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Leaving Certificate 2015

Marking Scheme

Technology

Higher Level

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Section A - Core (72 marks)

Section A. Answer any twelve questions. All questions carry 6 marks.

Fairtrade® is an organised social movement with the stated goals of helping producers in developing countries 1. to achieve better trading conditions and to promote sustainability. Explain what is meant by sustainability. (i) Not being harmful to the environment or depleting natural resources for future generations, etc. Discuss why sales of Fairtrade® products have increased. (ii) Increased social awareness by consumers, sustainability, AIRTRADE highlighting the consequences for developing country producers, etc. (3+3 marks)2. A client requires a computer workstation to be designed. (i) Suggest two aspects of the computer workstation that a design engineer would need to research when developing their design. Ergonomic analysis, materials selection, computer and screen dimensions, safety, etc. In each case explain why it is necessary to carry out this research. (ii) Explanation linked to the aspects identified in (i). To ensure ease of use/comfort for user, materials that have appropriate properties, Computer and screen dimensions need to be established to allow proportionate shape of finished product, Safe to use/stable, etc. (4+2 marks)On the 12th March 2014, the 25th anniversary of the worldwide web was celebrated . The worldwide 3. web has revolutionised the way we work, travel and communicate. Explain the meaning of the following internet terms: URL Uniform Resource Locator. This acts as a reference for a resource on the internet and consists of a protocol identifier and resource name. .html HyperText Markup Language. The standard language to create webpages. (3+3 marks)







- 12. Shown is a pulley system on a pillar drill. This mechanism is used to change the speed of the drill.
 - (i) Describe **two** reasons for changing the drill speed.

Larger drill sizes will need to run at a lower speed for effective cutting and safety. Different materials need speeds to cut efficiently, plastics will drill better at higher speeds than mild steel. Excessive heat build-up will be avoided with the correct selection of drill speed. The machine will be subjected to less vibration, etc.



(ii) Outline two safety features integrated into a pillar drill.

Guarding on motor and gear or pulley mechanisms, quick braking of rotating chuck, chuck guarding with interlock guards on some machines, machine vices, emergency switch, etc.

(4+2 marks)

13. Make well-proportioned freehand sketches of **two** principal orthographic views of the stepper motor shown.

Any two orthographic views (elevation, plan, either end view)



(3+3 marks)

14. Draw a work breakdown structure to show the steps required to populate a PCB board in a Technology Room having due regard to health and safety requirements. **Place components Identify Components** in PCB **Finish PCB** Solder components Heat Tin soldering iron soldering iron (6 marks) 15. The graphic shows a vintage diving helmet made from metal and glass. Use two graphic techniques to enhance the representation of the helmet. Two distinct graphic techniques required O Ø Ø (3+3 marks)





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Section B - Core

(48 marks)

Answer **both** questions. Each question in Section B carries 24 marks.

Section C - Options

(80 marks)

Answer **two** of the five options presented. All questions in Section C carry 40 marks. Section B - Core - Answer Question 2 and Question 3.

Question 2 - Answer 2(a) and 2(b) (a) - 8 marks, (b) - 10 marks, (c) OR (d) - 6 marks

- 2(a) (i) Outline two potential benefits of a self-driving car.Reduced human error, fewer accidents, driver free to perform another task, etc.
 - Suggest two reasons why it is likely to be a number of years before self-driving cars become widely accepted.
 Revolutionary technology needs a period of gaining acceptance, need for comprehensive testing, cost, full GPS mapping required, etc.

(8 marks, 4+4)

- 2(b) (i) The *Parksight 2.0*® system is used to locate vacant parking spaces in congested cities and to relay this information to drivers. Suggest two technological systems that might contribute to this service.
 Global positioning systems, computer data analysis tools, real-time information transmission, cloud storage, etc.
 - (ii) Describe the function of the *bumper radar system* on a self-driving car.
 The cars use a mixture of 3D laser-mapping, GPS and radar to analyse road and parking conditions in order to avoid obstacles and hazards, etc.
 - (iii) Identify two other electronic sensors that could be used in self-driving cars.
 Motion sensors, laser sensors, temperature sensors, sonar, light sensor, moisture sensor, etc.

