terminology iv. interprets some similarities and differences in features within and between genres and texts.
5 - 6	The student: i. provides substantial identification and explanation of the content, context, language, structure, technique and style, and explains the relationship among texts ii. provides substantial identification and explanation of the effects of the creator's choices on an audience iii. sufficiently justifies opinions and ideas with examples and explanations; uses accurate terminology iv. competently interprets similarities and differences in features within and between genres and texts.
7 - 8	The student: i. provides perceptive identification and explanation of the content, context, language, structure, technique and style, and explains the relationship among texts thoroughly ii. provides perceptive identification and explanation of the effects of the creator's choices on an audience iii. gives detailed justification of opinions and ideas with a range of examples, and thorough explanations; uses accurate terminology iv. perceptively compares and contrasts features within and between genres and texts.

Year 3 - Criterion B - Organizing

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. makes minimal use of organizational structures though these may not always serve the context and intention ii. organizes opinions and ideas with a minimal degree of coherence and logic iii. makes minimal use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style that may not always be suitable to the context and intention.
3 - 4	The student: i. makes adequate use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention ii. organizes opinions and ideas with some degree of coherence and logic iii. makes adequate use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.
5 - 6	The student: i. makes competent use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention ii. organizes opinions and ideas in a coherent and logical manner with ideas building on each other iii. makes competent use of referencing and formatting tools to create a presentation style suitable to the context and intention.
7 - 8	The student: i. makes sophisticated use of organizational structures that serve the context and intention effectively ii. effectively organizes opinions and ideas in a coherent and logical manner with ideas building on each other in a sophisticated way iii. makes excellent use of referencing and formatting tools to create an effective presentation style.

Year 3 - Criterion C - Producing text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. produces texts that demonstrate limited personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates a limited degree of thought, imagination and sensitivity and minimal exploration and consideration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes minimal stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating limited awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects few relevant details and examples to develop ideas.
3 - 4	The student: i. produces texts that demonstrate adequate personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates some degree of thought, imagination and sensitivity and some exploration and consideration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes some stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating adequate awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects some relevant details and examples to develop ideas.
5 - 6	The student: i. produces texts that demonstrate considerable personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates considerable thought, imagination and sensitivity and substantial exploration and consideration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes thoughtful stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating good awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects sufficient relevant details and examples to develop ideas.
7 - 8	The student: i. produces texts that demonstrate a high degree of personal engagement with the creative process; demonstrates a high degree of thought, imagination and sensitivity and perceptive exploration and consideration of new perspectives and ideas ii. makes perceptive stylistic choices in terms of linguistic, literary and visual devices, demonstrating clear awareness of impact on an audience iii. selects extensive relevant details and examples to develop ideas with precision.

Year 3 - Criterion D - Using language

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. uses a limited range of appropriate vocabulary and forms of expression ii. writes and speaks in an inappropriate register and style that do not serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with limited accuracy; errors often hinder communication iv. spells/writes and pronounces with limited accuracy; errors often hinder communication v. makes limited and/or inappropriate use of non-verbal communication techniques.
3 - 4	The student: i. uses an adequate range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression ii. sometimes writes and speaks in a register and style that serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with some degree of accuracy; errors sometimes hinder communication iv. spells/writes and pronounces with some degree of accuracy; errors sometimes hinder communication v. makes some use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.
5 - 6	The student: i. uses a varied range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression competently ii. writes and speaks competently in a register and style that serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a considerable degree of accuracy; errors do not hinder effective communication iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a considerable degree of accuracy; errors do not hinder effective communication v. makes sufficient use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.
7 - 8	The student: i. effectively uses a varied range of appropriate vocabulary, sentence structures and forms of expression ii. writes and speaks in a consistently appropriate register and style that serve the context and intention iii. uses grammar, syntax and punctuation with a high degree of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is effective iv. spells/writes and pronounces with a high degree of accuracy; errors are minor and communication is effective v. makes effective use of appropriate non-verbal communication techniques.

Language Acquisition Assessment Criteria

Phase 1 - Criterion A - Knowing and understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. identifies minimal basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has limited awareness of basic conventions iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a personal response to the text. The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
3 - 4	The student: i. identifies some basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has some awareness of basic conventions iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some personal response to the text. The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
5 - 6	The student: i. identifies most basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has considerable awareness of basic conventions iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
7 - 8	The student: i. clearly identifies basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has excellent awareness of basic conventions iii. engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.

Phase 1 - Criterion B - Comprehending written and visual text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. identifies minimal basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has limited awareness of basic aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages minimally with the written and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a personal response to the text. The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
3 - 4	The student: i. identifies some basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has some awareness of basic aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages adequately with the written and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some personal response to the text. The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
5 - 6	The student: i. identifies most basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has considerable awareness of basic aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
7 - 8	The student: i. clearly identifies basic facts, messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has excellent awareness of basic aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.

Phase 1 - Criterion C - Communicating in response to spoken and/or written text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. makes limited attempt to respond to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. interacts minimally in simple and rehearsed exchanges, using verbal and non-verbal language iii. uses minimal basic phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information on a limited range of aspects of everyday topics iv. communicates with a limited sense of audience.
3 - 4	The student: i. responds to simple short phrases and basic informationin spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. interacts to some degree in simple and rehearsed exchanges, using verbal and non-verbal language iii. uses some basic phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information on a limited range of aspects of everyday topics iv. communicates with some sense of audience.
5 - 6	The student: i. responds appropriately to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts considerably in simple and rehearsed exchanges, using verbal and non-verbal language iii. uses basic phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information on some aspects of everyday topics iv. communicates with a considerable sense of audience.
7 - 8	The student: i. responds in detail and appropriately to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts confidently in simple and rehearsed exchanges, using verbal and non-verbal language iii. uses basic phrases effectively to communicate ideas, feelings and information on a variety of aspects of everyday topics iv. communicates with an excellent sense of audience.

Phase 1 - Criterion D - Using language in spoken and/or written form

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. has difficulty to write/speak using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with many errors, making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited basic information, and basic cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3 - 4	The student: i. writes/speaks using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, some of which make understanding difficult ii. organizes some basic information and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5 - 6	The student: i. writes/speaks making good use of a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately ; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors , though these do not interfere with comprehensibility ii. organizes basic information and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.
7 - 8	The student: i. writes/speaks effectively using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions accurately ; when speaking, uses clear pronunciation and excellent intonation, making communication easy ii. organizes basic information clearly and uses a range of basic cohesive devices accurately iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

Phase 2 - Criterion A - Knowing and understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. shows minimal understanding of messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has limited awareness of basic conventions iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a personal response to the text. The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
3 - 4	The student: i. shows some understanding of messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has some awareness of basic conventions iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some personal response to the text. The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
5 - 6	The student: i. shows considerable understanding of messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has considerable awareness of basic conventions iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
7 - 8	The student: i. shows excellent understanding of messages, main ideas and supporting details ii. has excellent awareness of basic conventions iii. engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.

Phase 2 - Criterion B - Comprehending written and visual text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. identifies minimal basic facts and main ideas but few supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions ii. has limited awareness of basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages minimally with the written and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a personal response to the text. The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
3 - 4	The student: i. identifies some basic facts, main ideas and supporting details; is not always able to draw conclusions ii. recognizes some basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages adequately with the written and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some personal response to the text. The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
5 - 6	The student: i. identifies most basic facts, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. recognizes most basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
7 - 8	The student: i. clearly identifies basic facts, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. clearly recognizes basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a personal response to the text. The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.

