

GCE AS/A level

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY – DT1 Product Design

A.M. TUESDAY, 2 June 2015

2 hours

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Answer **five** questions from Section A. Answer **one** question from Section B.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

When and where appropriate, answers should be amplified and illustrated with sketches and/or diagrams.

Section A is designed to demonstrate your breadth of knowledge in Product Design.

Your **Section B** answer should be substantial and demonstrate your **depth** of knowledge in Product Design.

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in answers that involve extended writing **(Section B)**.

SECTION A

Answer **five** questions from this section.

This section is designed to demonstrate your **breadth** of knowledge in Product Design.

Each question carries 8 marks.

- 1. Products may have pre-finished surfaces produced during manufacture or have surface finishes applied by the consumer.
 - (a) Name a product which has a surface finish produced by the manufacturer, the type of finish and two reasons why it is appropriate. [4]
 - (b) Name a product which has a surface finish applied by the consumer, the type of finish and two reasons why it is appropriate.
 [4]
- 2. (a) Describe the main features of a high volume (mass) production system. [4]
 - (b) Explain **four** benefits of a high volume production system to the manufacturer. $4 \times [1]$
- **3.** Products that are certified by the British Standards Institute (BSI) have passed specific tests before use by the consumer.

Name **four** products that are BSI certified and describe a specific test that **each** needs to pass. $4 \times [2]$

4. Materials may be classified as natural, synthetic or regenerated.

For any **two** of these, name a specific material, its particular properties and its applications. $2 \times [4]$

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5. Product designers use information from both primary research and secondary research to inform their designing.

| (a) | Describe the kind of information identified through primary research. | [4] |
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- (b) Describe the kind of information identified through **secondary research**. [4]
- **6.** Explain the following terms:

| (a) | Reverse Engineering as used within design and production. | [4] |
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- (b) Concurrent Engineering as used within product development. [4]
- 7. (a) Explain the terms qualitative and quantitative performance criteria when used in a design specification. $2 \times [2]$
 - (b) Within the specification for a named product, state **two** examples of **qualitative** performance criteria and **two** examples of **quantitative** performance criteria. 2 × [2]
- 8. With reference to the production of a particular product or material, explain what is meant by quality control and state why it is important to the manufacturer. [8]

SECTION B

Answer one question from this section.

Your answer should be substantial and show the **depth** of your knowledge in Product Design.

Each question carries 30 marks.

- **9.** With reference to at least **two** different products, explain why both **styling** and **image creation** are important in product development, commenting on the importance of these factors to the consumer. [30]
- **10.** Technological developments have had an inevitable impact on the design and manufacture of products.

Explain how technological developments have improved the manufacture, function, and appeal of named products. [30]

11. Designers create products using their knowledge and understanding of materials, production methods and market needs.

Discuss the validity of this statement in relation to a specific product or range of products. [30]

END OF PAPER