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ART SUBTEST I

Subtest Description

This document contains the Art subject matter requirements arranged according to the domains covered by Subtest I of CSET: Art. In parentheses after each named domain is the domain code from the Art subject matter requirements.

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Art
**Subtest I: Artistic Perception; Historical and Cultural Context
of the Visual Arts; Aesthetic Valuing**

Part I: Content Domains for Subject Matter Understanding and Skill in Art

ARTISTIC PERCEPTION (SMR Domain 1)

Candidates demonstrate an understanding of the foundations of artistic perception contained in the Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Visual Arts (2001) at an advanced level of proficiency. Candidates have both broad and deep conceptual knowledge of the subject matter and are able to accurately define and use the vocabulary of the visual arts. They possess highly developed perceptual and analytical skills that allow a sophisticated response to the world around them and to the formal and expressive qualities of works of visual art and of design across a multiplicity of forms, media, genres, purposes, and functions.

0001 Elements of Art (SMR 1.1)

- a. Demonstrate knowledge of the elements of art (i.e., line, color, shape/form, texture, value, space) and how they are used in visual art and design.
- b. Analyze and discuss the characteristics and qualities of the elements of art in given artworks in various media.
- c. Describe how the elements of art are used to achieve specific effects in given works of two- and three-dimensional art.
- d. Analyze and describe how the elements of art are used and how they contribute to meaning or expressive qualities in given artworks.
- e. Apply knowledge of the elements of art to analyze and describe the environment, works of art, and design.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Art: Kindergarten: 1.3, Grade 1: 1.3, Grade 2: 1.2 and 1.3, Grade 3: 1.5, Grade 4: 1.2, 1.3, and 1.5, Grade 6: 1.1, Grade 7: 1.3, Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 1.6.)

0002 Principles of Design (SMR 1.2)

- a. Demonstrate understanding of the principles of design (e.g., balance, contrast, dominance, subordination, emphasis, movement, repetition, rhythm, variation, unity).
- b. Identify and describe the principles of design in given visual compositions.
- c. Identify the principles of design as observed in natural and human-made objects and environments.

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- d. Analyze how the composition of a work of art is affected by the use of a particular principle of design.
- e. Analyze how various principles of design are used in given works of art.
- f. Analyze how various elements of art are used to illustrate principles of design in given artworks.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Visual Arts: Grade 3: 1.1, Grade 4: 1.1, Grade 5: 1.1 Grade 6: 1.4, Grade 8: 1.3, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 1.2 and 1.4.)

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CONTEXT OF THE VISUAL ARTS (SMR Domain 3)

Candidates demonstrate an understanding of the historical and cultural foundations of art contained in the Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Visual Arts (2001) at an advanced level of proficiency. Candidates have both broad and deep conceptual knowledge of the subject matter including cultural frames of reference and worldviews. They demonstrate wide knowledge of world arts, of the history and diversity of art, and of the roles and forms of the visual arts in societies past and present.

0003 Visual Art and Society (SMR 3.1)

- a. Demonstrate knowledge of how visual art is used to communicate ideas or document experiences.
- b. Demonstrate knowledge of how visual art is used to express emotions and share experiences (e.g., rites of passage, celebrations).
- c. Recognize the influences of the visual arts on communities.
- d. Analyze themes and ideas expressed in art (e.g., religion, social commentary).
- e. Demonstrate knowledge of the relationships between technological tools and visual art.
- f. Analyze the purposes of art in societies past and present.
- g. Analyze diverse social, economic, and political developments (e.g., feminism, environmentalism) reflected in works of past and present art.
- h. Analyze ways in which the works of contemporary artists reflect, play a role in, and influence present-day culture.
- i. Demonstrate knowledge of the roles and functions of arts agencies and institutions (e.g., arts councils, art museums, galleries, collectors).

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Visual Arts: Grade 2: 3.3, Grade 4: 3.2, Grade 5: 3.1, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 3.4, Grade 9 through 12–Advanced: 3.1-3.2. Art Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standards 3 and 4.)