Phase 2 - Criterion C - Communicating in response to spoken and/or written text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. makes limited attempt to respond to simple short phrases or basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. interacts minimally in basic structured exchanges iii. uses minimal phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information in a limited range of familiar situations iv. communicates with a limited sense of audience.
3 - 4	The student: i. responds to simple short phrases and some basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. interacts to some degree in basic structured exchanges iii. uses some phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information in a limited range of familiar situations; ideas are not always relevant or detailed iv. communicates with some sense of audience.
5 - 6	The student: i. responds appropriately to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts considerably in basic structured exchanges iii. uses phrases to communicate ideas, feelings and information in some familiar situations; ideas are relevant and detailed iv. communicates with a considerable sense of audience.
7 - 8	The student: i. responds in detail and appropriately to simple short phrases and basic information in spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts confidently in basic structured exchanges iii. uses phrases effectively to communicate ideas, feelings and information in a variety of familiar situations; ideas are relevant, detailed and include examples iv. communicates with an excellent sense of audience.

Phase 2 - Criterion D - Using language in spoken and/or written form

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. has difficulty to write/speak using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with many errors, making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited basic information and ideas, and basic cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3 - 4	The student: i. writes/speaks using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, some of which make understanding difficult ii. organizes some basic information and ideas, and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5 - 6	The student: i. writes/speaks making good use of a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately ; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors , though these do not interfere with comprehensibility ii. organizes basic information and ideas well , and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.
7 - 8	The student: i. writes/speaks effectively using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions accurately; occasional errors do not interfere with communication. When speaking, uses clear pronunciation and excellent intonation, making communication easy ii. organizes basic information and ideas clearly, and uses a range of basic cohesive devices accurately; there is a logical structure and cohesive devices add clarity to the message iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

Phase 3 - Criterion A - Knowing and understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. shows minimal understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and is not able to draw conclusions ii. has limited understanding of conventions iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
3 - 4	The student: i. shows some understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws some conclusions ii. has some understanding of conventions iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
5 - 6	The student: i. shows considerable understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. has considerable understanding of conventions iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
7 - 8	The student: i. shows excellent understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. has excellent understanding of conventions iii. engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.

Phase 3 - Criterion B - Comprehending written and visual text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. shows minimal understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and is not able to draw conclusions ii. has limited understanding of basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages minimally with the written and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
3 - 4	The student: i. shows some understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws some conclusions ii. understands some basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages adequately with the written and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
5 - 6	The student: i. shows considerable understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. understands most basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
7 - 8	The student: i. shows excellent understanding of information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. clearly understands basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.

Phase 3 - Criterion C - Communicating in response to spoken and/or written text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. makes limited attempt to respond to spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. interacts minimally in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges iii. expresses few ideas and feelings and communicates minimal information in familiar and some unfamiliar situations iv. communicates with a limited sense of audience and purpose.
3 - 4	The student: i. responds to spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. interacts to some degree in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges iii. expresses some ideas and feelings and communicates some information in familiar and some unfamiliar situations; ideas are not always relevant or detailed iv. communicates with some sense of audience and purpose.
5 - 6	The student: i. responds appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. interacts considerably in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges iii. expresses ideas and feelings and communicates information in familiar and some unfamiliar situations; ideas are relevant and detailed iv. communicates with a considerable sense of audience and purpose.
7 - 8	The student: i. responds in detail and appropriately to spoken and/or written and/ or visual text ii. interacts confidently in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges iii. effectively expresses a wide range of ideas and feelings and communicates information in familiar and some unfamiliar situations; ideas are relevant and opinions are supported by examples and illustrations iv. communicates with an excellent sense of audience and purpose.

Phase 3 - Criterion D - Using language in spoken and/or written form

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. has difficulty to write/speak using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with many errors, making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited information and ideas, and basic cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3 - 4	The student: i. writes/speaks using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, some of which make understanding difficult ii. organizes some information and ideas, and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5 - 6	The student: i. writes/speaks making good use of a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately ; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors , though these do not interfere with comprehensibility ii. organizes information and ideas well , and uses a limited range of basic cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.
7 - 8	The student: i. writes/speaks effectively using a basic range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions accurately; occasional errors do not interfere with communication. When speaking, uses clear pronunciation and excellent intonation, making communication easy ii. organizes information and ideas clearly, and uses a range of basic cohesive devices accurately; there is a logical structure and cohesive devices add clarity to the message iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

Phase 4 - Criterion A - Knowing and understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. has difficulty constructing meaning from information or main ideas and supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions ii. has difficulty interpreting conventions iii. engages minimally with the spoken and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
3 - 4	The student: i. constructs some meaning and draws some conclusions from information, main ideas and some supporting details ii. interprets some conventions iii. engages adequately with the spoken and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
5 - 6	The student: i. constructs considerable meaning and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. interprets most conventions iii. engages considerably with the spoken and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
7 - 8	The student: i. constructs extensive meaning and draws conclusions from information, main ideas and supporting details ii. interprets conventions iii. engages thoroughly with the spoken and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.

Phase 4 - Criterion B - Comprehending written and visual text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. has difficulty constructing meaning by identifying stated information or main ideas and supporting details; is not able to draw conclusions ii. has difficulty interpreting basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages minimally with the written and visual text by identifying few ideas, opinions and attitudes; has difficulty making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows limited understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
3 - 4	The student: i. constructs some meaning from stated and some implied information, main ideas and supporting details; draws some conclusions ii. interprets some basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages adequately with the written and visual text by identifying some ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making some response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows some understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
5 - 6	The student: i. constructs considerable meaning by identifying stated and implied information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. interprets most basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages considerably with the written and visual text by identifying most ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows considerable understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.
7 - 8	The student: i. constructs extensive meaning by identifying stated and implied information, main ideas and supporting details, and draws conclusions ii. interprets basic conventions including aspects of format and style, and author's purpose for writing iii. engages thoroughly with the written and visual text by identifying ideas, opinions and attitudes and by making a response to the text based on personal experiences and opinions. The student shows thorough understanding of the content, context and concepts of the text as a whole.

Phase 4 - Criterion C - Communicating in response to spoken and/or written text

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. makes limited attempt to respond to spoken and/or written and/or visual text; responses are often inappropriate ii. engages minimally in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges; ideas are not always related to topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses few ideas and feelings, and communicates minimal information in simple and complex texts iv. communicates with a limited sense of audience and purpose.
3 - 4	The student: i. responds to spoken and/or written and/or visual text, though some responses may be inappropriate ii. engages to some degree in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share some ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses some ideas and feelings, and communicates some information in simple and complex texts; ideas are not always relevant or detailed iv. communicates with some sense of audience and purpose.
5 - 6	The student: i. responds appropriately to spoken and/or written and/or visual text ii. engages considerably in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. expresses ideas and feelings, and communicates information in simple and complex texts; ideas are relevant and detailed iv. communicates with a considerable sense of audience and purpose.
7 - 8	The student: i. responds in detail and appropriately to spoken and/or written and/ or visual text ii. engages confidently in rehearsed and unrehearsed exchanges to share a variety of informative and organized ideas on topics of personal and global significance iii. effectively expresses a wide range of ideas and feelings, and communicates information in simple and complex texts; ideas are relevant and developed, and opinions are supported by examples and illustrations iv. communicates with an excellent sense of audience and purpose.

