

GCSE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Mark scheme

Additional sample

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Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

SECTION A

Qu	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks	АО
1		A Coal	1 mark	AO4
2		A A combination of two or more different materials	1 mark	AO4
3		B Two rotations	1 mark	AO4
4		A Denim	1 mark	AO4
5		A Bell crank linkage	1 mark	AO4
6		B Oak	1 mark	AO4
7		B Crowd funding	1 mark	AO4
8		C Medium density fibreboard is a man-made material used in the manufacture of flat pack furniture	1 mark	AO4
9		A A material that can withstand repeated impacts	1 mark	AO4
10		B Oscillating	1 mark	AO4
11		mark for each correct advantage given up to a maximum of 2 marks. Indicative content:	2 marks	AO4

12	1 mark for each correct reason stated up to a maximum of 2 marks.	2 marks	AO4
	Indicative content:		
	one programmable microcontroller can replace several discrete		
	integrated circuits (chips) • reduced size of circuit boards		
	improved reliability		
	economies of scale – one programmable microcontroller can be be with in bull, and are programmable differently for different on a line time.		
	 bought in bulk and programmed differently for different applications bulk buying of a standard component also can reduce component 		
	costs		
	allow for programming upgrades extending product life.		
	You should accept any other valid response.		
13	1 mark for each valid point up to a maximum of 2 marks	3 marks	AO4
13	1 mark for each valid point up to a maximum of 2 marks. A further 1 mark for a relevant example.	3 marks	A04
	Indicative content:		
	 built-in plan to minimise product life (1) by a manufacturer (2) 		
	 product designed to last only a certain time (1) because of rapid 		
	 developments in technology (2) so manufacturers can sell more product (1) and create a demand/ 		
	sustain a market demand (2).		
	Examples:		
	disposable razors		
	printer cartridges		
	disposable cameras.		
	1 mark max for an appropriate example.		
	You should accept any other valid response.		
14	1 mark for each correct response up to a maximum of 3 marks.	3 marks	AO4
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	1 correct =1		
	2 correct = 2 3 or 4 correct = 3		
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	Bevel gear = Hand whisk (E)		
	Foil lined board = Food container (A)		
	Glass reinforced polymer = PCB (C)		
	Polyester = Jumper (B)		

SECTION B

Qu	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks	АО
15		2 marks maximum for any two correct explanation points for each word. 1 mark for a simple explanation point. Indicative content: Reduce: use less materials (1) in the manufacture of a product (2) produce less waste (1) like toxic by-products (2) use less energy (1) by turning products off and not leaving on stand-by (2). Refuse: to use more product packaging (1) than is necessary and avoid using extra materials (2) to dispose of a product in the easiest way (1) like landfill as it is not good for the environment (2). Reuse: use a product again for the same purpose (1) after it has done its job (2) find a new use for a product (1) after it has finished the job it was designed for (2).	3×2 marks	AO4
		Accept other correct responses and credit appropriate examples if used by students to explain their understanding.		
16		3 marks for a detailed descriptive point with an example. 2 marks for a detailed descriptive point or simple descriptive point with an example. 1 mark for a simple descriptive point. Indicative content: • colour – ability to colour co-ordinate a product within an environment eg curtain fabric in a lounge • texture – upholstery fabric for use on a seat eg in a car to improve driving sensation • finish – a smooth finish pleasant to touch • shape/form – geometric or organic forms eg architecture. Accept other correct responses.	3 marks	AO4

17	1	1 mark for each correct surface treatment or finish named.	2 marks	AO4
		Indicative content: • printing • embossing • UV varnishing • painting • tanalising • varnishing • dip coating • powder coating • powder coating • polishing • vinyl decals • dyes • stain protection • PCB lacquering • lubrication. Accept any other correct response.		
17	2	1 mark for each simple point of explanation up to a maximum of 3 marks. NB allow 2 marks for a point of explanation clarified in more detail. Indicative content: improve function (1) protect the material (1) by providing a barrier against moisture/UV/fungal/insect (2) stop deterioration (1) enhance their properties (1) by making them tougher/more resistant to wear (2) make them easier to clean (1) and stop absorption of liquids that might stain (2) improve aesthetics (1) to make them look better/improve appearance (1). Accept other correct responses.	3 marks	AO4

