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Paper 2 Designing and Making Principles

Mark scheme

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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.

#### **Glossary for maths**

If a student uses a method which is not explicitly covered by the mark scheme the same principles of marking should be applied. Credit should be given to any valid methods. Examiners should seek advice from their senior examiner if in any doubt.

- [a, b] Accept values between a and b inclusive.
- **For**  $\pi$  Accept values in the range [3.14, 3.142]
- TheirAccept an answer from the candidate if it has been inaccurately calculated<br/>but is subsequently used in a further stage of the question.

#### Questions which do not ask students to show working

As a general principle, a correct response is awarded full marks.

Qu	Part			Marking Guidance		Total marks	AO
01		Figures 1 and	2 show tw	vo step ladders.		12	AO3 1a
		Compare and	evaluate t	he two step ladders show	vn.	marks	AO3 1b
		In your answe	r vou shoi	ıld refer to:			
			•				
		<ul><li> design safet</li><li> ergonomic f</li></ul>					
				Figure 1	Figure 2		
		Main manufa	cture	Wood wastage	Aluminium		
		process		techniques	extrusion		
		Joining methe	ods	Adhesive and screws	Nuts and bolts		
		Applied finish		Clear varnish	Self-finishing		
		Marks	Descript				
		9–12 marks		oonse provides detailed c on of both step ladders, re			
				I details to both ergonom			
				The response makes judg			
				g the design of both prod			
			•	data provided.	J		
		5–8 marks		oonse provides a good co			
				ladders referring to both			
				onse makes analytical ju	•		
			•	g to design of both produ pects of the data provide	•		
		1–4 marks		ladders are compared ir			
				se of the data provided.			
				elements such as materia			
				inking these to the bullet			
		0 marks	No respo	onse or nothing worthy of	credit.		
		Indicative co	ntent				
		The guidance	provided i	s illustrative and not exha	austive. Credit any		
		worthy points	made in si	upport of the band descri	ptors above.		
				n a thermal insulator whic			
				iges as much as <b>Figure</b> 2			
				will not make it difficult to			
		-		n a natural material which	•		
		structure.	Siluciule	whereas <b>Figure 2</b> is not v	weakened by grain		
			av distort v	vithin damp conditions du	ue to natural		
				re 2 will be stable in all co			
				ed by wastage methods a			
		will wear ov	er time to	users' feet and hand posi	itions. Figure 2 is		
				er material which will not	be affected as		
		easily, keep	ing the ori	ginal form.			

•	<ul> <li>work, whereas Figure 2 is a conductor making it a risk of becoming live in an electrical accident.</li> <li>Figure 2 would be suitable for storage outdoors but Figure 1 would be susceptible to changes in weather conditions.</li> </ul>	
•	<b>Figure 2</b> may have grooves added within the step extrusions for added grip.	
•	The aluminium ladder in <b>Figure 2</b> can be made lighter in weight due to extrusions not possible in <b>Figure 1</b> .	
•	Aluminium extrusions in <b>Figure 2</b> may need polymer end caps to prevent floor damage or trapped fingers.	
•	Figure 2 may become loose due to nuts and bolts.	
	Figure 1 may become loose over time due to wood joints	
•	Use of locking nuts on <b>Figure 2</b> will reduce risk of coming loose.	
	The wide bases on <b>both</b> ladders provides a stable structure when in use.	
•	<b>Figure 2</b> provides additional support for the user at the top of the ladder and a larger platform for storing items.	
1	The additional feet on <b>Figure 2</b> increases grip on floor surfaces.	

