Blind-Contour Figure Drawing of People in Public: A Timed, Unbroken-Line Practice

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

A standing person faces forward. Start at the left foot. Draw one unbroken line for 90 seconds covering the left leg outline, the torso side, and the right shoulder edge. Do not look at the paper. Describe the line and complete the checklist.

Answer: One continuous line begins at the left foot, traces the leg outline upward, crosses to the torso side, and ends at the right shoulder edge. The line may cross itself. Checklist: unbroken yes; looked at paper no; edges three; stopped at 90 seconds. Rubric total 8.

Reason: The starting point and edge order are valid alternatives under the convention. The attempt meets continuity, coverage, time, and reflection criteria.

Check: Verify the line is unbroken from foot to shoulder, count three major edges, confirm the timer was 90 seconds, and check the checklist is complete.

Task 2

A seated person leans right. Start at the right shoulder. Draw one unbroken line for 60 seconds covering the shoulder line, the upper arm edge, and the line where the back meets the chair. The person moves at 45 seconds. Record the result.

Answer: The line runs from the right shoulder along the upper arm and to the back-chair edge. The attempt stops at 45 seconds when the person moves. Checklist: unbroken yes; looked at paper no; edges three; stopped due to movement. Rubric: continuity 2, coverage 2, time 1, reflection 2, total 7.

Reason: Time compliance is partial because the attempt ended due to movement, not early stopping. Other criteria are complete.

Check: Confirm the line is unbroken, count three edges, verify the stop reason is movement, and check the checklist records 45 seconds.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 3

A standing person faces left. Start at the top of the head. Draw one unbroken line for 120 seconds covering the head outline, the left arm edge, and the line where the right hand meets the hip. You accidentally look at the paper at 30 seconds but continue. Record the result.

Answer: The line is unbroken but the attempt includes a look at the paper. Checklist: unbroken yes; looked at paper yes; edges three; stopped at 120 seconds. Rubric: continuity 2, coverage 2, time 2, reflection 2, total 8. Convention flag: looked at paper, so repeat the attempt without looking. The 0–8 total scores only the four listed criteria; convention adherence is a separate pass/fail note.

Reason: Looking at the paper violates the convention even if the line stays unbroken. The attempt is useful but should be repeated.

Check: Verify the checklist records the look at the paper, confirm three edges and 120 seconds, and note the convention penalty.

Task 4

A seated person faces right. Start at the left knee. Draw one unbroken line for 90 seconds covering the knee outline, the thigh edge, and the forearm line. The line lifts once at 50 seconds. Record the result and state the fix.

Answer: The line lifts once at 50 seconds. Checklist: unbroken no; looked at paper no; edges three; stopped at 90 seconds. Rubric: continuity 1, coverage 2, time 2, reflection 2, total 7. Fix: end the attempt at the lift and start a new 90-second attempt without lifting.

Reason: A single lift reduces continuity to partial. The fix is to restart rather than patch the line.

Check: Confirm the checklist records one lift, count three edges, verify 90 seconds, and check the stated fix matches the convention.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Line continuity: 0 = broken or lifted; 1 = one unintended lift; 2 = unbroken from start to stop.
- [ ] Observation coverage: 0 = fewer than two major edges; 1 = two edges; 2 = three or more major edges.
- [ ] Time compliance: 0 = stopped early without movement; 1 = ended due to movement before timer; 2 = completed the set duration.
- [ ] Reflection completeness: 0 = no checklist; 1 = partial checklist; 2 = full checklist with one sentence of observation.
- [ ] Convention adherence: valid alternatives in starting point, edge order, and crossings are accepted; penalize only lifting, erasing, or looking at the paper.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?