3 marks	Process and its suitability for the indicated product are fully accurate and demonstrate excellent understanding.	3 marks	AO4
2 marks	A good explanation with one or two minor errors or omissions suggesting gaps in understanding.		
1 marks	A simple description of why the process is used. Several errors and only basic evidence of limited understanding.		
0 marks	No attempt or not worthy of credit.		
NB no mark	c for naming a product.		
Indicative c	ontent:		
Casting	 Create a complete object without having to join lots of different pieces together. High quality finish on casting (die casting worth a second mark) reducing finishing time of product. Complex shapes can be manufactured repeatedly from the same mould. Waste materials can be re-melted and reused again saving on materials and reducing production costs. Process can be highly suited to automation eg pressure die casting and gravity die casting. 		
Printing	 Reducing costs of digital printing has allowed higher quality digital prints to make use of the full colour range. Use of CAD and CAM in commercial printing has greatly improved consistency in colour application and pattern alignment. Accuracy in modern printing methods has reduced chemical and water consumption. Modern printing methods are increasingly sustainable with a reduced negative impact on the environment. Prototyping of samples to test different patterns allows designers and manufacturers to see what the final print will look like more quickly. 		
Injection moulding	 A rapid process for making a toothbrush in one piece Pigments can be mixed with molten polymer to allow toothbrushes to be coloured. Left over material can be readily recycled minimising waste. Same equipment can be used for over moulding a TPE soft touch grip on the toothbrush. Allow brush bristles to be held in place – encapsulated. 		

Dia	Allows for multiple popies of soul to be suit suit in an	
Die	Allows for multiple copies of card to be cut out in one	
cutting	go.	
	Highly suited to automation where high volumes of	
	identical card products are required.	
	Maintains consistency and QC in all cards	
	manufactured as the same die is used.	
	Different features like creases and perforations can	
	be added to a die, and formed at the time of cutting.	
Turning	Turning allows accurate bowl formation as wood	
	rotates about a central axis. Hand carving a bowl is	
	more likely to have variations and be a more time and	
	labour intensive process.	
	Use of CAD and CAM using CNC machines has led	
	to improved accuracy – removal of human error.	
	Fine details can consistently be applied to a turned	
	bowl in a way that is virtually impossible with hand	
	turning.	
	Reduction in lung and respiratory diseases for human	
	operators (avoid fine dust particles) – CAM machining	
	can take place in a sealed environment with efficient	
	extraction.	
	Efficient use of available material minimising waste.	
Flow	Used to solder many through hole solder joints at	
soldering	once.	
	Improve the consistency of soldered joints.	
	Solder is heated to correct temperature to melt the	
	solder without damaging the components.	
	Speed up the production of PCBs ie several joints are	
	soldered at once rather than individually as with a	
	soldering iron.	
₁	Significant reduction in manufacturing time, reduction	
'	In human arrare and datactive DC De through	
	in human errors and defective PCBs through soldering inconsistencies.	

19	with an exa 2 marks for description 1 mark for a NB where s	mple provided. a simple description and with no example. a valid simple point maduated tudents respond with description) allow up to 2	f how a material can be modified d an example or a detailed e or named modification. etail on surface finishes (not a marks max depending on the quality	3 marks	AO4
	Indicative of	content:			
	Material	How is the material category modified?	Why does it undergo modification?		
	Timbers	Seasoning – kiln or naturally dried	To reduce moisture content and ensure that the timber is less likely to warp, split or be subject to insect or fungal attack.		
	Metals	Annealing	Annealing – the 'softening' of metals by gentle heating to a predetermined temperature to make it more ductile and easier to fashion.		
		Hardening	Hardening – make the surface of the metal more resistant to wear eg case hardening in gears.		
		Tempering	Tempering – reduce the stresses set up in a metal to make them less brittle eg gardening equipment.		
	Papers and boards	Addition of a waterproof barrier	To prevent absorption of liquid and prevent moisture transfer eg waxed card.		
	Textiles	Application/addition of flame-retardants	Fabric surfaces treated to inhibit combustion and fire hazards. Reduce flammability eg fabric used in domestic furnishing ie sofas, curtains.		
	Polymers	Addition of UV stabilisers	To prevent discolouration of polymers left outside or in the sun eg UPVC window frames.		
		Addition of fillers	Fillers to 'bulk out' polymers and reduce material costs.		
		Addition of plasticisers	Plasticisers added to makes polymers easier to extrude/form.		
	Accept other	er correct responses.			