Phase 4 - Criterion D - Using language in spoken and/or written form

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. has difficulty to write/speak using a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with many errors, making understanding difficult ii. organizes limited information, and cohesive devices are not used iii. makes minimal use of language to suit the context.
3 - 4	The student: i. writes/speaks using a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, with some inappropriate choices; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors, some of which make understanding difficult ii. organizes some information and ideas, and uses a limited range of cohesive devices, not always appropriately iii. uses language to suit the context to some degree.
5 - 6	The student: i. writes/speaks making good use of a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions, generally accurately; when speaking, uses pronunciation and intonation with some errors , though these do not interfere with comprehensibility ii. organizes information and ideas well , and uses a limited range of cohesive devices accurately iii. usually uses language to suit the context.
7 - 8	The student: i. writes/speaks effectively using a range of vocabulary, grammatical structures and conventions accurately; occasional errors do not interfere with communication. When speaking, uses clear pronunciation and excellent intonation, making communication easy ii. organizes information and ideas clearly into a well-structured text; uses a range of cohesive devices accurately, adding clarity and coherence to the message iii. uses language effectively to suit the context.

Individuals and Societies Assessment Criteria

Year 1 - Criterion A - Knowing and understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. recognizes some vocabulary ii. demonstrates basic knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through limited descriptions and/or examples.
3 - 4	The student: i. uses some vocabulary ii. demonstrates satisfactory knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through simple descriptions, explanations and/or examples.
5 - 6	The student: i. uses considerable relevant vocabulary, often accurately ii. demonstrates substantial knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through descriptions, explanations and examples.
7 - 8	The student: i. consistently uses relevant vocabulary accurately ii. demonstrates excellent knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through detailed descriptions, explanations and examples.

Year 1 - Criterion B - Investigating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. identifies a research question ii. follows an action plan in a limited way to explore a research question iii. collects and records information, to a limited extent iv. with guidance, reflects on the research process and results, to a limited extent.
3 - 4	The student: i. describes the choice of a research question ii. partially follows an action plan to explore a research question iii. uses a method or methods to collect and record some relevant information iv. with guidance, reflects on the research process and results with some depth.
5 - 6	The student: i. describes the choice of a research question in detail ii. mostly follows an action plan to explore a research question iii. uses method(s) to collect and record often relevant information iv. reflects on the research process and results.
7 - 8	The student: i. explains the choice of a research question ii. effectively follows an action plan to explore a research question iii. uses methods to collect and record consistently relevant information iv. thoroughly reflects on the research process and results.

Individuals and Societies, cont'd

Year 1 - Criterion C - Communicating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. communicates information and ideas in a style that is not always clear ii. organizes information and ideas in a limited way iii. inconsistently lists sources, not following the task instructions.
3 - 4	The student: i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is somewhat clear ii. somewhat organizes information and ideas iii. lists sources in a way that sometimes follows the task instructions.
5 - 6	The student: i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is mostly clear ii. mostly organizes information and ideas iii. lists sources in a way that often follows the task instructions.
7 - 8	The student: i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is completely clear ii. completely organizes information and ideas effectively iii. lists sources in a way that always follows the task instructions.

Year 1 - Criterion D - Thinking critically

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. identifies the main points of ideas, events, visual representation or arguments to a limited extent ii. rarely uses information to justify opinions iii. identifies the origin and purpose of limited sources/data iv. identifies some different views.
3 - 4	The student: i. identifies some main points of ideas, events, visual representation or arguments ii. justifies opinions with some information iii. identifies the origin and purpose of sources/data iv. identifies some different views and suggests some of their implications.
5 - 6	The student: i. identifies the main points of ideas, events, visual representation or arguments ii. gives sufficient justification of opinions using information iii. identifies the origin and purpose of a range of sources/data iv. identifies different views and most of their implications.
7 - 8	The student: i. identifies in detail the main points of ideas, events, visual representation or arguments ii. gives detailed justification of opinions using information iii. consistently identifies and analyses a range of sources/data in terms of origin and purpose iv. consistently identifies different views and their implications

Individuals and Societies, cont'd

Year 3 - Criterion A - Knowing and understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. makes limited use of terminology ii. demonstrates basic knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through limited descriptions and/or examples.
3 - 4	The student: i. uses some terminology accurately ii. demonstrates satisfactory knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through simple descriptions, explanations and examples.
5 - 6	The student: i. uses considerable and relevant terminology accurately ii. demonstrates substantial knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through descriptions, explanations and examples.
7 - 8	The student: i. consistently uses a range of terminology accurately ii. demonstrates excellent knowledge and understanding of content and concepts through developed and accurate descriptions, explanations and examples.

Year 3 - Criterion B - Investigating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. identifies a research question that is clear, focused and relevant ii. formulates a limited action plan or does not follow a plan iii. collects and records limited or sometimes irrelevant information iv. with guidance, reflects on the research process and results in a limited way.
3 - 4	The student: i. formulates/chooses a research question that is clear and focused and describes its relevance ii. formulates and occasionally follows a partial action plan to investigate a research question iii. uses a method(s) to collect and record some relevant information iv. with guidance, reflects on the research process and results.
5 - 6	The student: i. formulates/chooses a clear and focused research question and describes its relevance in detail ii. formulates and mostly follows a sufficiently developed action plan to investigate a research question iii. uses methods to collect and record appropriate relevant information iv. with guidance, evaluates on the research process and results.
7 - 8	The student: i. formulates/chooses a clear and focused research question and explains its relevance ii. formulates and effectively follows a consistent action plan to investigate a research question iii. uses methods to collect and record appropriate and varied relevant information iv. with guidance, provides a detailed evaluation of the research process and results.

Individuals and Societies, cont'd

Year 3 - Criterion C - Communicating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is not always appropriate to the audience and purpose ii. organizes information and ideas in a limited way iii. lists sources of information inconsistently .
3 - 4	The student: i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is somewhat appropriate to the audience and purpose ii. somewhat organizes information and ideas iii. creates an adequate reference list and sometimes cites sources.
5 - 6	The student: i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is mostly appropriate to the audience and purpose ii. mostly structures information and ideas according to the task instructions iii. creates an adequate reference list and usually cites sources.
7 - 8	The student: i. communicates information and ideas in a way that is completely appropriate to the audience and purpose ii. structures information and ideas completely according to the task instructions iii. creates a complete reference list and always cites sources.

Year 3 - Criterion D - Thinking critically

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. begins to analyse concepts, issues, models, visual representation and/or theories in a limited way ii. begins to identify connections between information to make simple arguments iii. recognizes the origin and purpose of few sources/data as well as nominal value and limitations of sources/data iv. identifies different perspectives.
3 - 4	The student: i. completes a simple analysis of concepts, issues, models, visual representation and/or theories ii. summarizes information to make some adequate arguments iii. analyses sources/data in terms of origin and purpose, recognizing some value and limitations iv. recognizes different perspectives and suggests some of their implications.
5 - 6	The student: i. completes a suitable analysis of concepts, issues, models, visual representation and/or theories ii. summarizes information in order to make usually valid arguments iii. analyses sources/data in terms of origin and purpose, usually recognizing value and limitations iv. clearly recognizes different perspectives and describes most of their implications.
7 - 8	The student: i. completes a detailed analysis of concepts, issues, models, visual representation and/or theories ii. summarizes information to make consistent , well-supported arguments iii. effectively analyses a range of sources/data in terms of origin and purpose, consistently recognizing value and limitations iv. clearly recognizes different perspectives and consistently explains their implications.