Qu	Part		Marking Guidance		Total marks	AO
02		Figure 3 shows a 2D vie	ew of a 2 metre step ladder.		4 marks	AO4 2c
		The step ladder is angle stands on a horizontal fl	d at 15 degrees from the vertica	al wall and		
		The ladder has 5 steps v step.	with even spacing of 300 mm be	etween each		
		The first step is 300 mm	from the bottom of the ladder.			
		Calculate the vertical he nearest mm.	ight of the 5th step from the floc	or to the		
		Find height along $5 \times 300$ or 1500 1 mark ladder		1 mark		
		Set up appropriate trigonometrical equation	$\cos 15 = \frac{\text{height}}{\text{their 1500}}$	1 mark		
			or			
			height = their $1500 \times \cos 15$			
		Evaluate height	[1448.8, 1448.9]	1 mark		
		Round to nearest mm	1449	1 mark		
		Round to nearest mm Correct answer without working is awarded full marks	1449	4 marks		

Qu	Part		Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
03	Fait		testing procedures required during product to ensure a step ladder is safe for sale. Description The response gives a detailed description of appropriate testing procedures that are directly related to the step ladder context. The response gives a good description of testing procedures, some of which are appropriate to the step ladder context. The response gives a basic description of generic	marks 6 marks	AO4 2c
		0 marks	testing procedures that could be used for checking product safety prior to sale. No response or nothing worthy of credit.		
		<ul> <li>worthy points</li> <li>Small grou manufactur information</li> <li>The readat labelling/ic including us</li> <li>Weight res would be do check for lo</li> <li>The ladder of uneven lo</li> <li>Locking m</li> <li>Repetitive</li> <li>Testing on finger trap</li> <li>Completion</li> <li>FEA (Finite may have ta</li> </ul>	provided is illustrative and not exhaustive. Credit any made in support of the band descriptors above. <b>Ip testing</b> with possible users would allow the er to check the ease of use, including safety and accessibility of key features on the product. <b>Dility/intuitive</b> appearance of the <b>safety</b> <b>leograms</b> would need testing with a range of users sers with language issues. <b>Artictions</b> will need testing over multiple uses, this one with specific forces being applied at all angles to ongevity. would be tested for <b>stability against tipping</b> in case		

Qu	Part		Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
04		Analyse and e	ws a range of safety instructions used on a loft ladder. evaluate how the images shown in <b>Figure 4</b> effectively the safety instructions to the user.	6 marks	AO3 2a AO3 2b
		Marks	Description		
		5–6 marks	The response gives a detailed analysis of the range of safety ideograms shown evaluating readability and clarity of instruction to all for individual aspects.		
		3–4 marks	The response gives a good analysis of the ideograms shown evaluating the instructions as a whole.		
		1–2 marks	The response gives a basic analysis of the ideograms shown with generic observations lacking any depth of evaluation.		
		0 marks	No response or nothing worthy of credit.		
		Indicative co	ntent		
		-	provided is illustrative and not exhaustive. Credit any made in support of the band descriptors above.		
		contrast.	small and hard to understand due to lack of colour		
			all and hard to read.		
			ges does assist understanding ed are non-standard but improve communication over		
			and cross symbols gives clarity to the user.		
		damage.	very generic and does not clarify what to look for as quires manufacturer's instruction manual as well which		
		will not be p	oresent when using the ladder.		
		with being I			
		•	ARNING blends in as in the same colour as rest of text. ar what locks are being referred to. Could be labelled etc.		
		<ul> <li>Stage 5 use user.</li> </ul>	e of a 2D image is helpful, but may not be clear to the		
		-	age is very unclear and could do with being an outline ather than the whole person.		
		-	age is unclear and text small cross on white d contrasts with tick on white background.		
		Stage 8 use	e of standardised symbol for electrical hazard. are positioned on side of ladder this may not be seen		

<ul> <li>Maximum weight restriction shown in both kilograms and stones using white text on black to stand out from the rest of the ideograms.</li> </ul>	
Accept any other valid responses.	

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
05		State <b>two</b> specific forms of anthropometric data used in the development of a step ladder.	2 marks	AO4 2c
		One mark per form of anthropometric data.		
		Indicative content		
		The guidance provided is illustrative and not exhaustive.		
		<ul> <li>Anthropometric data:</li> <li>grip diameter (for handles)</li> <li>max weight of 99th percentile male (for step ladder load bearing)</li> <li>width of feet with shoes on (step width)</li> <li>comfortable lifting height for feet (step spacing)</li> <li>length of foot (to ensure steps do not overhang too much preventing ascent).</li> </ul> Accept any other valid responses.		