20	2 marks for calculating the most cost effective way of purchasing required zips using purchase options ie buy 1400 not 1500	2 marks	AO4
	700 x 2 = 1400 zips		
	1000 x 0.30 = £300		
	$500 \times 0.45 = £225$		
	£225 + £300 = £525 (1 mark)		
	1000 x 0.30 = £300		
	100 x 0.50 = £50		
	50 x 4 = £200 £300 + £200 = £500 (1 mark)		

21	7–8 marks	A fully coherent analysis and evaluation of how production aids (at least two named) improve the quality, accuracy and speed of manufacture. Response is well structured, with excellent use of knowledge and understanding to justify the argument made.	8 marks	AO3
	5–6 marks	A logical analysis and evaluation of how production aids (one or two named) improve the quality, accuracy and speed of manufacture. Response has structure. Expect imbalance in consideration of all three discussion points for this mark band. Good use of design and technology knowledge and understanding to justify the argument made.		
	3–4 marks	Some understanding of how production aids are used (at least one named). Responses will indicate analysis but minimal evaluation of how production aids are to improve the quality or accuracy or speed of manufacture. At least two discussion points considered for this mark band. Limited use of design and technology knowledge and understanding to justify the argument made.		
	1–2 marks	One or two brief points about production aids. Response is likely to focus on what production aids are and do. Expect no evaluation on how effective different production aids are.		
	0 marks	No attempt or nothing worthy of credit.		
	Please see	next page for indicative content.		

Indicative content:

Expect responses to consider the following production aids:

- templates
- jigs
- patterns
- formers
- moulds
- dies
- stencils
- fixtures.

Quality:

- expect references to quality assurance (systems used) and quality control (steps taken during making)
- reduce waste through faulty parts/items or batches.

Accuracy:

- production aids can be reused and provide consistency
- provide accuracy where more than one part is required within a tolerance.

Speed:

- no need to mark out every item/component if using a production aid, shape and form should be guaranteed each time saving on marking out
- use of moulds and formers can reduce finishing requirements and replace the need for fabrication, as the item/component is a complete outcome.

You should award marks for anything worthy of credit.

SECTION C

Qu	Part	Marking guidance	Total marks	АО
22		5–6 marks Excellent understanding of why designers research and compare products before designing. A detailed range of points made. Look for detailed reference to informing their own design ie what to incorporate and what to avoid. 3–4 marks Good understanding of why designers research and compare products. Three or four points made. Link to value of informing own design is unclear/not made. 1–2 marks Basic understanding of research and/or value in comparing existing products. One or two simple/general statements made. 0 marks No attempt or nothing worthy of credit. Indicative content: Research (a specific product) because: • they want to see what is available on the market already • what a product looks like • what materials it is made from • how it is packaged • sustainability eg air miles, carbon footprint, percentage of recycled or reused materials. Compare (a range of products) because: • want to know product specifications eg guarantee, technical features • the price of similar products • ease of use • what target users think eg consumer group reports • customer service. Research and compare then link findings to designing their own products by: • identifying a niche market/target group • where market pull exists • a gap in the market • opportunities for new developments eg technology push • design a better product/more 'fit for purpose' • identify strengths and weaknesses in the competition. Accept any other correct response.	6 marks	AO4

23	1, 2 and 3	Award up to a question.	a maximum of 4 marks for each of the three parts of the	12 marks	AO3
		3–4 marks	Well described and justified analysis containing a full evaluation, drawing conclusions having considered both positive and negative factors.		
		1–2 marks	Brief points mentioned but not fully explained. Analysis present but limited evaluation/conclusions drawn. May have focused solely on either positive or negative factors.		
		0 marks	No attempt or nothing worthy of credit.		
		Allow positive	e and negative responses.		
		Indicative co	ontent:		
		A family holiday	Positive responses: can be folded up in a compact space to fit in a car 		
			 telescopic poles can be collapsed making them easier to transport in a family car good for families who want a multi stop holiday cost effective way of going on holiday with a family. 		
			Negative responses:		
			 tent only holds two people and some families would involve three or more people eg two adults, children and a pet it rains a lot in the UK and the tent is only shower proof if they get wet they can be inconvenient to dry out when you get home no security if you go out for the day. 		
		Use in a natural disaster	 Positive responses: transported rapidly in large numbers by airfreight (flat packed, compact) where disaster area may not be easily accessible no specialist tools required to set up/assemble can be stored and reused once the disaster is over durable to survive elements/conditions they can be put up in geometric patterns (rows) to save space. Negative responses: cotton fabric may not provide enough insulation if crisis occurs in inclement weather 		

- many separate parts, meaning distribution of all parts in a crisis becomes more complex
- they require a degree of skill and stamina to put up, which the end user may not have
- time consuming to set up in a crisis
- bulky to transport in large numbers due to numerous parts
- does not include a mosquito net which might be essential.

