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**Thursday 9 January 2020**

Morning (Time: 1 hour 15 minutes)

Paper Reference **21492E**

**Construction and the Built  
Environment**

**Unit 1: Construction Technology**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.  
– *you are allowed to use a non-programmable scientific calculator.*
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and learner registration number.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ALL questions.

Some questions must be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 Low-rise buildings have performance requirements.

(a) Draw a line to match each material/component to its associated performance requirement.

Each material/component has only **one** performance requirement.

(2)

Material/Component	Performance requirement
Plasterboard layers	Weather resistance
Flashings	Stability
	Security
	Sound insulation
	Strength

(b) Identify **two** types of load that a building is designed to resist.

(2)

- A Aesthetic
- B Wind
- C Economic
- D Sustainable
- E Self-weight

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(c) Name **two** materials from a traditionally built house that could be recycled when the building is demolished.

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(d) Identify **two** types of sound insulation used within a building.

(2)

- A** Triple glazing
- B** Timbering
- C** Guttering
- D** Carpeting
- E** Mood boards

(e) Identify **two** locations in a building where sound insulating materials can be placed to reduce the passage of sound.

(2)

- A** Chimney
- B** Floor
- C** Lighting
- D** Excavations
- E** Wall

**(Total for Question 1 = 10 marks)**

**2** Temporary roads and hard standing areas are features shown on a site layout plan.

Name **two** other features shown on a site layout plan.

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**(Total for Question 2 = 2 marks)**



3 Name **one** type of internal partition wall.

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(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)

4 Diagram 1 shows a section through a foundation.

Label the **four** materials/components of the foundation shown in Diagram 1.

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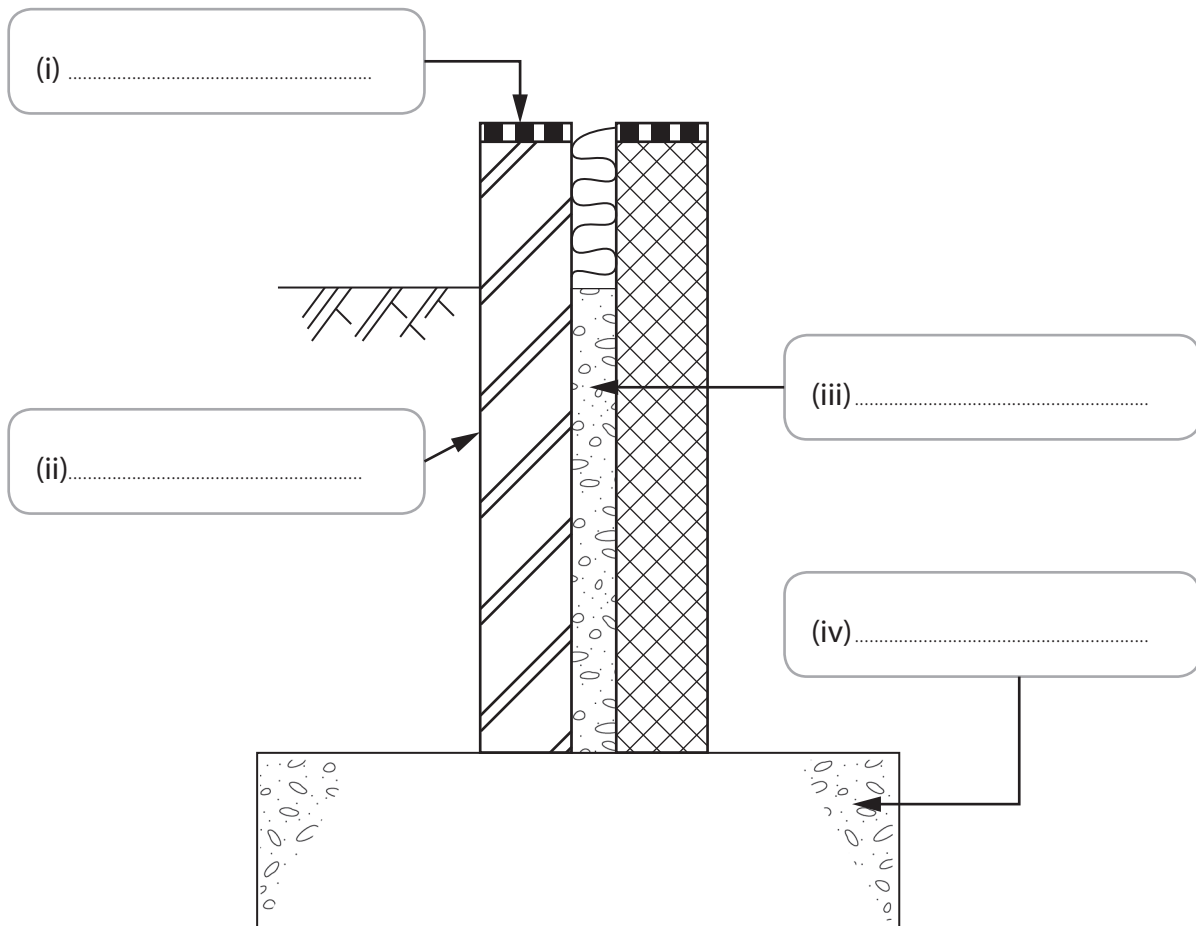


Diagram 1

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5 Sketch a cross-section through a raft foundation supporting a cavity wall.

You should annotate your diagram.

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(Total for Question 5 = 5 marks)



6 Explain **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of a strip foundation.

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Advantage

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Disadvantage

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**(Total for Question 6 = 4 marks)**

7 (a) Give **one** function of a wall opening.

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(b) Name **one** component of a wall opening.

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**(Total for Question 7 = 2 marks)**

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8 (a) Straw bales are used in sustainable construction.

Name the building element that straw bales are used to construct.

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(b) Explain **two** reasons why the use of straw bales is a sustainable form of construction.

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(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)

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**9** A trench is going to be excavated for a drainage pipe. The trench will be 40 m long, 0.6 m wide and 2.4 m deep.

Calculate the volume of excavated material.

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**(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)**

**10** Explain **two** benefits of using eco-joists instead of solid timber joists for the construction of the upper floors of a low-rise building.

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**(Total for Question 10 = 4 marks)**

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**11** An inner city industrial site has been abandoned and is contaminated. A developer is proposing to build houses on this site.

Explain the advantages and disadvantages of developing the project on this brownfield site.

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**12** Discuss why a housing developer might use timber frame construction rather than traditional cavity wall construction.

(6)

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(Total for Question 12 = 6 marks)

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**13** A developer is proposing to build a two-storey office block. Properties nearby have pitched roofs.

The developer is considering two different types of roof:

- pitched roof with interlocking tiles
- flat roof with built up felt.

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each of these roof types.

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**(Total for Question 13 = 9 marks)**

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