

DSST® ART OF THE WESTERN WORLD

EXAM INFORMATION

This exam was developed to enable schools to award credit to students for knowledge equivalent to that learned by students taking the course. This examination includes the history of art during various periods, including: Romanesque and Gothic; Renaissance; Baroque; rococo; neoclassicism and romanticism; realism, impressionism and post-impressionism; and post-World War II to contemporary.

The exam contains 100 questions to be answered in 2 hours.

EXAM CONTENT OUTLINE

The following is an outline of the content areas covered in the examination. The approximate percentage of the examination devoted to each content area is also noted.

- I. **Ancient World – 15%**
 - a. Ancient Near East
 - b. Egypt
 - c. Greece
 - d. Rome
- II. **Middle Ages – 12%**
 - a. Early Christian, Byzantine & Romanesque
 - b. Gothic
- III. **Renaissance – 15%**
 - a. 15th – Century Italy
 - b. 15th – Century Northern Europe
 - c. 16th – Century Italy
 - d. 16th – Century Northern Europe
- IV. **Baroque – 10%**
 - a. Italy, France & Spain
 - b. Holland & Flanders
- V. **Rococo and Neoclassicism – 9%**
- VI. **Romanticism and Realism – 8%**
- VII. **Impressionism and Post- Impressionism – 8%**
- VIII. **Early Twentieth Century – 12%**
 - a. Emergence of Modernism
 - b. Art between the World Wars

IX. **Postwar to Postmodern – 6%**

X. **Contemporary – 5%**

REFERENCES

Below is a list of reference publications that were either used as a reference to create the exam, or were used as textbooks in college courses of the same or similar title at the time the test was developed. You may reference either the current edition of these titles **or** textbooks currently used at a local college or university for the same class title. It is recommended that you reference **more than one textbook** on the topics outlined in this fact sheet. You should **begin by checking textbook content against the content outline** provided **before** selecting textbooks that cover the test content from which to study. Sources for study material are suggested but not limited to the following:

1. Davies, Penelope, Denny, Walter B., Hofrichter, Frima Fox, Jacobs, Joseph F., Roberts, Ann, & Simon, David (2013). *Janson's Basic History of Western Art*. Pearson Education, current edition.
2. Kleiner, Fred S. (2013). *Gardner's Art through the Ages: A Global History*. Cengage Learning, current edition.
3. Stokstad, Marilyn & Cothren, Michael (2013). *Art History*. Pearson Education, current edition.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

All test questions are in a multiple-choice format, with one correct answer and three incorrect options. These are samples of the types of questions that may appear on the exam. Other sample questions can be found in the form of practice exams by visiting our website at www.getcollegecredit.com/testprep.

1. The *Ara Pacis Augustae* reflects the influence of which of the following?
 - a. The Arch of Constantine
 - b. The Hadrianic sculpture
 - c. The Parthenon sculpture
 - d. The Column of Trajan
2. One basic design for Christian churches in the Middle Ages can be traced back to the
 - a. *Ara Pacis*
 - b. Greek temple
 - c. Pantheon
 - d. Roman basilica

3. Masaccio's *Trinity* exemplifies the influence of the theories of which of the following?
 - a. Botticelli
 - b. Brunelleschi
 - c. Marcilio Ficino
 - d. Cosimo de' Medici
4. The term "chiaroscuro" refers to which of the following?
 - a. One point perspective
 - b. Light and shadow
 - c. Aerial perspective
 - d. Closed form
5. Ruben's art is known for its
 - a. sense of calm and order
 - b. dynamism and theatricality
 - c. treatment of mythological subjects
 - d. treatment of landscape elements
6. The greatest exponent of neoclassicism in painting was which of the following?
 - a. Francois Boucher
 - b. Jacques-Louis David
 - c. Eugène Delacroix
 - d. Jean-Baptiste Greuze
7. The nineteenth-century French neoclassical painter Ingres is best known for his use of
 - a. line
 - b. chiaroscuro
 - c. black
 - d. color
8. Goya's *The Third of May 1808* emphasizes which of the following?
 - a. Humanity's noble and rational side
 - b. Humanity's dark and corrupt side
 - c. The optimism of the Enlightenment
 - d. The glory of war and respect for the Aristocracy
9. In paintings such as *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*, Georges Seurat expressed his theories on which of the following?
 - a. Color
 - b. Landscape
 - c. Momentary light effects
 - d. Perspective
10. Umberto Boccioni's *Unique Forms of Continuity in Space* has been compared to which of the following:
 - a. Polykleitos' *Doryphous*
 - b. *Victory of Samothrace*
 - c. Donatello's *St. George*
 - d. Bernini's *Ecstasy of Saint Theresa*

11. Which of the following artistic movements or styles of the twentieth century was intended to satirize middle-class values?
 - a. Earth-works
 - b. Minimalism
 - c. Pop art
 - d. Process art
12. Which of the following is known for staining raw canvases, a technique that influenced the development of color-field painting?
 - a. Mary Cassatt
 - b. Helen Frankenthaler
 - c. Barbara Kruger
 - d. Judy Chicago

CREDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

The American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT) has evaluated the DSST test development process and content of this exam. It has made the following recommendations:

Area or Course Equivalent	Art of the Western World
Level	Lower-level baccalaureate
Amount of Credit	Three (3) semester hours
Minimum Score	400
Source	American Council on Education – College Credit Recommendation Service

Answers to sample questions: 1-C, 2-D, 3-B, 4-B, 5-B, 6-B, 7-A, 8-B, 9-A, 10-B, 11-C, 12-B.

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