St. Mary’s Catholic High School, Dubai

Art First Term Examination 2026–2027

Year 7 | Theme: UAE Heritage & Architecture – A Monument Reimagined

The UAE is home to remarkable monuments and architectural landmarks that reflect its rich heritage, culture and vision for the future.

Examination Task
Create an **original artwork inspired by one UAE monument or landmark** of your choice. Use the monument as the starting point for a creative composition rather than simply copying it. Your artwork should demonstrate your understanding of the **Elements of Art** and **Principles of Design** studied in class.

Creative Direction
You may stylise, simplify, exaggerate or creatively transform the monument. Incorporate UAE-inspired patterns, symbols, landscapes or architectural details where appropriate, while keeping the chosen monument clearly identifiable.



Elements of Art & Principles of Design

Elements of Art: Line • Shape • Form • Colour • Value • Texture • Space

Principles of Design: Balance • Contrast • Emphasis • Movement • Pattern • Rhythm • Unity

Materials

■ Drawing pencil, eraser, sharpener and ruler ■ Colour pencils / sketch pens / markers ■ Additional classroom art materials approved by the teacher

Instructions

1. Choose **ONE UAE monument or landmark** as the main inspiration for your artwork.

2. Create a strong composition with the monument as the **focal point**.

3. Include at least **4 Elements of Art** and **3 Principles of Design** in your final artwork.

4. Experiment with line, colour, pattern, texture, shape and space rather than producing a purely realistic copy.

5. Use design principles such as balance, contrast, emphasis, rhythm, movement or unity to make the composition visually engaging.

6. Use colour purposefully to enhance the mood, meaning and visual impact of your artwork.

7. Ensure the final artwork demonstrates **creativity, craftsmanship, thoughtful composition** and an understanding of the concepts studied.

Creative Challenge

Can you transform a UAE monument into a work of art rather than simply drawing it?
Think like an artist: ***Observe*** → ***Experiment*** → ***Reinterpret*** → ***Create.***

Tip: Avoid leaving large areas unfinished. Make thoughtful choices about your lines, colours, patterns, textures and composition. Your artwork should communicate your appreciation of the UAE while clearly demonstrating the artistic concepts you have learned.