Science Assessment Criteria

Year 1 - Criterion A - Knowing and Understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. select scientific knowledge ii. select scientific knowledge and understanding to suggest solutions to problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make judgments, with limited success.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. recall scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to suggest solutions to problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make judgments.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. state scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make scientifically supported judgments.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. outline scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar situations and suggest solutions to problems set in unfamiliar situations iii. interpret information to make scientifically supported judgments.

Year 1 - Criterion B - Inquiring and designing

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student is able to: i. select a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. select a testable prediction iii. state a variable iv. design a method with limited success.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. state a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. state a testable prediction iii. state how to manipulate the variables, and state how data will be collected iv. design a safe method in which he or she selects materials and equipment
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. state a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline a testable prediction iii. outline how to manipulate the variables, and state how relevant data will be collected iv. design a complete and safe method in which he or she selects appropriate materials and equipment.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. outline a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline a testable prediction using scientific reasoning iii. outline how to manipulate the variables, and outline how sufficient, relevant data will be collected iv. design a logical, complete and safe method in which he or she selects appropriate materials and equipment.

Year 1 - Criterion C - Processing and evaluating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. collect and present data in numerical and/or visual forms ii. interpret data iii. state the validity of a prediction based on the outcome of a scientific investigation, with limited success iv. state the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation, with limited success v. state improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation, with ltd success.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. correctly collect and present data in numerical and/or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data and outline results iii. state the validity of a prediction based on the outcome of a scientific investigation iv. state the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation v. state improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. correctly collect, organize and present data in numerical and/or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data and outline results using scientific reasoning iii. outline the validity of a prediction based on the outcome of a scientific investigation iv. outline the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation v. outline improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. correctly collect, organize, transform and present data in numerical and/ or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data and outline results using correct scientific reasoning iii. discuss the validity of a prediction based on the outcome of a scientific investigation iv. discuss the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation v. describe improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.

Year 1 - Criterion D - Reflecting on the impacts of science

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to, with limited success: i. state the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue ii. state the implications of using science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. apply scientific language to communicate understanding iv. document sources.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. state the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue ii. state the implications of using science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. sometimes apply scientific language to communicate understanding iv. sometimes document sources correctly.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. outline the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue ii. outline the implications of using science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. usually apply scientific language to communicate understanding clearly and precisely iv. usually document sources correctly.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. summarize the ways in which science is applied and used to address a specific problem or issue ii. describe and summarize the implications of using science and its application to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. consistently apply scientific language to communicate understanding clearly and precisely iv. document sources completely.

Year 3 - Criterion A - Knowing and Understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. recall scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to suggest solutions to problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make judgments.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. state scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar situations iii. apply information to make scientifically supported judgments.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. outline scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar situations and suggest solutions to problems set in unfamiliar situations iii. interpret information to make scientifically supported judgments.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. describe scientific knowledge ii. apply scientific knowledge and understanding to solve problems set in familiar and unfamiliar situations iii. analyze information to make scientifically supported judgments.

Year 3 - Criterion B - Inquiring and designing

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
О	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. state a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation, with limited success ii. state a testable hypothesis iii. state the variables iv. design a method, with limited success.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. state a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline a testable hypothesis using scientific reasoning iii. outline how to manipulate the variables, and state how relevant data will be collected iv. design a safe method in which he or she selects materials and equipment.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. outline a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline and explain a testable hypothesis using scientific reasoning iii. outline how to manipulate the variables, and outline how sufficient, relevant data will be collected iv. design a complete and safe method in which he or she selects appropriate materials and equipment.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. describe a problem or question to be tested by a scientific investigation ii. outline and explain a testable hypothesis using correct scientific reasoning iii. describe how to manipulate the variables, and describe how sufficient, relevant data will be collected iv. design a logical, complete and safe method in which he or she selects appropriate materials and equipment.

Year 3 - Criterion C - Processing and evaluating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
О	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. collect and present data in numerical and/or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data iii. state the validity of a hypothesis with limited reference to a scientific investigation iv. state the validity of the method with limited reference to a scientific investigation v. state limited improvements or extensions to the method.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. correctly collect and present data in numerical and/or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data and describe results iii. state the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation iv. state the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation v. state improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation. iv. adequately organize information using a logical structure.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. correctly collect, organize and present data in numerical and/or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data and describe results using scientific reasoning iii. outline the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation iv. outline the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation v. outline improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. correctly collect, organize, transform and present data in numerical and/ or visual forms ii. accurately interpret data and describe results using correct scientific reasoning iii. discuss the validity of a hypothesis based on the outcome of a scientific investigation iv. discuss the validity of the method based on the outcome of a scientific investigation v. describe improvements or extensions to the method that would benefit the scientific investigation.

Year 3 - Criterion D - Reflecting on the impacts of science

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. state the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue ii. state the implications of the use of science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. apply scientific language to communicate understanding but does so with limited success iv. document sources, with limited success.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. outline the ways in which science is used to address a specific problem or issue ii. outline the implications of using science to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. sometimes apply scientific language to communicate understanding iv. sometimes document sources correctly.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. summarize the ways in which science is applied and used to address a specific problem or issue ii. describe the implications of using science and its application to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. usually apply scientific language to communicate understanding clearly and precisely iv. usually document sources correctly.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. describe the ways in which science is applied and used to address a specific problem or issue ii. discuss and analyse the implications of using science and its application to solve a specific problem or issue, interacting with a factor iii. consistently apply scientific language to communicate understanding clearly and precisely iv. document sources completely.

Mathematics Assessment Criteria

Year 1 - Criterion A - Knowing and Understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
О	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. select appropriate mathematics when solving simple problems in familiar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. select appropriate mathematics when solving more complex problems in familiar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. select appropriate mathematics when solving challenging problems in familiar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. select appropriate mathematics when solving challenging problems in both familiar and unfamiliar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.

Year 1 - Criterion B - Investigating patterns

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. apply, with teacher support, mathematical problem-solving techniques to recognize simple patterns ii. state predictions consistent with simple patterns.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to recognize patterns ii. suggest how these patterns work.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to recognize patterns ii. suggest relationships or general rules consistent with findings iii. verify whether patterns work for another example.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. select and apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to recognize correct patterns ii. describe patterns as relationships or general rules consistent with correct findings iii. verify whether patterns work for other examples.

Mathematics, cont'd

Year 1 - Criterion C - Communicating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. use limited mathematical language ii. use limited forms of mathematical representation to present information iii. communicate through lines of reasoning that are difficult to understand .
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. use some appropriate mathematical language ii. use different forms of mathematical representation to present information adequately iii. communicate through lines of reasoning that are able to be understood, although these are not always coherent iv. adequately organize information using a logical structure
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. usually use appropriate mathematical language ii. usually use different forms of mathematical representation to present information correctly iii. communicate through lines of reasoning that are usually coherent iv. present work that is usually organized using a logical structure.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. consistently use appropriate mathematical language ii. consistently use different forms of mathematical representation to present information correctly iii. communicate clearly through coherent lines of reasoning iv. present work that is consistently organized using a logical structure.

Year 1 - Criterion D - Applying Mathematics in real-life contexts

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
О	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. identify some of the elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. apply mathematical strategies to find a solution to the authentic real-life situation, with limited success .
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. apply mathematical strategies to reach a solution to the authentic real-life situation iii. state , but not always correctly , whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select adequate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real-life situation iii. apply the selected mathematical strategies to reach a valid solution to the authentic real-life situation iv. describe the degree of accuracy of the solution v. state correctly whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select adequate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real-life situation iii. apply the selected mathematical strategies to reach a correct solution to the authentic real-life situation iv. explain the degree of accuracy of the solution v. describe correctly whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.

