

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each question of this question paper.

Candidate 1

Question 1

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The comment 'being able to hide who he truly is' is an acceptable own words explanation of 'ability to keep his identity cloaked in mystery'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The comment 'many people are willing to buy it including famous people' is an acceptable own words explanation of 'celebrities and other wealthy fans are prepared to pay for it'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

A further mark could have been awarded for 'potentially produced in partner with other artistic organisations', which is an acceptable own words explanation of 'more than likely created with a group of collaborators.' However, the candidate had already been awarded full marks for this question.

Question 2

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The comment 'unusual, ironic and funny ...power they hold' is a detailed/insightful own words explanation of 'wittily political interventions.' It was awarded **2 marks**.

The comment 'artwork protesting for calm ...at war' is an identification of something Banksy has done, rather than an explanation of his distinctive approach to his art. It was awarded **0 marks**.

The comment 'block out the creative community ...pay attention to him as well' is an acceptable own words explanation of 'tries to ignore the art world ...notice him at the same time'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 3

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point – 'the sheer size of the architecture' – is an acceptable comment on 'grand'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – 'replicate ancient buildings ... large pillars' – is an acceptable comment on 'pillars'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – 'suggests the walls were shiny ... olden times' – is an acceptable comment on 'marble'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – 'large open rooms ... vast, echoey feeling' – is an acceptable comment on 'halls' and would have been awarded 1 mark. However, the candidate had already been awarded 3 marks for comments on the traditional nature of Bristol museum.

The fifth point is based on the inappropriate selection of 'surprise' and was awarded 0 marks.

The sixth point is an attempt to comment on 'rabbit applying lipstick'. The comment is limited and was awarded 0 marks.

The seventh point – 'dramatically contrasts ...unusual effect of his artwork' – is an acceptable comment on 'classical statues ...Gucci shopping bags'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 4

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The first point – ‘hundreds of thousands of customers’ – is an acceptable own words identification of ‘Over 300,000 people’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – ‘waited in line for a very long time’ – is an acceptable own words identification of ‘queued ... just under three hours’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – ‘extremely positive’ – is a limited comment on ‘ecstatic’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The fourth point – ‘people all around the globe were talking about it’ – is a limited comment on ‘visitors from all over the UK, from Europe and beyond’. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 5

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The first point – ‘boring and not stimulating’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘unengaging’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – ‘full of themselves ... better than everyone else’ – is an attempt to comment on ‘cocky’. The comment focuses on disapproval of Banksy himself rather than his work and was awarded 0 marks.

The third point – ‘has no purpose ... doesn’t have any clear intentions’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘mindless’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – ‘messy...looks as if it has been done by a small child’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘scribble’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 6

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point – ‘so many people all at once’ – is a limited comment on ‘flood (of imitators)’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The second point – ‘emphasises the extent to which Banksy’s work has been destroyed ... exploit his work’ – is an acceptable comment on the list ‘vandalised, ripped off and removed’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – ‘emphasises how many countries have experienced Banksy’s work being ruined and destroyed’ – is an acceptable comment on the list ‘in the UK ... Europe’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – ‘sheer size of the atmosphere ... sky-high prices’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘stratospheric prices’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fifth point – ‘someone who is anaemic and lacks iron ... low on quality and lack the life’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘anaemic copies’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 7

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The first comment – ‘collaborated with a varied collection of famous creative producers’ – is an acceptable own words explanation of ‘brought together the work of a diverse group of important artists’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second comment – ‘to restore the attractiveness of the area to invite more visitors’ – is a limited explanation of ‘revitalise tourism in the troubled town’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The third comment – ‘a lot of money for organisations which provide aid for suffering people’ – is an acceptable own words explanation of ‘significant sum for charitable causes’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth comment is an attempt to explain 'A satire on theme parks.' The comment is limited and was awarded 0 marks.

Question 8

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The first point is based on the inappropriate selection of 'Notoriously'. It was awarded 0 marks.

The second point – 'known all around the world' – is an acceptable comment on 'global'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – 'once-in-a-lifetime artist who is sometimes hard to believe is real' – is an acceptable comment on 'phenomenon'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – 'congratulating him on it and sending him love for all the amazing things he has done' – is an acceptable comment on 'praise'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 9

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

The first point accurately identifies the agreement that 'Banksy uses his art to advocate for peace'. This is an acceptable reference to 'humanitarian/philanthropic'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point is a repetition of a correct identification referring to 'humanitarian/philanthropic'. As this identification had already been made, 0 further marks were awarded for this point.

