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SUBJECT: **Art**  
PAPER NUMBER: Thematic Project (50 marks)

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### Directions to Candidates

By Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, candidates should have handed in their Portfolio, Personal Study and Visual Journal at the MATSEC Support Unit, University of Malta, Msida or the Examinations Department, Victoria, Gozo.

**In the case of candidates who will not be sitting for the examination for the first time**, the coursework mark obtained previously – up to a maximum of five years from the candidate's first sit of the examination – may be carried forward to the 2018 First session upon request. Such a request should be made by sending an e-mail to [matsec@um.edu.mt](mailto:matsec@um.edu.mt)

Candidates are to take their Thematic Project Work with them when sitting for Paper 1 Extended Thematic Project to be used for reference purposes only. **THE FOLDER WITH THE THEMATIC PROJECT WORK MUST BE HANDED IN AT THE END OF THE ADVANCED ART PAPER 1 (EXTENDED THEMATIC PROJECT) EXAMINATION SESSION.**

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

Each part of the folder must be separated from the other sections and must be clearly distinguished by being marked accordingly, that is:

- PORTFOLIO
- PERSONAL STUDY
- VISUAL JOURNAL
- THEMATIC PROJECT WORK

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coursework shall remain the property of the MATSEC Examinations Board, but may be returned to the candidates at the discretion of the Board. Should the Coursework, including the Thematic Project Work, be returned to the candidates, it is **only** done so on the date/s stipulated by the MATSEC Support Unit. It is therefore suggested that prior to submitting their work at the MATSEC Support Unit or the Examinations Department, Victoria, Gozo, candidates keep digital records of their work, particularly if they wish to exhibit their work to other institutions.

### Thematic Project Work

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

1. "The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it" (Robert Swan). **Our waste is our downfall.**
2. **Freeport....the container city.** Containers stacked one on top of the other in long rows form an enormous labyrinth that gives one the sensation of being in an unreal/artificial and surrealistic environment. Create an abstract work that captures this unusual setting.
3. The famous novel **El Ingenioso Hidalgo Don Quijote de la Mancha** by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra (1547-1616) has inspired a number of artists such as Honore Daumier, Gustave Dore' and Salvador Dalí. Produce an original work of art inspired by your reaction to an extract from the novel.
4. **Seeing the world from a drone's perspective.** Drones give us a novel perspective of our immediate environment. Aerial views have been a source of inspiration to artists such as the futurist artist Gerardo Dottori. Create work inspired by this innovative way of looking at reality.
5. **Our prehistoric heritage** has inspired many artists and authors. Many poets have written on the subject. Create a work inspired by one or more such poems.
6. **Celebrating life...** Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass but about how to dance in the rain. Create work inspired by this statement.
7. **Salome**
8. **The strawberry festival.** Crowds of people flock to the village squares and pack the streets in search of strawberry delicacies, music, and good fun. Produce work that captures this atmosphere.

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

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

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

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