

GCSE

Design and Technology: Product Design

Unit **A552**: Designing and making innovation challenge General Certificate of Secondary Education

Mark Scheme for June 2015

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Development of Design Evolution through making	Initial Thoughts	Limited outline of initial thoughts. Work is predictable/non creative	1	Outlines initial thoughts giving some detail, work shows some potential	1	Clearly outlines initial thoughts giving detail. Ideas show potential /some creative elements.	1	Clearly outlines initial thoughts giving detail. Initial thoughts show creative thinking	1	0 1 2 3 4
	Brief	Possible briefs are clear	1	Final design brief has scope for creativity	1					5 6
	Use/ clients/ users	Intended user(s) and/or client(s) is identified	1	User requirements are positively reflected within design work	1					7 8 9
	Specification	Specification is vague/generic. Points based upon 'given' information.	1	Specification gives some basic requirements for product	1	Specification is detailed key features of the product are identified.	1			10 11 12 13
	Ideas	Very limited / predictable idea/s	1	Range of ideas that respond to the brief/specification	1	Ideas show some detail	1	Ideas show detail of most aspects of the design	1	14 15
		Some evidence of creative thinking	1	Creative thinking expands ideas	1	Ideas are innovative (inventive, original, novel)	1	Details of construction or materials given	1	16 17 18
	Response to Design Problem	Limited consideration or response to given design problem	1	Design problem considered/ addressed	1	Design problem fully considered/ addressed	1			19 20 21 22

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Communicating information through sketches, writing and photographs	Quality of Communicatio n Skills	Use of sketches/images is limited Written communication (clarity of message) is limited	1	Use of sketches/images is satisfactory Written communication is satisfactory	1	Use of sketches/images is good Written communication is good	1	Uses a variety of techniques to enhance design communication e.g. rendering, swatch Written communication is clear and succinct. Technical vocabulary is used	1	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Materials, Components, Processes,	Material Selection	Choice of materials and components limited	1	Considered choice of materials and	1	Appropriate joining methods identified/detailed	1	useu		0 1 2
Techniques, and Industrial practice	Use of Material	Use of materials restricted to basic constructions, structures or experiments	1	Some adept use of materials but with inconsistencies.	1	Adept use of materials	1	Making skills demonstrate a range of techniques/ complexity	1	3 4 5
	Making Skills	Product modelling attempted - substantially incomplete	1	Model mainly complete. Reasonable standard of making skills evidenced	1	Model mainly complete. Good standard of making skills demonstrating accuracy	1	Model(s) complete with a high standard of making skills	1	6 7 8 9
		Model reflects some aspects of the developed design	1	Model accurately reflects most features of the developed design	1	Reviews manufacturing progress, producing clear plans for next stage of making	1			10 11 12 13 14

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Analysis of ideas, models and prototypes	Analysis and Evaluation	Analysis and evaluation limited	1	Analysis and evaluation satisfactory. Evident throughout design work and in box 17 and18	1	Analysis and evaluation good. Some justification given. Information given about future product.	1	Justified analysis and evaluation throughout Suggested Improvements identified and/or use of technical terminology.	1	0 1 2 3 4 5
	Peer Evaluation	Limited Plan and recording of feedback for reflect & record activity	1	Clear plan for reflect and record. Records peer feedback and possible modifications	1					6 7 8
	Development of ideas	Shows some development of ideas from 'initial thoughts' Box 1 to 5	1	Shows clear development. Initial thoughts have been expanded. Box 1 to 5	1	Identifies strengths and weaknesses of design or design ideas Clear evidence of development of ideas. Some design issues unresolved.	1	Explains rejection of ideas in favour of ones that are worthy of further development Fully develops ideas. No outstanding design issues	1	10 11 12
Reflection	Reflection	Basic comments / observations relating to the product design.	1	Reflection focuses on 'design issues' specific strengths and weaknesses identified Alterations/refinements to the 'design' are specified/suggested			1	Quality analysis/creative design improvements suggested	1	0 1 2 3 4

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