The third point accurately identifies the agreement that 'Banksy's work is so well known ... reaches people all over the globe'. This is an acceptable reference to 'success'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point accurately identifies the agreement that 'Banksy's artwork challenges politics and the nature of their power'. This is an acceptable reference to 'social/political commentator/provocateur'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The candidate provided detailed/insightful evidence for these points in the form of quotations and comments and was awarded **2 marks** for this evidence.

Overall, the candidate was awarded **28 out of 30 marks** for this paper.

Candidate 2

Question 1

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The comment 'his creations are unique' is an acceptable own words explanation of 'unconventional quality of his work'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The comment 'highly sought after' is a limited explanation of 'celebrities and other wealthy fans are prepared to pay'. It was awarded 0 marks.

The comment 'want to know who he is' is an acceptable own words explanation of 'question of Banksy's identity has been as intriguing to the press and public'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 2

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**.

The comment 'culturally relevant' is a limited explanation of 'controversial'. It was awarded 0 marks.

The comment 'humorous' is a limited explanation of 'wittily political interventions.' It was awarded 0 marks.

The comment 'devisive' is an acceptable own words explanation of 'controversial'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The comment 'They stand out ... heavy influence on others' is a description of Banksy's works, rather than an explanation of his distinctive approach to his art. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 3

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point – 'well built and deemed important ... sense of awe' is an acceptable comment on 'grand'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – 'something important and prestigious ... well-known for these artefacts' is an acceptable comment on 'notable'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – 'suggests something unusual and extraordinary ... against usual norms' is an acceptable comment on 'radically'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – 'suggests a very clever approach ... well thought out' is an acceptable comment on 'ingeniously'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 4

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The first point – 'a great deal of people' – is an acceptable own words identification of 'Over 300,000 people'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – 'attracted ... globally' – is an acceptable own words identification of 'Visitors from all over the UK, from Europe and beyond'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – 'waited ... for long periods of time' – is an acceptable own words identification of 'queued for ... just under three hours.' It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – ‘very positive’ – is a limited comment on ‘ecstatic.’ The candidate had already been awarded 3 marks and this comment would not have gained any additional marks.

Question 5

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point – ‘connotations of unskilfulness and worthlessness ...do not believe that he deserves to be an accomplished artist’ – is a detailed/insightful comment on ‘(mindless) scribble’. It was awarded **2 marks**.

The second point is an attempt to comment on the use of the colon after ‘far from cosy.’ The comment is limited and was awarded 0 marks.

The third point – ‘connotations of disregard ... should be penalised’ – is a detailed/insightful comment on ‘uncaring vandalism’. It was awarded **2 marks**.

Question 6

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point – ‘suggests a lackluster ...inherently lower in value’ – is a detailed/insightful comment on ‘anaemic’. It was awarded **2 marks**.

The second point – ‘emphasises that no matter where Banksy’s art is, it will be exploited by resellers’ – is an acceptable comment on the parenthesis ‘– in the UK ...Europe –’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – ‘connotations of being very high ... profiting massively’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘stratospheric’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 7

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The first comment – ‘to attract new visitors to an area which was struggling’ – is an acceptable own words explanation of ‘revitalise tourism in the troubled town’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second comment – ‘for philanthropic purposes’ – is an acceptable own words explanation of ‘for charitable causes’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 8

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The first point – ‘connotations of extreme popularity ... placing a high value on his work’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘phenomenon’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point is an attempt to comment on ‘enigma’. The comment is limited and was awarded 0 marks.

The third point – ‘places Banksy at an almost God-like level ... demanding applause from the reader for his work’ is a detailed/insightful comment on the repetition of ‘We should praise’. It was awarded **2 marks**.

Question 9

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

The first point accurately identifies the agreement that ‘Banksy’s work is rebellious’. This is an acceptable reference to ‘social/political commentator/provocateur’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point accurately identifies the agreement that ‘Banksy benefits charity and tourism’. This is an acceptable reference to ‘humanitarian/philanthropic’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point accurately identifies the agreement that ‘Banksy’s humour serves as an engaging tool which has been used well ...’ This is an acceptable reference to ‘artistic merit’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Note that, in this example, the accurate identification is found in the evidence supplied by the candidate.