(10 marks, 4+2+4)

Answer 2(c) or 2(d)

2(c) Self-driving cars must be of the highest quality to ensure the safety of passengers and other road users. Conformance, durability and aesthetics are three of the dimensions used to describe the quality of an item.

Explain any two of these quality dimensions.
 Conformance is the ability of performance and physical characteristics to meet established standards.
 Durability: Durability measures the length of a product's life.
 Aesthetics allow the user to judge how the product looks, feels, smells or tastes, etc.

(ii) Name a problem-solving technique that could be used to improve the quality of a manufacturing process. Cause and effect diagrams, scatter diagrams, PDSA cycle, etc.

(6 marks, 4+2)

OR

 2(d) (i) Describe, with annotated sketches, a mechanism used to steer the wheels of a motor vehicle.
 E.g. A rack and pinion would allow the wheels to move via tie rods. Any valid mechanism suggested.



 (ii) The components of the steering mechanism are in constant movement while a car is driving. Suggest two methods of minimising the wear on such steering components.
 Lubrication between moving parts, use of nylon or brass bushings, bearings, etc.

(6 marks, 4+2)

Question 3 - Answer 3(a) and 3(b)

(a) - 8 marks, (b) - 10 marks, (c) OR (d) - 6 marks

- 3(a) (i) Outline two technological advances which can contribute to the successful staging of large sporting events.
 On-line streaming of events, modern transport infrastructure, barcode scanners, video surveillance, electronic performance analysis, etc.
 - Outline two reasons why companies become major sponsors for sporting events like the Rugby World Cup.
 Association with excellence, positive human endeavour, global brand recognition, to boost sales, etc.

(8 marks, 4+4)

- 3(b) (i) State the mechanical advantage of the pulley system shown.Mechanical Advantage = 2:1
 - (ii) Calculate the force required to lift the 20kg load.
 20kg x 9.81m/s (G) = 196 N/ 2 = 98.1N (100N taking gravity =10m/s)
 - (iii) If the weight is lifted 150mm, calculate the distance the rope will have to be pulled.
 150mm x 2 (M.A.) = 300mm

(10 marks, 4+3+3)

Answer 3(c) or 3(d)

3(c) (i) Using annotated sketches, suggest a means of adjusting the tilt of the wheel and a means of locking it in the required position.

The tilting of either or both wheels will alter the flight of the ball





Worm and worm wheel could be used to tilt/lock the launcher.

Alternative locking methods-Wing Nut/Quick release clamp.

Any valid mechanism accepted.

(ii) Describe how the two wheels could be made to rotate in opposite directions.



Meshing gears will run in opposite directions, pulley system with crossed belt, two motors wired to operate in opposite directions to each other, etc.

(6 marks, 4+2)

OR

- 3(d) (i) Outline two ways in which computer technology could be used to improve player performance.
 Analysis of training data will identify weaknesses, computerised training machines will record data for optimum performance, wearable technology, etc.
 - (ii) Describe two factors which influence the quality of recorded video images.
 Recording device resolution, number and positioning of recording devices, adequate lighting, etc.

Section C - Options - Answer any two of the Options.

Option 1 - Applied Control Systems - Answer 1(a) and 1(b) (a) - 10 marks, (b) - 16 marks, (c) OR (d) - 14 marks

1(a) (i) Identify two advantages of this increased use of automation in our homes.
 Security systems are more complex and reliable, energy can be conserved with controlled switching, improved quality of life, etc.

Suggest two sensor devices that provide information for domestic automation.
 Motion sensor, LDR or light probe, thermistor or thermostat, moisture detector, etc.

(10 marks 6+4)

- *1(b)* A test model of a washing machine is shown. The manufacturer has decided to simulate the washing sequence using a programmable PIC.
 - (i) Complete the flowchart for the simulation sequence.

Suggested solution:

Any valid alternative solution accepted.