A festival

Positive responses:

- can be set up in a field easily where access might be difficult
- can be carried into the event in a backpack
- can be pitched in high density to accommodate lots of festival 'goers'.

Negative responses:

- pop festivals can get very muddy and the tent would get dirty in these conditions
- made from several materials, which makes sorting and recycling more complex after the event – many tents get left
- tents get set up anywhere and people may trip over guy ropes – safety hazard
- cotton burns which may be another danger where there are lots of camp fires
- no security and there are lots of people at festivals.

Points must be specific to the given scenario in order to be credit worthy.

NB allow repeats but they must be in context ie made specifically relevant to each situation.

Accept any other credit worthy answers.

23 4 1 mark for correct number of parts drawn. 5 marks AO4 1 mark for positioning of the pieces with least possible waste. 1 mark for correct use of scale and proportions. 1 mark for showing that 15 square metres/3 full metres of fabric will be required per tent. 1 mark for indication of no waste when cutting ie touching parts of the product when cutting. Front Back Roof (folded) Side 1 Side 2 5

23	5	mark for the correct subtraction of area required for tent pieces from total area available on a 4 metre long piece of fabric. mark for correct percentage waste to two decimal places.	2 marks	AO4
		Calculation		
		Step 1: 3 x 5 = 15 square metres for minimum quantity of material required		
		Step 2: inserting of total fabric area and waste area into formula 1.95/15 x 100 = 13.066		
		Step 3: percentage waste to two decimal places is 13.07%		
		NB if a student has assumed a value other than 15 square metres but calculated the correct percentage of waste using the waste value provided in the question do not double penalise and award full credit.		

23	6	Students may respond:	4 marks	AO4		
		By calculating the height of the tent poles using trigonometry.				
		By drawing out the required height of the tent pole graphically.				
		Trigonometry:				
		1 mark for use of tangent formula:				
		eg tan A = opposite/adjacent.				
		1 mark for correct substitution of values:				
		eg tan 30 degrees = 0.75/adjacent.				
By calculating the height of the tent poles using trigonometry. By drawing out the required height of the tent pole graphically. Trigonometry: 1 mark for use of tangent formula: eg tan A = opposite/adjacent. 1 mark for correct substitution of values: eg tan 30 degrees = 0.75/adjacent. 1 mark for correct transposition: eg adjacent (Tent pole) = 0.75/ tan 30 degrees or 0.75/0.58 1 mark of correct tent pole length: eg 1.30 metres plus 0.5 metres = 1.8 metres. Graphic: 1 mark for accurate construction of 30 degree angle in correct location. 1 mark for identifying portion on the pole in the sloping roof to be 1.3m scaled length. 1 mark for answer ie adding calculated drawn vertical height and 0.5m together: accept 1.79m or 1.8m 23 7 1 mark for each correct reason stated up to a maximum of 2 marks. One reason with a detailed explanation would get 2 marks. Accept examples to clarify understanding even though question does not ask for them. Indicative content: • consider how the tent interacts with its users eg touch, feel, aesthetics possibly even smell of the materials • how easy it is to put up the tent • does it provide sufficient shelter eg keep the rain off the occupants/						
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		1 mark of correct tent pole length:				
		eg 1.30 metres plus 0.5 metres = 1.8 metres.				
		Graphic:				
		1 mark for accurate construction of 30 degree angle in correct location.				
		1 mark for scaled drawing measured lengths.				
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23	7	1 mark for each correct reason stated up to a maximum of 2 marks.	2 marks	AO4		
		One reason with a detailed explanation would get 2 marks.				
		Indicative content:				
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		You should accept any other valid responses.				