The candidate provided detailed/insightful evidence for these points in the form of quotations and comments and was awarded **2 marks** for this evidence.

Overall, this candidate was awarded **28 out of 30 marks** for this paper.

Candidate 3

Question 1

The candidate was awarded **0 marks**.

The comment ‘no one knows his true identity’ is an attempt to explain ‘the question of Banksy’s identity’/ ‘identity cloaked in mystery’. The explanation is limited as it relies on the word ‘identity’ which is lifted from the passage. It was awarded 0 marks.

The comment ‘very skilled, producing high quality artwork’ is a limited explanation of ‘unconventional quality of his work’. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 2

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The comment ‘wants his art to be important ... wider art community’ is an acceptable own words explanation of ‘tries to ignore the art world ... notice him at the same time’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The comment ‘attempts to use his art to spark political debates’ is an acceptable own words explanation of ‘controversial’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The comment 'potentially divisive and outrageous artworks ... maximise impact' is an acceptable own words explanation of 'figure of a political prisoner in Disneyland'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 3

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point – 'the extensive maze of rooms ... get lost if you veer off track' – is an acceptable comment on 'labyrinth'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – 'emphasises the variety of different ways ... funny twist' – is an acceptable comment on the use of the list 'rabbit ... child's rocking horse'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – 'hidden throughout the museum rather than ... clearly labelled' – is an acceptable comment on 'secreted'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – 'completely different to any ... and is unique' – is an acceptable comment on 'ingeniously'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 4

The candidate was awarded **0 marks**.

The first point – 'waited for hours to see the exhibition' – is an attempt to comment on 'queued for ... just under three hours.' The comment is limited as it relies on the word 'hours' which is lifted from the passage. It was awarded 0 marks.

The second point – 'people travelled long distances to go and see it' – is a limited comment on 'Visitors from all over the UK, from Europe and beyond'. It was awarded 0 marks.

The third point – 'well received by both experts and the general public' – is a limited comment on 'ecstatic'. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 5

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point – ‘no deeper meaning’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘one-dimensional’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – ‘just for a bit of fun’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘jokes’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – ‘has permanently’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘irreversibly’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – ‘tarnished his reputation’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘compromised’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fifth point – ‘just another vandal ruining a building’ – is a limited comment on ‘vandalism’. It was awarded 0 marks. The candidate had already been awarded full marks for this question.

The sixth point – ‘arrogant ... shouldn’t get away with vandalism’ – is an attempt to comment on ‘cocky’. The comment focuses on disapproval of Banksy himself rather than his work and was awarded 0 marks.

Question 6

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point – ‘the scale of the problem ... overwhelmingly huge’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘flood’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – ‘highlights the variety of ways people tamper with the art’ – is an acceptable comment on the list ‘vandalised, ripped off and removed’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – ‘stealing the art for themselves rather than trying to be original’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘pirating’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – ‘shows the extent of the problem and that it is a global issue’ – is an acceptable comment on the list ‘the UK the Middle East, the USA and Europe.’ It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 7

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**.

The first comment – ‘to attract attention to places that have issues that are being ignored’ – is an acceptable own words explanation of ‘revitalise tourism in the troubled town’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second comment – ‘make fun of things that are impossible ... standalone artwork’ is a limited explanation of ‘A satire on theme parks.’ It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 8

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The first point – ‘leading us into a new era of art ... led armies to war’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘standard bearer’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – ‘emphasises the point that Banksy’s achievements should be celebrated’ – is an acceptable comment on the repetition of ‘We should praise’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point is an inaccurate comment on the list ‘crashed through ... public consciousness’. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 9

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

The first point accurately identifies the agreement that 'Banksy's art can influence political debates on important issues.' This is an acceptable reference to 'social/political commentator/provocateur'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point is an invalid identification of Banksy's work as 'comedic'. The comment merely states that the work is comedic rather than identifying humour as part of Banksy's artistic skill. It was awarded 0 marks.

The third point accurately identifies the agreement that Banksy is 'leading a new era of art'. This is an acceptable reference to 'vanguard'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The candidate provided detailed/insightful evidence for these points in the form of quotations and comments and was awarded **2 marks** for this evidence.

Overall, this candidate was awarded **22 out of 30 marks** for this paper.

Candidate 4

Question 1

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The comment 'find his lack of a face to the name interesting' is an acceptable own words explanation of 'the question of Banksy's identity ... intriguing'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The comment 'something of greatness, it hits hard' is a limited explanation of 'impact of his art'. It was awarded 0 marks.

