



L-Università
ta' Malta

MATSEC
Examinations Board



IM 32 Project Booklet

Systems of Knowledge

Private Candidates
2028

Guidelines and General Instructions

Candidates are to present a project.

The Project involves an exercise that reflects a concrete application of at least one of the first three modules. An aspect of the experience needs to be related to a scientific principle. Care must be taken to move beyond describing a particular process to explaining the underlying scientific principle.

The Project involves a hands-on task which should span over a substantial period of time. In total the task should comprise a minimum of 20 hours.

The Project should include:

1. a duly filled project booklet
2. a reflective journal about the activity/ies carried out which should include a minimum of 8 entries and a maximum of 10 (250-300 words each)
3. an essay (1000 words +/-100)
4. concise scientific research (400 words +/-100)
5. a general bibliography and
6. evidence which may include an artefact.

The written component of the Project has to be an individual effort.

1. The Project is to be approved by the Head of School or his/her delegate.
2. Systems of Knowledge tutors will assess the project by means of the marking scheme in the MATSEC project booklet and will record the marks on the same booklet.
3. Supervision of the project by the Systems of Knowledge tutor is to at least contain three official meetings:
 4. First meeting: discussion of objectives and proposed tasks.
 5. Second meeting: monitoring and review of progress.
 6. Third meeting: final presentation of the project.
7. Coursework must span over a minimum of 8 weeks.
8. An event/activity can contribute only up to three hours and only used for ONE journal entry
9. Candidates may use either English or Maltese for their projects.
10. It is highly recommended that schools carry out internal moderation of projects.
11. School based projects may be moderated by the MATSEC Board of Examiners. The Board may call a candidate for an interview in order to moderate the quality of the Project.
12. A copy of the Systems of Knowledge tutor's comments and the marks will be passed on to MATSEC as indicated by MATSEC.
13. The mark will be finalized after moderation by the MATSEC Board of Examiners.

For further information, kindly refer to the Intermediate Systems of Knowledge syllabus which can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/syllabi/>

STUDENT PROFILE – SCHOOL COPY

(Candidates not presented by the school will be treated as private candidates and need to apply through the private candidates' booklet)

Name & Surname of Candidate: _____ ID No.: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____ (home); _____ (mobile)

E-mail address: _____

The Project focuses on a concrete application of at least one of (Please tick accordingly):

Responsible Citizenship

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Aesthetics

☐

The Environment

☐

and the relationship to a scientific principle.

Title of Project: _____

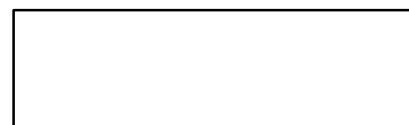
Description: _____

Proposed Tutor's Name: _____

Candidate's Signature

Tutor's Signature

Date: _____



School Rubber Stamp

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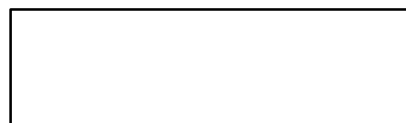
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School Rubber Stamp (if applicable)

FIRST MEETING – Discussion of objectives and proposed tasks with tutor.

1. What do you intend to do to achieve the objectives of this project?

2. Explain the connection between your project and your chosen area/s.

3. What evidence do you intend to produce in support of your work?

4. What do you intend to accomplish through this project?

a) On a personal level:

b) On a community level (*where applicable*):

5. Describe briefly the scientific principle you intend to tackle in your Project.

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tutor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Project Task Record (To be completed by the task overseer who **cannot** be a relative of the candidate)

Name of Organisation, NGO / other <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Address of Organisation, NGO / other <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Tel. No. of Organisation, NGO / other <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Name and Surname of person overseeing task	
Telephone number of person overseeing task	

Candidates are to make extra copies as required.

Journal Entry Date: _____ Duration of Activity: _____ Overseer Signature: _____	Journal Entry Date: _____ Duration of Activity: _____ Overseer Signature: _____
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Overseer's Comments:

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Overseer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECOND MEETING – Monitoring and reviewing of progress.

Suggestions for improvement by tutor:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tutor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

THIRD MEETING – Final presentation of the Project.

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tutor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PROJECT MARKING SCHEME				
			Maximum mark	Assigned mark
Reflective Journal (Max. 20 marks)		Descriptions and links to the evidence provided	10 marks	
		Analysis and reflection	15 marks	
Essay ¹ (Max. 35 marks)	Values (Max. 20 marks)	Discussion of the values of the modules related to the project experience	15 marks	
		Depth of analysis	5 marks	
	Communication of Ideas and Presentation (Max. 15 marks)	Essay structure and communicative competence	5 marks	
		Logical development of ideas	5 marks	
		Bibliography	5 marks	
Scientific Research (Max. 10 marks)		An aspect of the experience needs to be related to a scientific principle. Care must be taken to move beyond describing a particular process to explaining the underlying scientific principle.	10 marks	
Evidence ²			15 marks	
Variety of Experience ³			10 marks	
General Presentation of the Submitted Project			5 marks	
Total Mark			100 marks	
Moderated Mark			100 marks	

School Examiner/s: _____

Moderator/s: _____

¹ If the word limit is not respected, marks will be deducted as follows:

2 marks to be deducted for +/- 150 words

4 marks to be deducted for +/- 300 words

² The evidence presented (such as photographs, pictures, recordings, DVDs and questionnaires) needs to be relevant and conducive to the aim/s of the project. It needs to be adequately explained, analysed and referenced as necessary within the context of the project. All evidence needs to be in line with data protection regulations where necessary, and needs to be clear and of good quality.

³ Marks are awarded for the variety of first-hand experiences that are inherent to the aim/s of the project.