Mathematics, cont'd

Year 3 - Criterion A - Knowing and Understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
О	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. select appropriate mathematics when solving simple problems in familiar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. select appropriate mathematics when solving more complex problems in familiar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. select appropriate mathematics when solving challenging problems in familiar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. select appropriate mathematics when solving challenging problems in both familiar and unfamiliar situations ii. apply the selected mathematics successfully when solving these problems iii. generally solve these problems correctly in a variety of contexts.

Year 3 - Criterion B - Investigating Patterns

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student is able to: i. apply, with teacher support, mathematical problem-solving techniques to discover simple patterns ii. state predictions consistent with patterns.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to discover simple patterns ii. suggest relationships and/or general rules consistent with findings.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. select and apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to discover complex patterns ii. describe patterns as relationships and/or general rules consistent with findings iii. verify these relationships and/or general rules.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. select and apply mathematical problem-solving techniques to discover complex patterns ii. describe patterns as relationships and/or general rules consistent with correct findings iii. verify and justify these relationships and/or general rules.

Year 3 - Criterion C - Communicating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. use limited mathematical language ii. use limited forms of mathematical representation to present information iii. communicate through lines of reasoning that are difficult to interpret.
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. use some appropriate mathematical language ii. use different forms of mathematical representation to present information adequately iii. communicate through lines of reasoning that are able to be understood , although these are not always clear iv. adequately organize information using a logical structure.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. usually use appropriate mathematical language ii. usually use different forms of mathematical representation to present information correctly iii. move between different forms of mathematical representation with some success iv. communicate through lines of reasoning that are clear although not always coherent or complete v. present work that is usually organized using a logical structure.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. consistently use appropriate mathematical language ii. use different forms of mathematical representation to consistently present information correctly iii. move effectively between different forms of mathematical representation iv. communicate through lines of reasoning that are complete and coherent v. present work that is consistently organized using a logical structure.

Year 3 - Criterion D - Applying mathematics in real-life contexts

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student is able to: i. identify some of the elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. apply mathematical strategies to find a solution to the authentic real-life situation, with limited success .
3 - 4	The student is able to: i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select, with some success , adequate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real-life situation iii. apply mathematical strategies to reach a solution to the authentic real-life situation iv. describe whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.
5 - 6	The student is able to: i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select adequate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real-life situation iii. apply the selected mathematical strategies to reach a valid solution to the authentic real-life situation iv. describe the degree of accuracy of the solution v. discuss whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.
7 - 8	The student is able to: i. identify the relevant elements of the authentic real-life situation ii. select appropriate mathematical strategies to model the authentic real-life situation iii. apply the selected mathematical strategies to reach a correct solution iv. explain the degree of accuracy of the solution v. explain whether the solution makes sense in the context of the authentic real-life situation.

Arts Assessment Criteria

Year 1 - Criterion A - Knowing and understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. demonstrates limited awareness of the art form studied, including limited use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates limited awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates limited awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.
3 - 4	The student: i. demonstrates adequate awareness of the art form studied, including adequate use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates adequate awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates adequate awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.
5 - 6	The student: i. demonstrates substantial awareness of the art form studied, including substantial use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates substantial awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates substantial awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.
7 - 8	The student: i. demonstrates excellent awareness of the art form studied, including excellent use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates excellent awareness of the relationship between the art form and its context iii. demonstrates excellent awareness of the links between the knowledge acquired and artwork created.

Year 1 - Criterion B - Developing skills

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. demonstrates limited acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates limited application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
3 - 4	The student: i. demonstrates adequate acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates adequate application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
5 - 6	The student: i. demonstrates substantial acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates substantial application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
7 - 8	The student: i. demonstrates excellent acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates excellent application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.

Arts, cont'd

Year 1 - Criterion C - Thinking creatively

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. identifies a limited artistic intention ii. identifies limited alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates limited exploration of ideas.
3 - 4	The student: i. identifies an adequate artistic intention ii. identifies adequate alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates adequate exploration of ideas.
5 - 6	The student: i. identifies a substantial artistic intention ii. identifies substantial alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates substantial exploration of ideas.
7 - 8	The student: i. identifies an excellent artistic intention ii. identifies excellent alternatives and perspectives iii. demonstrates excellent exploration of ideas.

Year 1 - Criterion D - Responding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. identifies limited connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates limited recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents a limited evaluation of certain elements of artwork.
3 - 4	The student: i. identifies adequate connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates adequate recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents an adequate evaluation of certain elements of artwork.
5 - 6	The student: i. identifies substantial connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates substantial recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents a substantial evaluation of certain elements of artwork.
7 - 8	The student: i. identifies excellent connections between art forms, art and context, or art and prior learning ii. demonstrates excellent recognition that the world contains inspiration or influence for art iii. presents an excellent evaluation of certain elements or principles of artwork.

Arts, cont'd

Year 3 - Criterion A - Knowing and understanding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. demonstrates limited knowledge of the art form studied, including concepts, processes, and limited use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates limited knowledge of the role of the art form in original or displaced contexts iii. demonstrates limited use of acquired knowledge to inform his or her artwork.
3 - 4	The student: i. demonstrates adequate knowledge of the art form studied, including concepts, processes, and adequate use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates adequate knowledge of the role of the art form in original or displaced contexts iii. demonstrates adequate use of acquired knowledge to inform his or her artwork.
5 - 6	The student: i. demonstrates substantial knowledge of the art form studied, including concepts, processes, and substantial use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates substantial knowledge of the role of the art form in original or displaced contexts iii. demonstrates substantial use of acquired knowledge to inform his or her artwork.
7 - 8	The student: i. demonstrates excellent knowledge of the art form studied, including concepts, processes, and excellent use of appropriate language ii. demonstrates excellent knowledge of the role of the art form in original or displaced contexts iii. demonstrates excellent use of acquired knowledge to inform his or her artwork.

Year 3 - Criterion B - Developing Skills

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. demonstrates limited acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates limited application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
3 - 4	The student: i. demonstrates adequate acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates adequate application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
5 - 6	The student: i. demonstrates substantial acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates substantial application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.
7 - 8	The student: i. demonstrates excellent acquisition and development of the skills and techniques of the art form studied ii. demonstrates excellent application of skills and techniques to create, perform and/or present art.

Arts, cont'd

Year 3 - Criterion C - Thinking creatively

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. presents a limited outline of an artistic intention, which may lack clarity or feasibility ii. presents a limited outline of alternatives, perspectives, and imaginative solutions iii. demonstrates limited exploration of ideas through the developmental process, which may lack a point of realization.
3 - 4	The student: i. presents an adequate outline of a clear and/or feasible artistic intention ii. presents an adequate outline of alternatives, perspectives, and imaginative solutions iii. demonstrates adequate exploration of ideas through the developmental process to a point of realization.
5 - 6	The student: i. presents a substantial outline of a clear and feasible artistic intention ii. presents a substantial outline of alternatives, perspectives, and imaginative solutions iii. demonstrates substantial exploration of ideas through the developmental process to a point of realization.
7 - 8	The student: i. presents an excellent outline of a clear and feasible artistic intention ii. presents an excellent outline of alternatives, perspectives, and imaginative solutions iii. demonstrates excellent exploration of ideas through the developmental process to a point of realization.