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
06		State the <b>two</b> types of nutrient associated with the circular economy.	2 marks	AO4 2a
		One mark for each nutrient identified.		
		Indicative content		
		<ul><li>Biological nutrients.</li><li>Technological nutrients.</li></ul>		

Qu	Part		Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
07			<ul> <li>manufacturer could personalise a mass-produced individual customer's requirements.</li> <li>Description</li> <li>The response shows a detailed understanding outlining technically accurate techniques used to personalise mass produced products.</li> </ul>	6 marks	AO4 2b
		3–4 marks	The response shows a good understanding of one or more technique with some relevant detail on how personalisation is achieved. The response provides a basic description of how a		
		0 marks	product may be personalised. No response or nothing worthy of credit.		
		Indicative co	ntent		
			provided is illustrative and not exhaustive. Credit any made in support of the band descriptors above.		
		allow for a customer re • The <b>additio</b>	ers produce products with <b>standardised fittings</b> to range of alternative features to be added based on equirements. <b>on of pigments</b> into standardised forming processes basic level of personalisation/variety within a product		
		<ul> <li>The use of</li> <li>Post-produ- personalisa</li> <li>Online app</li> </ul>	editable standardised computer files/images. ction personalisation through <b>engraving</b> can allow for ition of products. <b>Dications</b> allow customers to 'design' their own uch as cars, using a <b>predetermined set of options</b> .		
		bottles.	use digital printing on bottle labels to produce named		
		allow consu CAD mode • Personalisa either by la	ce modular furniture 'systems' such as PAX etc that umers to build their own wardrobe online through a 3D I and generate a parts list for collection in store. ation of glassware and other objects that can be etched ser or acid etching is an option after purchase of a ass-produced product.		
		<ul> <li>Vinyl wrapp ether for the</li> </ul>	ing is becoming more popular in the vehicle industry, e addition of company decals to the side of a van or for in a colour or finish that is not available directly from cturer.		
		adjustment	digital printing on flat surface labels allows for the of images much more readily than through offset where plates would have to be changed.		
		Accept any c	other valid responses.		

Qu	Part		Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
Qu 08	Part	mass product Marks 5–6 marks 3–4 marks 1–2 marks 0 marks Indicative co	enefits of using laser scanning for quality control in ion. Description The response gives a detailed explanation of laser scanning benefits and their relevance to quality control in mass production. The response gives a good explanation of laser scanning with some links to quality control and/or mass production. The response provides a basic explanation of laser scanning. No response or nothing worthy of credit.		AO4 2b
		<ul> <li>worthy points</li> <li>Laser scanni</li> <li>can be don</li> <li>can be don</li> <li>forming</li> <li>can be director</li> <li>computer li</li> <li>works to example an expension</li> <li>an expension</li> <li>non-destrution</li> <li>results can feeding back</li> </ul>	made in support of the band descriptors above. ing: e on objects without contact, increasing hygiene e from distance on objects that may be hot after ectly compared with 3D CAD files through a direct		

Qu	Part		N	larking Guidance	Total marks	AO
09		Figure 5 show	ws some pac	kaging for biscuits.	12 marks	AO3 2a AO3 2b
		Component		Material		
		Box		Carton board		
		Polymer wra	pper	low density polyethylene (LDPE) film		
		Biscuit tray		Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)		
		Analyse and e packaging col In your answe • raw materia	mponents sh er you should			
		<ul><li>product ma</li><li>disposal/en</li></ul>				
		Marks	Description			
		9–12 marks	evaluation	nse provides detailed analysis and of all components of the packaging. to materials, manufacture and disposal is		
		5–8 marks	The respor evaluation elements o	nse provides a good analysis and some of the packaging, discussing the key f environmental impact.		
		1–4 marks	packaging environme	nse provides a basic analysis of the and limited evaluation of the ntal impact focussing mainly on some of the packaging.		
		0 marks	· · · · ·	se or nothing worthy of credit.		
		Indicative co	ntent			
		•	•	illustrative and not exhaustive. Credit any port of the band descriptors above.		
		<ul> <li>printed ima the addition</li> <li>printing pro contaminar</li> <li>addition of a consumption</li> <li>die cutting a recycled but</li> <li>die cutting a</li> <li>when recycled</li> </ul>	ges are appl o of inks cess uses el its that can't foil blocking on of package co it creates coi uses electric	produced from FSC timber ied by offset lithography printing requiring ectrical energy to run printer and produces be allowed into streams/rivers or spot varnishing adds energy creates waste carton board that can be ntaminants during ink removal al energy during operation esive joining the box together adds a ess.		