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0004 World Arts (SMR 3.2)

- a. Demonstrate knowledge of artworks and artists, both male and female, in terms of their role and social context, from various times, places, and cultures.
- b. Recognize the characteristics of art forms from various times, places, and cultures (e.g., fine art, traditional art, folk arts).
- c. Analyze how artworks from various times, places, and cultures reflect features and characteristics of those societies.
- d. Identify similarities and differences among art forms or art objects from various times and places within and across cultures.
- e. Recognize how artworks from various times, places, and cultures both reflect and influence society.
- f. Demonstrate knowledge of the cultural contributions of various native, immigrant, and underrepresented groups to the art of the United States.
- g. Compare and contrast utilitarian and nonutilitarian artworks across times, places, and cultures.
- h. Analyze how artworks from different cultures past and present have contributed to California's history and art heritage.
- i. Identify major works of art created by women and describe the impact of those works on society at that time.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Visual Arts: Kindergarten: 3.3, Grade 1: 3.1, 3.3–3.4, Grade 2: 3.2–3.3., Grade 3: 3.1–3.2, 3.4–3.5, Grade 4: 3.2, Grade 5: 3.2–3.4, Grade 6: 3.1–3.2, Grade 7: 3.1–3.2, Grade 8: 3.1–3.4, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 3.1. Art Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standard 4.)

AESTHETIC VALUING (SMR Domain 4)

Candidates demonstrate an understanding of aesthetic valuing in art as contained in the Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Visual Arts (2001) at an advanced level of proficiency. Candidates have both broad and deep conceptual knowledge of the subject matter. They are able to respond to, analyze, interpret, and critique processes and works of visual art representing a wide diversity of forms, media, purposes, and functions. Candidates are able to make sound critical judgments about the quality and success of artworks, relying on their own experiences in and perceptions about the visual arts as well as the perceptions of others.

0005 Derive Meaning (SMR 4.1)

- a. Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship involving the art maker (artist), the making (process), the artwork (product), and the viewer.
- b. Demonstrate knowledge of the use and interpretation of symbols in the visual arts.
- c. Analyze the intentions and motivations of artists creating works of visual art.

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- d. Analyze and articulate how form and content influence the interpretation and message of a work of visual art.
- e. Analyze and describe how society and culture influence the message of a work of art and its interpretation.
- f. Understand factors that influence the perception of art (e.g., personal beliefs; cultural traditions; past and present social, economic, and political contexts).

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Visual Arts: Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 4.1–4.3. Art Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standard 3.)

0006 Make Informed Judgments (SMR 4.2)

- a. Apply knowledge of the elements of art and principles of design to describe similarities and differences in works of art and in the environment.
- b. Demonstrate knowledge of various aesthetic theories (e.g., deconstructionism, formalism, cultural perspectives) to critique one's own and others' artworks.
- c. Construct rationales for the validity of specific artworks and aesthetic theories outside one's own conceptions of art.
- d. Employ current and emerging art criticism models in writing and speaking about works of art.
- e. Develop and apply strategies and criteria to assess and critique a creative process and its resulting work of art.
- f. Develop criteria with a rationale for the selection of a body of work from one's own portfolio that represents significant achievements.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Visual Arts: Grade 8: 4.4, Grades 9 through 12–Proficient: 4.5, Grades 9 through 12–Advanced: 4.4–4.6. Art Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standard 3.)

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Part II: Subject Matter Skills and Abilities Applicable to the
Content Domains in Art

Candidates for Single Subject Teaching Credentials in the visual arts are proficient artists with comprehensive conceptual and technical skills. They are adept in a variety of art media and are able to demonstrate their skill effectively to structure meaningful art experiences. They apply comprehensive knowledge of art criticism; art heritage of cultures from around the world, past and present; aesthetics, including the diversity of global cultural perspectives; and relationships both among the visual arts and between the visual arts and other disciplines.

They know how to incorporate technology into the creative art process. Candidates are also well versed in a variety of techniques and technical skills, aesthetic awareness, critical analytical skills, and proficiency in creative problem solving in the visual arts. Being familiar with various careers available in the field of visual art, they are able to investigate opportunities for pursuing careers in the visual arts.

(Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve: Visual Arts: All grade levels: Standards 1–5. Art Teacher Preparation in California: Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs: Standards 2–11. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards [NBPTS] Early Childhood and Middle Childhood Art Standards: Standards 1–6 and 9. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards [NBPTS] Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood Art Standards: Standards 1–8 and 10.)