Year 3 - Criterion D - Responding

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. presents a limited outline of connections and may transfer learning to new settings ii. creates a limited artistic response that is possibly inspired by the world around him or her iii. presents a limited evaluation of the artwork of self and others. iv. identifies different perspectives.
3 - 4	The student: i. presents an adequate outline of connections and occasionally transfers learning to new settings ii. creates an adequate artistic response that is inspired by the world around him or her to some degree iii. presents an adequate evaluation of the artwork of self and others.
5 - 6	The student: i. presents a substantial outline of connections and regularly transfers learning to new settings ii. creates a substantial artistic response that is considerably inspired by the world around him or her iii. presents a substantial evaluation of the artwork of self and others.
7 - 8	The student: i. presents an excellent outline of connections with depth and insight , and effectively transfers learning to new settings ii. creates an excellent artistic response that is effectively inspired by the world around him or her iii. presents an excellent evaluation of the artwork of self and others.

Physical and Health Education Assessment Criteria

Year 1 - Criterion A - Knowing and Understanding

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student:
	i. recalls some physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge
	ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to outline issues
	iii. recalls physical and health terminology.
3-4	The student:
	i. recalls physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge
	ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to outline issues and suggest solutions to problems set in familiar
	situations
	iii. applies physical and health terminology to communicate understanding with limited success.
5-6	The student:
	i. states physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge
	ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to outline issues and solve problems set in familiar situations
	iii. applies physical and health terminology to communicate understanding.
7-8	The student:
	i. outlines physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge
	ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to describe issues and solve problems set in familiar and unfamiliar
	situations
	iii. applies physical and health terminology consistently to communicate understanding.

Year 1 - Criterion B - Planning for Performance

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Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student:
	i. states a plan for improving health and/or physical activity
	ii. states the effectiveness of a plan.
3-4	The student:
	i. outlines a basic plan for improving health and/or physical activity
	ii. states the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome .
5-6	The student:
	i. outlines a plan for improving health and/or physical activity
	ii. identifies the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome .
7-8	The student:
	i. constructs and outlines a plan for improving health and/or physical activity
	ii. describes the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.

Year 1 - Criterion C - Applying and performing

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student:
	i. recalls some skills and techniques
	ii. recalls some strategies and movement concepts
	iii. applies information to perform with limited success.
3-4	The student:
	i. recalls skills and techniques
	ii. recalls strategies and movement concepts
	iii. applies information to perform.
5-6	The student:
	i. recalls and applies skills and techniques
	ii. recalls and applies a range of strategies and movement concepts
	iii. applies information to perform effectively.
7–8	The student:
	i. recalls and applies a range of skills and techniques
	ii. recalls and applies a range of strategies and movement concepts
	iii. recalls and applies information to perform effectively

Year 1 - Criterion D - Reflecting and improving performance

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student:
	i. states a strategy to enhance interpersonal skills
	ii. states a goal to enhance performance
	iii. describes performance.
3-4	The student:
	i. lists strategies to enhance interpersonal skills
	ii. states a goal and applies strategies to enhance performance
	iii. summarizes performance.
5-6	The student:
	i. identifies strategies to enhance interpersonal skills
	ii. lists goals and applies strategies to enhance performance
	iii. outlines and summarizes performance.
7-8	The student:
	i. identifies and demonstrates strategies to enhance interpersonal skills
	ii. identifies goals and applies strategies to enhance performance
	iii. describes and summarizes performance

Year 3 - Criterion A - Knowing and Understanding

Achievement level	Level descriptor
O	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. recalls physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to outline issues and suggest solutions to problems set in familiar situations iii. applies physical and health terminology to communicate understanding with limited success.
3-4	The student: i. states physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge ii. identifies physical and health education knowledge to describe issues and to solve problems set in familiar situations iii. applies physical and health terminology to communicate understanding.
5-6	The student: i. outlines physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge ii. applies physical and health education knowledge to describe issues and to solve problems set in familiar situations and suggest solutions to problems set in unfamiliar situations iii. applies physical and health terminology consistently to communicate understanding.
7-8	The student: i. describes physical and health education factual, procedural and conceptual knowledge ii. applies physical and health education knowledge to explain issues and solve problems set in familiar and unfamiliar situations iii. applies physical and health terminology consistently and effectively to communicate understanding.

Year 3 - Criterion B - Planning for performance

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. outlines a plan for improving physical performance and/or health ii. states the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.
3-4	The student: i. constructs and outlines a plan for improving physical performance and/or health ii. outlines the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.
5-6	The student: i. constructs and explains a plan for improving physical performance and/or health ii. describes the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.
7-8	The student: i. designs and explains a plan for improving physical performance and/or health ii. explains the effectiveness of a plan based on the outcome.

Year 3 - Criterion C - Applying and Performing

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. recalls and applies skills and techniques with limited success ii. recalls and applies strategies and movement concepts with limited success iii. recalls and applies information to perform.
3-4	The student: i. demonstrates and applies skills and techniques with limited success ii. demonstrates and applies strategies and movement concepts with limited success iii. identifies and applies information to perform.
5-6	The student: i. demonstrates and applies skills and techniques ii. demonstrates and applies strategies and movement concepts iii. identifies and applies information to perform effectively.
7-8	The student: i. demonstrates and applies a range of skills and techniques ii. demonstrates and applies a range of strategies and movement concepts iii. outlines and applies information to perform effectively.

Year 3 - Criterion D - Reflecting and improving performance

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. identifies strategies that enhance interpersonal skills ii. lists goals to enhance performance iii. summarizes performance.
3-4	The student: i. identifies and demonstrates strategies that enhance interpersonal skills ii. identifies goals to enhance performance iii. outlines and summarizes performance.
5-6	The student: i. outlines and demonstrates strategies that enhance interpersonal skills ii. identifies goals and applies strategies to enhance performance iii. outlines and evaluates performance.
7-8	The student: i. describes and demonstrates strategies that enhance interpersonal skills ii. outlines goals and applies strategies to enhance performance iii. explains and evaluates performance.

Design Assessment Criteria

Year 1 - Criterion A - Inquiring and analyzing

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. states the need for a solution to a problem ii. states the findings of research.
3 - 4	The student: i. outlines the need for a solution to a problem ii. states some points of research needed to develop a solution, with some guidance iii. states the main features of an existing product that inspires a solution to the problem iv. outlines some of the main findings of research.
5 - 6	The student: i. explains the need for a solution to a problem ii. states and prioritizes the main points of research needed to develop a solution to the problem, with some guidance iii. outlines the main features of an existing product that inspires a solution to the problem iv. outlines the main findings of relevant research.
7 - 8	The student: i. explains and justifies the need for a solution to a problem ii. states and prioritizes the main points of research needed to develop a solution to the problem, with minimal guidance iii. describes the main features of an existing product that inspires a solution to the problem iv. presents the main findings of relevant research.

Year 1 - Criterion B - Developing ideas

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. states one basic success criterion for a solution ii. presents one design idea, which can be interpreted by others iii. creates an incomplete planning drawing/diagram.
3 - 4	The student: i. states a few success criteria for the solution ii. presents more than one design idea, using an appropriate medium(s) or labels key features, which can be interpreted by others iii. states the key features of the chosen design iv. creates a planning drawing/diagram or lists requirements for the creation of the chosen solution.
5 - 6	The student: i. develops a few success criteria for the solution ii. presents a few feasible design ideas, using an appropriate medium(s) and labels key features, which can be interpreted by others iii. presents the chosen design stating the key features iv. creates a planning drawing/diagram and lists the main details for the creation of the chosen solution.
7 - 8	The student: i. develops a list of success criteria for the solution ii. presents feasible design ideas, using an appropriate medium(s) and outlines the key features, which can be correctly interpreted by others iii. presents the chosen design describing the key features iv. creates a planning drawing/diagram, which outlines the main details for making the chosen solution.