(ii) Select a suitable type of motor for the rotating drum. Justify your choice.

DC motor- good torque, speed control, cost, etc., Stepper motor- it can be programmed to stop and start accurately, etc.

(iii) Suggest a suitable electromechanical method of operating the door lock.

An electro-magnetic locking system, solenoid, etc.



⁽¹⁶ marks, 10+4+2)

1(c) (i) Suggest **two** benefits of robotic surgery.

Complex procedures can be carried out with accuracy, surgery cuts can be reduced in size, faster recovery, etc.

(ii) Explain the terms *degree of freedom* and *encoder*.

Degree of freedom: the number of rotational joints in the robot. Encoder: sensor attached to a rotating object to determine speed of movement and position, etc.

(14 marks,8+6)

OR

1(d) (i) Name the circuit components that allow the time delay to operate.

Reservoir and flow control valve.

(ii) Calculate the output force (F) output if the cylinder has a 20mm radius and pressure of 0.4 N/mm².

Force = Pressure × Area = $0.4 \times (20^2 \times 3.14)$ = 502.4N

(14 marks,8+6)

Option 2 - Electronics and Control - Answer 2(a) and 2(b)

(a) - 10 marks, (b) - 16 marks, (c) OR (d) - 14 marks

- 2(a) (i) State two advantages of using AMR technology in meter reading.Wireless reading of meters, accurate data collection, cost efficient, quicker, etc.
 - (ii) Identify one other common use of radio wave technologies.
 Remote control, radar, broadcasting sound, satellite navigation, WiFi, Bluetooth, etc.

(10 marks, 6+4)

- *2(b)* (i) Complete the circuit diagram in a monostable state. Include a buzzer as an output device.
 - (ii) Describe the operation of this circuit.

When a voltage is applied to pin 2 by trigger, the 555 timer switches from its stable (low) state to its unstable (high) state. This state exists for a period of time controlled by the values of R and C. At the end of this period output 3 activates the transistor which in turns activates the buzzer, etc. –



(iii) Outline how the circuit/components could be modified to increase the preset time.

Increase the values of R or C or both.

Answer 2(c) or 2(d)

- 2(c) (i) State the energy conversions that take place in a loudspeaker.
 Electrical to mechanical energy.
 Mechanical to sound energy.
 - (ii) Describe, using notes and annotated sketches, the operation of a loudspeaker **or** a microphone.

At the front of a loudspeaker, there is a fabric, plastic, paper, or lightweight metal cone (diaphragm-4). The outer part of the cone is fastened to the outer part of the loudspeaker's circular metal rim. The inner part is fixed to an iron coil (voice coil-2) that sits just in front of a permanent magnet (1).

(16 marks, 6+6+4)

When you connect the loudspeaker to a stereo, electrical signals feed through the speaker cables into the coil. This turns the coil into a temporary magnet or electromagnet. As the electricity flows back and forth in the cables, the electromagnet either attracts or repels the permanent magnet. This moves the coil back and forward, pulling and pushing the loudspeaker cone. Sound is created.

The process is reversed for a microphone.

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(14 marks,8+6)
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OR

2(d) (i) Draw the Logic Gate circuit to activate the camera for the above conditions.



(ii) Using notes and sketches, suggest an electro-mechanical means of detecting when a bird has landed on the table.

Eg. A microswitch attached to the table, LDR circuit to trigger mechanical output – appropriate sketch required.

Option 3 - Information and Communications Technology - Answer 3(a) and 3(b)

(a) - 10 marks, (b) - 16 marks, (c) OR (d) - 14 marks

3(a) (i) Describe briefly what is meant by a broadband connection.
 A broadband connection allows high-speed internet access for end users, wide bandwidth data transmission with ability to transmit multiple signals and traffic types simultaneously, etc.

(ii) Outline two advantages of using e-book readers rather than printed paper books. Storage capacity, portability, edit text size, environmentally friendly, etc.