24	1	1 mark for a specific product a	ssociated with your named designer.	1 mark	AO4	
		NB if no designer is named, no awarded.	o credit for a specific product can be			
		Indicative content:				
		Designer	Associated product			
		Harry Beck	London underground map			
		Marcel Breuer	Wassily chair Knoll furniture			
		Coco Chanel	Fashion designer who focused on handbags, jewellery and perfumes			
		Norman Foster	 Millennium Bridge 30 St Mary – the Gherkin New Wembley stadium City Hall on the South Bank 			
		Sir Alec Issigonis	The Morris Minor The original Mini			
		William Morris	Textile designer who focused on fabrics and wallpaper			
		Alexander McQueen	 Fashion designer – union jack coat for David Bowie 'Bumster' trousers 			
		Mary Quant	Mini skirt 'Mod' style			
		Louis Comfort Tiffany	Art Nouveau – the Tiffany lamp			
		Raymond Templier	Art deco jewellery			
		Gerrit Reitveld	Red Blue chair			
		Charles Rennie Mackintosh	Furniture with an art nouveau influence Stained glasswork			
		Aldo Rossi	The conical coffee maker and tea pot for Alessi Moment clock for Alessi Milan chair			
		Ettore Sottsass	 Valentine typewriter Olivetti office machines The Carlton room dresser 			
		Philippe Starck	The Juicy Saliff lemon squeezerBubble chair			
		Vivienne Westwood	Punk fashion/New waveTartan and tweed			

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24	2	5–6 marks 3–4 marks	Thorough, detailed description, making reference to inspiration, materials and technologies. Response demonstrates an excellent understanding of the impact of each feature upon the work of the chosen designer. Good descriptions of how inspiration, materials and	6 marks	AO4
			technologies are used in the work of the chosen designer. Expect an imbalance in descriptions for each area.		
			Good understanding of how each feature has impact on the work of the chosen designer.		
		1–2 marks	Basic description. One or two points made, with vague or no linking to the work of the chosen designer.		
		0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit/incorrect response.		
		Inspiration t biomimics architectu fashion a popular c religion geometry trends. Material their	hemes: ry/nature ure nd trends ulture		
		natural m			
			le materials terials		
		Technologie	es:		
		computerrapid prof	n lines aided design (CAD) aided manufacture (CAM)		

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25	1	5–6 marks	A fully coherent and logical description with clear points fully explained as to how the chosen modelling technique is used to develop products.	6 marks	AO4
		3–4 marks	Response shows some good understanding with points made why the chosen modelling technique is used to develop products.		
		1–2 marks	Limited understanding of why the chosen modelling technique is used to develop products.		
		0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit/incorrect response.		
		Indicative content:			
		See howCheck ouConsider paper draSave on o	parts of a design/ the design in 3 dimensions. the product might look in real life. It material proportions and dimensions. and identify fabrication issues that cannot be seen in a 2D		
		without in with pape • Allows sn	esigner to see how a garment might look full size (mock-up) expensive material. This cannot be done er as it does not handle like fabric ie linen. In all alterations in a cheaper material form to see how a		
		 A sewing identical. 	might look. pattern might require a few tweaks as no one human form is This can be carried out using a toile. construction and assembly techniques whilst developing a		
		-	mind to check the item is right before wasting time and		

Breadboard:

 Test an electronic circuit to see if it works using real electronic components.

energy on expensive final materials.

- Confirm the working of a virtual electronic circuit designed with PCB software on a PC.
- Speed up research and development as you do not have to waste time soldering components into place.
- Sustainability allows for the reuse and exchange of electronic components through experimentation at the development phase.

5–6 marks	A fully coherent and logical discussion with clear points fully explained as to how computer based tools might be used to develop products.	6 marks	AO4
3–4 marks	Response shows some good understanding with points made to discuss how computer based tools might be used to develop products.		
1–2 marks	Limited understanding of how computer based tools might be used to develop products.		
0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit/incorrect response.		
 Shape /fo world eg Non-dest out how a Share – a CAM: Accuracy part/com Rapid pro 	edia – potential customer/client/end user opinion. orm – see what the final product might look like in the real different surfaces finishes, views from different positions. cructive testing – avoid wasting unnecessary materials to find a material/part/product may perform when in use. ability to shape information worldwide instantly eg CAD file. y – make a scaled or full size mock-up of a final ponent etc without wasting more expensive material. ototyping – accurate and fast replication of a CAD design in a granterial eg PLA.		
CNC made	chinery eg 3 axis miller to realise a virtual realisation of a ent/part/product.		