Design Assessment Criteria, cont'd

Year 1 - Criterion C - Creating the solution

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. demonstrates minimal technical skills when making the solution ii. creates the solution, which functions poorly and is presented in an incomplete form.
3 - 4	The student: i. lists the main steps in a plan that contains some details, resulting in peers having difficulty following the plan to create the solution ii. demonstrates satisfactory technical skills when making the solution iii. creates the solution, which partially functions and is adequately presented iv. states one change made to the chosen design or plan when making the solution.
5 - 6	The student: i. lists the steps in a plan, which considers time and resources, resulting in peers being able to follow the plan to create the solution ii. demonstrates competent technical skills when making the solution iii. creates the solution, which functions as intended and is presented appropriately iv. states one change made to the chosen design and plan when making the solution.
7 - 8	The student: i. outlines a plan, which considers the use of resources and time, sufficient for peers to be able to follow to create the solution ii. demonstrates excellent technical skills when making the solution iii. follows the plan to create the solution, which functions as intended and is presented appropriately iv. lists the changes made to the chosen design and plan when making the solution.

Year 1 - Criterion D - Evaluating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: i. defines a testing method, which is used to measure the success of the solution ii. states the success of the solution.
3 - 4	The student: i. defines a relevant testing method, which generates data, to measure the success of the solution ii. states the success of the solution against the design specification based on the results of one relevant test iii. states one way in which the solution could be improved iv. states one way in which the solution can impact the client/target audience.
5 - 6	The student: i. defines relevant testing methods, which generate data, to measure the success of the solution ii. states the success of the solution against the design specification based on relevant product testing iii. outlines one way in which the solution could be improved iv. outlines the impact of the solution on the client/target audience, with guidance.
7 - 8	The student: i. outlines simple, relevant testing methods, which generate data, to measure the success of the solution ii. outlines the success of the solution against the design specification based on authentic product testing iii. outlines how the solution could be improved iv. outlines the impact of the solution on the client/target audience.

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Design Assessment Criteria, cont'd

Year 3 - Criterion A - Inquiring and Analyzing

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. states the need for a solution to a problem ii. states some of the main findings of relevant research.
3 - 4	The student: i. outlines the need for a solution to a problem ii. states the research needed to develop a solution to the problem, with some guidance iii. outlines one existing product that inspires a solution to the problem iv. develops a basic design brief, which outlines some of the findings of relevant research.
5 - 6	The student: i. explains the need for a solution to a problem ii. constructs a research plan, which states and prioritizes the primary and secondary research needed to develop a solution to the problem, with some guidance iii. describes a group of similar products that inspire a solution to the problem iv. develops a design brief, which outlines the findings of relevant research.
7 - 8	The student: i. explains and justifies the need for a solution to a problem ii. constructs a research plan, which states and prioritizes the primary and secondary research needed to develop a solution to the problem independently iii. analyses a group of similar products that inspire a solution to the problem iv. develops a design brief, which presents the analysis of relevant research.

Year 3 - Criterion B - Developing Ideas

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. lists a few basic success criteria for the design of a solution ii. presents one design idea, which can be interpreted by others iii. creates incomplete planning drawings/diagrams.
3 - 4	The student: i. constructs a list of the success criteria for the design of a solution ii. presents a few feasible design ideas, using an appropriate medium(s) or explains key features, which can be interpreted by others iii. outlines the main reasons for choosing the design with reference to the design specification iv. creates planning drawings/diagrams or lists requirements for the chosen solution.
5 - 6	The student: i. develops design specifications, which identify the success criteria for the design of a solution ii. presents a range of feasible design ideas, using an appropriate medium(s) and explains key features, which can be interpreted by others iii. presents the chosen design and outlines the main reasons for its selection with reference to the design specification iv. develops accurate planning drawings/diagrams and lists requirements for the creation of the chosen solution.
7 - 8	The student: i. develops a design specification which outlines the success criteria for the design of a solution based on the data collected ii. presents a range of feasible design ideas, using an appropriate medium(s) and annotation, which can be correctly interpreted by others iii. presents the chosen design and outlines the reasons for its selection with reference to the design specification iv. develops accurate planning drawings/diagrams and outlines requirements for the creation of the chosen solution.

Design Assessment Criteria, cont'd

Year 3 - Criterion C - Creating the Solution

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. demonstrates minimal technical skills when making the solution ii. creates the solution, which functions poorly and is presented in an incomplete form.
3 - 4	The student: i. outlines each step in a plan that contains some details, resulting in peers having difficulty following the plan to create the solution ii. demonstrates satisfactory technical skills when making the solution iii. creates the solution, which partially functions and is adequately presented iv. outlines changes made to the chosen design or plan when making the solution.
5 - 6	The student: i. constructs a plan, which considers time and resources, sufficient for peers to be able to follow to create the solution ii. demonstrates competent technical skills when making the solution iii. creates the solution, which functions as intended and is presented appropriately iv. outlines changes made to the chosen design and plan when making the solution.
7 - 8	The student: i. constructs a logical plan, which outlines the efficient use of time and resources, sufficient for peers to be able to follow to create the solution ii. demonstrates excellent technical skills when making the solution iii. follows the plan to create the solution, which functions as intended and is presented appropriately iv. explains changes made to the chosen design and plan when making the solution.

Year 3 - Criterion D - Evaluating

Achievement Level	Level Descriptor
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1 - 2	The student: i. describes a testing method, which is used to measure the success of the solution ii. states the success of the solution.
3 - 4	The student: i. describes a relevant testing method, which generates data, to measure the success of the solution ii. outlines the success of the solution against the design specification based on relevant product testing iii. lists the ways in which the solution could be improved iv. outlines the impact of the solution on the client/target audience
5 - 6	The student: i. describes relevant testing methods, which generate data, to measure the success of the solution ii. describes the success of the solution against the design specification based on relevant product testing iii. outlines how the solution could be improved iv. describes the impact of the solution on the client/target audience, with guidance.
7 - 8	The student: i. describes detailed and relevant testing methods, which generate accurate data, to measure the success of the solution ii. explains the success of the solution against the design specification based on authentic product testing iii. describes how the solution could be improved iv. describes the impact of the solution on the client/target audience.

Community Project (Wide Angle) Assessment Criteria

Year 3 - Criterion A - Investigating

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	Students do not achieve a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	Students: i. state a goal to address a need within a community, based on personal interests, but this may be limited in depth or accessibility ii. identify prior learning and subject-specific knowledge, but this may be limited in occurrence or relevance iii. demonstrate limited research skills.
3-4	Students: i. outline an adequate goal to address a need within a community, based on personal interests ii. identify basic prior learning and subject-specific knowledge relevant to some areas of the project iii. demonstrate adequate research skills.
5-6	Students: i. define a clear and challenging goal to address a need within a community, based on personal interests ii. identify prior learning and subject-specific knowledge generally relevant to the project iii. demonstrate substantial research skills.
7-8	Students: i. define a clear and highly challenging goal to address a need within a community, based on personal interests ii. identify prior learning and subject-specific knowledge that is consistently highly relevant to the project iii. demonstrate excellent research skills.

