

NICAI grade descriptors

Grade	% Value	Description
A+	90-100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work of high to exceptionally high quality showing excellent knowledge, and understanding and appreciation of issues. • Well resolved work of high to exceptionally high professional standard.
A	85-89	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent use of supporting documentation and imagery.
A-	80-84	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A broad range of reference material used in an intelligent and well-considered manner. • A high level of creative ability, originality and critical thinking. • Excellent communication and presentation.
B+	75-79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work showing good to very good knowledge and understanding of major issues though not necessarily of the finer points.
B	70-74	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work of good to very good professional standard.
B-	65-69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good to very good use of supporting documentation and imagery. • Relevant reference material used in a considered manner. • Good to very good creative ability and critical thinking. • Good communication and presentation.
C+	60-64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work showing an adequate knowledge and appreciation of main issues though possibly with some lapses and inadequacies. • Some evidence of professional standards.
C	55-59	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate use of supporting documentation and imagery.
C-	50-54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some use of relevant reference material. • Adequate creative ability and critical thinking. • Adequate communication and presentation.
D+	45-49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work lacking breadth, depth and essential content. • Fails to take an imaginative or professional approach, and understanding is inadequate.
D	40-44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate use of supporting documentation and imagery. • Inadequate use of relevant reference material. • Little evidence of creative ability and critical thinking. • Poor communication and presentation.
D-	0-39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highly unsatisfactory. • Work shows a lack of knowledge about and understanding of the subject. • Inadequate in degree of relevance and completeness. • Communication and presentation is very weak.