The comment 'worth a lot – willing to pay greatly for it' is an acceptable own words explanation of 'the price ... prepared to pay for it'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 2

The candidate was awarded **0 marks**.

The comment 'he wants to be seen but also does not' is a limited explanation of 'tries to ignore the art world ... notice him at the same time'. It was awarded 0 marks.

The comment 'very political' is an attempt to comment on 'controversial'. The comment is limited as it relies on the word 'political' which is lifted from the passage. It was awarded 0 marks.

The comment 'responsible ... great and even violent places' is an identification of what Banksy has done, rather than an explanation of his distinctive approach to his art. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 3

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The first point – 'silly and yet so surprisingly smart direction' – is an acceptable comment on 'ingeniously'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – 'emphasises the radical and hilarious nature ... childlike and funny' is an acceptable comment on the list 'rabbit ... child's rocking horse.' It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point – 'very traditional appearance ... high importance' – is an acceptable comment on 'grand (pillars)'. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – 'actual contents of the museum has displayed are very traditional belongings for a museum' – is a limited comment on 'fossils'/ 'Chinese pottery'. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 4

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The first point – ‘hundreds of thousands of people attended the exhibition’ – is an acceptable own words identification of ‘Over 300,000 people’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – ‘very positive feedback’ – is a limited comment on ‘ecstatic’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The third point – ‘willing to line up for long wait times’ – is an acceptable identification of ‘queued for ... just under three hours.’ It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – ‘came from all over the world for it’ – is an acceptable identification of ‘from all over the UK, from Europe and beyond.’ It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 5

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

The first point – ‘Banksy’s work to lack ... his art is just ridiculous’ is an acceptable comment on ‘joke’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – ‘Banksy’s income from his work ... values’ is a limited comment on ‘mask of failure’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The third point – ‘criminal, his work is nothing but damage to property’ – is an acceptable comment on ‘vandalism’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The fourth point – ‘unwelcoming ... put off by it’ – is a limited comment on ‘far from cosy’. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 6

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**.

The first point – ‘emphasises how many different places people are damaging and exploiting Banksy’s work’ is an acceptable comment on the list ‘in the UK ... Europe.’ It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – ‘diluting the vibrancy’ – is a limited comment on ‘saturating’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The third point – ‘flavourless and lacking impact’ – is a limited comment on ‘anaemic’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The fourth point – ‘sold at extreme rates’ – is a limited comment on ‘stratospheric prices’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The fifth point – ‘unoriginality of the copied artwork’ is a limited comment on ‘pirating’. It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 7

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**.

The first comment – ‘to raise money for charity’ – is a limited explanation of ‘charitable causes’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The second comment – ‘revives old destinations by attracting new visitors’ – is a limited explanation of ‘revitalise tourism in the troubled town’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The third comment – ‘a humorous take on places like theme parks’ – is a limited explanation of ‘satire on theme parks’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The fourth comment – ‘raise recognition for other graffiti artists all over the world’ – is an acceptable own words explanation of ‘brought together the work of a diverse group of important artists’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Question 8

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**.

The first point – ‘purposefully controversial, raising awareness for the most sensitive topics’ is an acceptable comment on ‘disruptive’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The second point – ‘has an intended message’ – is a limited comment on ‘meaningful’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The third point – ‘masked artist ... make a statement’ – is a limited comment on ‘Notoriously mysterious, darkly humorous’. It was awarded 0 marks.

The fourth point – ‘bringing recognition to other graffiti artists deserving of a platform’ – is a limited comment on ‘crashed through the wall.’ It was awarded 0 marks.

Question 9

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

The first point accurately identifies the agreement that ‘Banksy’s work can be seen by some to raise contrasting opinions on various subjects.’ This is an acceptable reference to ‘social/political commentator/provocateur’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

Note that, in this example, the accurate identification is found in the evidence supplied by the candidate.

The second point accurately identifies the agreement that Banksy is leading ‘new artistic movements’. This is an acceptable reference to ‘vanguard’. It was awarded **1 mark**.

The third point is an inaccurate identification of ‘negative opinions.’ It was awarded 0 marks.

The candidate provided appropriate evidence for these points in the form of quotations and comments and was awarded **1 mark** for this evidence.

Overall, the candidate was awarded **16 out of 30 marks** for this paper.