

COMMUNICATIVE DOMAIN

I. Assessment of Communicative Language Competences. Reading Comprehension - 30 points.

Read the text and complete the tasks that follow.

A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO ART

Everyone knows about traditional forms of visual art such as paintings on canvas, drawings with pencil on paper, and sculptures made out of stone, wood, or metal. However, artists all over the world are now exploring new possibilities, demonstrating that art can be created from anything.

The fluid nature of water makes it a challenging and exciting material for art. Polish sculptor Małgorzata Chodakowska uses water and bronze to make fountains that come alive with water. In one piece, for example, a little ballerina appears to wear a flowing skirt when the water is turned on.

Water can also be used in its solid form to produce art. Ice sculptures, which date back to 17th-century China, are usually made to last through the winter. Nevertheless, Brazilian artist Néle Azevedo takes a different approach. She makes hundreds of small ice figures and places them in cities around the world. The fact that the statues melt and slowly disappear is intended to motivate people to reflect on their lives.

Some extraordinary artists use recycled materials for their art. João Parrinha, Luis de Dios, and Xandi Kreuzeder are Portuguese surfers and artists who create amazing art from rubbish found on beaches and in the sea. They transform lost shoes, used tyres, old pieces of plastic and metal into sculptures and installations that look like beautiful sea creatures. Their art has been on show in exhibitions in Portugal, Spain, and France. These pieces are not only interesting to look at but also carry an important message about the need to clean up our oceans and keep them free of pollution.

Meanwhile, French artist Mathilde Roussel works with living plants. Her *Lives of Grass* sculptures are unique because they are made of grass instead of traditional materials. These artworks, shaped in human form, are filled with soil and wheat seeds that require daily care. Since these creations are made of organic materials, they keep changing and the results are unpredictable. Like humans, Roussel's works begin life, grow and die. Her art is visually pleasing and it encourages us to think more deeply. By using organic elements to create human figures, Roussel invites us to consider the importance of our health and diet.

Art is always changing, with artists using everything from water and ice to recycled materials and living plants to create new and meaningful pieces. These works of art inspire us to appreciate the world in new ways and stress the importance of caring for our planet.

No	Items	Score	
I.	Circle the letter corresponding to the correct variant to complete the statements.	4 points	
	<p>1. According to the text, popular forms of art such as canvas paintings, pencil drawings, and sculptures ...</p> <p>a. are only found in museums.</p> <p>b. are appreciated by French artists.</p> <p>c. are widely recognised by people.</p>	A 0 1	A 0 1
	<p>2. According to the text, in one piece, for example, a little ballerina seems to wear a flowing skirt ...</p> <p>a. when the statue starts melting.</p> <p>b. when the water starts running.</p> <p>c. when the temperature drops.</p>	A 0 1	A 0 1
	<p>3. According to the text, Brazilian artist Nèle Azevedo ... to encourage people to enjoy their lives.</p> <p>a. makes lots of ice statues</p> <p>b. creates digital art installations</p> <p>c. paints on city walls</p>	A 0 1	A 0 1
	<p>4. According to the text, French artist Mathilde Roussel presents her sculptures in the form of ...</p> <p>a. abstract shapes.</p> <p>b. human bodies.</p> <p>c. natural landscapes.</p>	A 0 1	A 0 1
II.	In the text, identify the meaning of the words. Circle the letter corresponding to the correct variant.	2 points	
	<p>1. The word '<i>message</i>' in the text is closest in meaning to:</p> <p>a. report</p> <p>b. letter</p> <p>c. idea</p>	A 0 1	A 0 1
	<p>2. The word '<i>stress</i>' in the text means:</p> <p>a. emphasise</p> <p>b. influence</p> <p>c. grow</p>	A 0 1	A 0 1
III.	Briefly answer the questions below, choosing information from the text.	4 points	
	<p>1. What materials does Małgorzata Chodakowska combine to create her unique fountains?</p> <p>_____</p>	A 0 1	A 0 1
	<p>2. Where did ice sculptures first appear?</p> <p>_____</p>	2 3	2 3
	<p>3. What do the Portuguese artists' statues look like?</p> <p>_____</p>	4	4
	<p>4. Which artist draws people's attention to how healthy they are and what they eat?</p> <p>_____</p>		

CULTURAL DOMAIN

III. Assessment of Pluri/Intercultural and Communicative Language Competences. Written Production - 30 points.

Write a 90-100-word text according to the given task.

No	Item	Score	
I.	<p>Your school newspaper/magazine has asked you to write an article about a writer/poet from an English-speaking country.</p> <p>Consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name the writer/poet and the English-speaking country he/she represents. ▪ Present some facts about his/her literary works and/or activity. ▪ Write about the writer's/poet's contribution to society. ▪ Explain why you would recommend reading this author's works. <p>Follow the structure of an article: <i>title, introduction, body, conclusion.</i></p>	30 points	
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