Polymer film wrapper:	
<ul> <li>sourced from a finite resource of crude oil</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>the clear polymer MUST be produced from 'virgin' polymer rather than recycled to give the transparency</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>the calendaring process to produce the film uses heat and pressure</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>the joining of the polymer film uses heat to bond the polymer without adding an extra adhesive</li> </ul>	
• LDPE used for the wrapping is a commonly recycled thermoplastic.	
Vacuum formed tray:	
<ul> <li>sourced from either crude oil or recycled polymer</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>vacuum forming requires heat and electrical energy</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>waste polymer is trimmed from trays and recycled for further processing</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>final recycling possible due to thermoplastic</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>black colouring can limit recycling possibilities due to difficulty detecting on a conveyor belt.</li> </ul>	
Accept any other valid responses.	

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
10		State <b>two</b> reasons why a barcode is used on packaging.	2 marks	AO4 2a
		<b>One</b> mark for <b>each</b> relevant point.		
		Indicative content		
		The guidance provided is illustrative and not exhaustive.		
		<ul> <li>To allow for accurate stock monitoring within a store.</li> <li>To give accurate pricing data for retail and sale.</li> <li>To allow automatic stock re-ordering via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).</li> <li>To allow scanning to be used at checkouts.</li> <li>To enable product recalls.</li> <li>To provide a unique identification of products, eg tracking.</li> </ul> Accept any other valid responses.		

Qu	Part		Marking Guidar	ice	Total marks	AO
11		<b>Figure 6</b> represents some packaging.				
			Figure 6			
			Black ellow 30° 60° 135° 135° Magenta	Cyan Iges and the ink areas each	1	
			Table 1			
		Colour	Cartridge cost (£)	Surface coverage per cartridge (m <sup>2</sup> )		
		Black	10.50	8 m <sup>2</sup>		
		Cyan	16.00	12 m <sup>2</sup>		
		Magenta	16.00	12 m <sup>2</sup>		
		Yellow	16.00	12 m <sup>2</sup>		
		The packaging has a	a surface area of 0.6	m <sup>2</sup>		

Qu	Part	Mar	king Guidance		Total marks	AO
11	1	Show that <b>five</b> yellow cartrid	ges will be needed for <b>1000</b> p	oackages.	3 marks	AO4 2c
		Calculate Yellow as surface area of one package	$\frac{30}{360} = \frac{1}{12}$ $\frac{1}{12} \times 0.6 \text{ m}^2$ $= 0.05 \text{ m}^2$	1 mark		
		Calculate exact number of yellow cartridges used for 1000 packages	$0.05 \times 1000 = 50 \text{ m}^2$ Yellow surface area for <u>1000 packages</u> surface area covered by one yellow cartridge $\frac{50}{12} = 4.166 \text{ cartridges}$	1 mark		
		Recognition that five full cartridges are needed	As full cartridges are needed then 4.166 is rounded up to 5	1 mark		

