**Grade 8**

**1.1 To achieve grade 8 candidates will be able to:**

* demonstrate independent critical investigation and in-depth understanding of sources to develop ideas convincingly
* effectively apply a wide range of creative and technical skills, experimentation and innovation to develop and refine work
* record and use perceptive insights and observations with well-considered influences on ideas
* demonstrate advanced use of visual language, technique, media and contexts to realise personal ideas

**2. Grade 5**

**2.1 To achieve grade 5 candidates will be able to:**

* demonstrate competent critical investigation and understanding of sources to develop ideas coherently
* apply a range of creative and technical skills and some experimentation and innovation to develop and refine work
* record and use clear observations to influence ideas
* demonstrate competent use of visual language, technique, media and contexts to realise personal ideas

**3. Grade 2**

**3.1 To achieve grade 2 candidates will be able to:**

* demonstrate limited critical investigation and understanding of sources to develop ideas simply
* apply basic creative and technical skills to limited experimentation and innovation
* record and use simple observations to inform ideas
* demonstrate basic use of visual language, technique, media or contexts to realise ideas