Year 3 - Criterion B - Planning

Level descriptor
Students do not achieve a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
Students: i. develop a limited proposal for action to serve the need in the community ii. present a limited or partial plan and record of the development process of the project iii. demonstrate limited self-management skills.
Students: i. develop an adequate proposal for action to serve the need in the community ii. present an adequate plan and record of the development process of the project iii. demonstrate adequate self-management skills.
Students: i. develop a suitable proposal for action to serve the need in the community present a substantial plan and record of the development process of the project iii. demonstrate substantial self-management skills.
Students: i. develop a detailed , appropriate and thoughtful proposal for action to serve the need in the community ii. present a detailed and accurate plan and record of the development process of the project iii. demonstrate excellent self-management skills.

Community Project, cont'd

Year 3 - Criterion C - Taking Action

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	Students do not achieve a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	Students: i. demonstrate limited service as action as a result of the project ii. demonstrate limited thinking skills iii. demonstrate limited communication and social skills.
3-4	Students: i. demonstrate adequate service as action as a result of the project ii. demonstrate adequate thinking skills iii. demonstrate adequate communication and social skills.
5-6	Students: i. demonstrate substantial service as action as a result of the project ii. demonstrate substantial thinking skills iii. demonstrate substantial communication and social skills.
7-8	Students: i. demonstrate excellent service as action as a result of the project ii. demonstrate excellent thinking skills iii. demonstrate excellent communication and social skills.

Year 3 - Criterion D - Reflecting

Achievement level	Level descriptor
0	Students do not achieve a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	Students: i. present a limited evaluation of the quality of the service as action against the proposal ii. present limited reflections on how completing the project has extended their knowledge and understanding of service learning iii. present limited reflections on their development of ATL skills.
3-4	Students:. i. present an adequate evaluation of the quality of the service as action against the proposal ii. present adequate reflections on how completing the project has extended their knowledge and understanding of service learning iii. present adequate reflections on their development of ATL skills.
5-6	Students: i. present a substantial evaluation of the quality of the service as action against the proposal ii. present substantial reflections on how completing the project has extended their knowledge and understanding of service learning iii. present substantial reflections on their development of ATL skills.
7-8	Students: i. present an excellent evaluation of the quality of the service as action against the proposal ii. present excellent reflections on how completing the project has extended their knowledge and understanding of service learning iii. present detailed and accurate reflections on their development of ATL skills.

Interdisciplinary Assessment Criteria

Criterion A: Disciplinary grounding

Achievement level	Level descriptors Year 1	Level descriptors Year 3
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: • demonstrates limited relevant disciplinary grounding.	The student: • demonstrates limited relevant disciplinary grounding.
3-4	The student: • demonstrates some relevant disciplinary grounding.	The student: • demonstrates some relevant disciplinary grounding.
5-6	The student: • demonstrates most necessary disciplinary grounding.	The student: • demonstrates most necessary disciplinary grounding.
7-8	The student: • demonstrates extensive necessary disciplinary grounding.	The student: • demonstrates extensive necessary disciplinary grounding.

Criterion B: Synthesizing

Achievement level	Level descriptors Year 1	Level descriptors Year 3
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: • establishes few and/or superficial connections between disciplinary knowledge.	The student: • establishes few and/or superficial connections between disciplinary knowledge.
3-4	The student: • connects disciplinary knowledge to achieve adequate understanding.	The student: • connects disciplinary knowledge to achieve adequate understanding.
5-6	The student: • synthesizes disciplinary knowledge to demonstrate interdisciplinary understanding.	The student: • synthesizes disciplinary knowledge to demonstrate interdisciplinary understanding.
7-8	The student: • synthesizes disciplinary knowledge to demonstrate consistent interdisciplinary understanding.	The student: • synthesizes disciplinary knowledge to demonstrate consistent and thorough interdisciplinary understanding.

Interdisciplinary cont'd

Criterion C: Communicating

Achievement level	Level descriptors Year 1	Level descriptors Year 3
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student:	The student:
	• communicates interdisciplinary understanding in a limited way .	communicates interdisciplinary understanding with little structure, clarity or coherence.
	The student:	The student:
3-4	• communicates interdisciplinary understanding with some clarity.	• communicates interdisciplinary understanding with some clarity and coherence
		• identifies sources.
	The student:	The student:
5-6	 communicates interdisciplinary understanding in a way that is mostly clear identifies sources. 	communicates interdisciplinary understanding that is generally well organized and coherent, recognizing appropriate forms or media
		identifies relevant sources.
	The student:	The student:
7-8	communicates interdisciplinary understanding with clarity, organization and coherence	communicates interdisciplinary understanding that is clear and well structured, beginning to use the selected forms or media appropriately
	acknowledges relevant sources.	documents relevant sources.

Criterion D: Reflecting

Achievement level	Level descriptors Year 1	Level descriptors Year 3
0	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.	The student does not reach a standard described by any of the descriptors below.
1-2	The student: • describes strengths and limitations of the interdisciplinary learning process in a limited way.	The student: reflects on himself or herself as a disciplinary and interdisciplinary learner in a limited way outlines the contribution of selected disciplines in a limited way.
3-4	The student: • describes strengths and limitations of the interdisciplinary learning process • states some limitations or benefits of disciplinary knowledge in specific situations.	The student: • reflects on himself or herself as a disciplinary and interdisciplinary learner • states some limitations and benefits of disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge in specific situations.
5-6	The student: • explains strengths and limitations of the interdisciplinary learning process • states some limitations and benefits of disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge in specific situations.	The student: consistently reflects on himself or herself as a disciplinary and interdisciplinary learner describes some benefits and limitations of disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge in specific situations.
7-8	The student: • evaluates strengths and limitations of the interdisciplinary learning process • describes some benefits and limitations of disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge in specific situations.	The student: • consistently reflects with sophistication on himself or herself as a disciplinary and interdisciplinary learner • explains the limitations and benefits of disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge in specific situations.

IB Final Level Descriptors

Level	Descriptor
1	Produces work of very limited quality. Conveys many significant misunderstandings or lacks understanding of most concepts and contexts. Very rarely demonstrates critical or creative thinking. Very inflexible, rarely using knowledge or skills.
2	Produces work of limited quality. Expresses misunderstandings or significant gaps in understanding for many concepts and contexts. Infrequently demonstrates critical or creative thinking. Generally inflexible in the use of knowledge and skills, infrequently applying knowledge and skills.
3	Produces work of an acceptable quality. Communicates basic understanding of many concepts and contexts, with occasionally significant misunderstandings or gaps. Begins to demonstrate some basic critical and creative thinking. Is often inflexible in the use of knowledge and skills, requiring support even in familiar classroom situations.
4	Produces good-quality work. Communicates basic understanding of most concepts and contexts with few misunderstandings and minor gaps. Often demonstrates basic critical and creative thinking. Uses knowledge and skills with some flexibility in familiar classroom situations, but requires support in unfamiliar situations.
5	Produces generally high-quality work. Communicates secure understanding of concepts and contexts. Demonstrates critical and creative thinking, sometimes with sophistication. Uses knowledge and skills in familiar classroom and real-world situations and, with support, some unfamiliar real-world situations.
6	Produces high-quality, occasionally innovative work. Communicates extensive understanding of concepts and contexts. Demonstrates critical and creative thinking, frequently with sophistication. Uses knowledge and skills in familiar and unfamiliar classroom and real-world situations, often with independence.
7	Produces high-quality, frequently innovative work. Communicates comprehensive, nuanced understanding of concepts and contexts. Consistently demonstrates sophisticated critical and creative thinking. Frequently transfers knowledge and skills with independence and expertise in a variety of complex classroom and real-world situations.