Qu	Part		Mar	king Guidance		Total marks	AO
11	2	Calculate the tota	al cost of full	cartridges needed for 1000	packages.	3 marks	AO4 2c
		Calculate surface areas of other	Black	$\frac{1}{6} \times 0.6 = 0.1 \text{ m}^2$	1 mark		
		colours for 1 package	Cyan	$\frac{3}{8} \times 0.6 = 0.225 \text{ m}^2$			
			Magenta	$\frac{3}{8} \times 0.6 = 0.225 \text{ m}^2$			
		Calculate number of	Black	$0.1 \times 1000 = 100 \text{ m}^2$	1 mark		
		cartridges needed for each colour to produce 1000 packages		$\frac{100}{8}$ = 12.5 (13)			
			Cyan	$0.225 \times 1000 = 225 \text{ m}^2$			
				225 12 = 18.75 (19)			
			Magenta	$0.225 \times 1000 = 225 \text{ m}^2$			
				$\frac{225}{12}$ = 18.75 (19)			
		Calculate total	Black	$13 \times \pounds 10.50 = \pounds 136.50$	1 mark		
		cost	Yellow	$5 \times \pounds 16 = \pounds 80$			
			Cyan	$19 \times £16 = £304$			
			Magenta	$19 \times £16 = £304$			
			Total cost	£824.50			
		Calculate total cost. Where no working out is shown but final answer is accurate.		£824.50	3 marks		

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
12	1	Define the purpose of the RoHS directive.	2 marks	AO4 2a
		<b>One mark</b> for reference to RoHS preventing/restricting the use of hazardous substances.		
		<b>One mark</b> for an explanation that restriction is to prevent damage to human health.		

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
12	2	State <b>two</b> specific materials that are restricted under the RoHS directive. One mark for <b>each</b> material. Indicative content Materials: • cadmium • lead • mercury • chromium (hexavalent).	2 marks	AO4 2a

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
13		Identify the following labels and state what they mean.		AO4 2a
		Figure 7 Figure 8		
		bsi t		
		Indicative content		
		Figure 7 One mark for Möbius (Mobius) Loop.		
		<b>One mark</b> for meaning, ie the product can be recycled.		
		Figure 8 One mark for (BSI) Kitemark.		
		<b>One mark</b> for meaning, ie the BSI kitemark assures customers that a product has been tested and is safe and <b>conforms to the relevant British standards</b> for sale in Britain.		

Qu	Part		Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
14		furniture desig	npact of the work of Charles and Ray Eames on gn. efer to specific examples in your answer.	6 marks	AO4 2b
		You should real Marks 5–6 marks 3–4 marks 1–2 marks 0 marks Indicative co The guidance worthy points Charles and plywood fur They also la fibreglass fi They produ Their work pack furnitu Their work Exemplar res	efer to specific examples in your answer.          Description         The response provides detailed discussion of the impact of work by Charles and Ray Eames on furniture design, using some specific examples to relate to the work of current styles.         The response provides a good discussion of work by Charles and Ray Eames referring to techniques/products associated with them.         The response provides a basic discussion of work by Charles and Ray Eames.         No response provides a basic discussion of work by Charles and Ray Eames.         No response or nothing worthy of credit.         Intent         e provided is illustrative and not exhaustive. Credit any made in support of the band descriptors above.         d Ray Eames pioneered the forming of moulded miture.         ed the way with the construction of single piece urniture.         uced simple one-piece forms in bold colours.         can be seen as influential with Ikea and modern flat ure.         with fibreglass led to the S Chair by Verner Panton.         sponse: (top mark band)		
		seen in the Lo (DCW), and a This has had Verner Panto	pioneered the forming of moulded plywood furniture bunge Chair Wood, (LCW), and Dining Chair Wood, also the construction of fibreglass single piece forms. a huge impact on developments used by Ikea and n who developed the S Chair in fibreglass.		
		Accept any C	other valid responses.		

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Total marks	AO
15		Figure 9 shows steel beam supports for a wooden floor.	2 marks	AO4 2c
		Give <b>two</b> reasons why an I-beam cross section is ideal for the main support.		
		<b>One</b> mark for <b>each</b> relevant point.		
		Indicative content		
		The guidance provided is illustrative and not exhaustive.		
		<ul> <li>I-beam section is a common stock form (available in a range of standardised profiles).</li> <li>I-beam sections reduce weight while maintaining rigidity (compared to solid alternatives).</li> <li>I-beam sections can be easily fabricated on site (through welding procedures).</li> <li>I-beam sections allow bolts to be secured through thin flanges (for ease of assembly on site).</li> </ul>		
		Accept any other valid responses.		