(10 marks, 6+4)

- 3(b) (i) What is a computer motherboard?
 It combines and connects many of the crucial components of a computer, including the central processing unit (CPU), memory and connectors for input and output devices, etc.
 - Outline the function of the power supply in a computer.
 Converts AC to DC, transforms 240V to lower voltages for disk drives and circuits, controls standby mode, etc.
 - (iii) Describe, with examples, each of the following elements of a computer motherboard:

Chipset: This incorporates two sections. The North bridge allows communication between CPU, main memory and graphics card. It works at high speed to process a large amount of data every second. This processor also connects the South bridge with CPU. The South bridge facilitates the communication between the various components such as storage devices, USB ports, expansion slots, CMOS RAM and clock.

Expansion card slot: The expansion card slot allows for further functionality to be added to a computer. E.g, sound cards, memory cards and graphic cards etc. can be added using this slot.

BIOS: (Basic input/output system)- the programme a computer uses to boot up once it is turned on. It also manages data flow between the operating system and attached devices such as the hard disk, video adapter, keyboard, mouse and printer, etc.

(16 marks, 6+4+6)

Answer 3(c) or 3(d)

 3(c) (i) Explain the following network-related terms: Network node: This is a connection point, either a redistribution point or an end point for data transmissions.
 Switch: A computer networking device that connects devices together on a computer network

Switch: A computer networking device that connects devices together on a computer network by using packet switching to receive, process and forward data to the destination device. Router: A networking device that forwards data packets and determines the best path for information to travel between computer networks.

(ii) Explain how data stored on a computer system or network can be *backed up* to prevent possible loss of valuable files.

Data is copied/archived using external hard drives, magnetic tapes, servers, CDs and cloud storage, etc.

(14 marks,8+6)

OR

3(d) (i) Distinguish between a *computer firewall*, *pop-up blocker* and *phishing filter* as means of contributing to on-line security.

Computer firewall: software program or piece of hardware that helps screen out hackers, viruses and worms that try to reach your computer over the Internet.

Pop up blocker: software that disables advertising windows from appearing when using a computer Phishing filter: a tool to prevent the gathering of information such as passwords, usernames and banking details, often sought through false e-mailing.

(ii) State two advantages of using fibre optic cables instead of traditional copper cables for data communications. Secure data transmission, immune to crosstalk and RF noise, signals travel further, speed, increase data transmission, etc.

Option 4 - Manufacturing Systems - Answer 4(a) and 4(b)

(a) - 10 marks, (b) - 16 marks, (c) OR (d) - 14 marks

4(a) (i) Explain the terms perceptual mapping and reverse engineering.

Perceptual mapping: Marketing research technique in which consumer's views about similar products are traced or plotted (mapped) on a chart.

Reverse engineering: Competitor products are dismantled and inspected with the best features incorporated into a new design, etc.

(ii) The device is used for an average of 5 hours every day.
 During testing, the battery lasted for 5250 hours without failure.
 Recommend a suitable guarantee period for the battery. Justify your recommendation.

5250/5 hrs per day = 1050 days. 1050/365 = 2.87 years. A manufacturing guarantee period two and a half years could be recommended. The guarantee needs to lapse before this time to minimise returns and still offer an attractive length of time.

(10 marks, 6+4)

4(b) (i) Calculate the values for the *process mean* and the *range* from the table.

Process mean =
$$\frac{537+509+607+565+596}{5} = 563$$

Range = $\frac{30+38+22+60+10}{5}$ = 32

(ii) Determine the upper control limit (UCL) and the lower control limit (LCL) for the process above and plot them on a suitable control chart (assume the standard deviation is 25°C).

 $UCL = mean + 3\sigma = 563 + 75 = 638$ $LCL = mean - 3\sigma = 563 - 75 = 488$ 560 - 520 - 500 - 520 - 500 - 480 - 500 -

(iii) Evaluate the chart to determine if the process is in a state of statistical control. Justify your answer. The process is in statistical control as the daily mean totals are between the UCL and LCL.

(16 marks, 6+6+4)



4(c) (i) Draw a graph to show the costs of both the manual and automated systems for *Full Steam Ahead*.

(ii) Analyse the graph to determine the most profitable method for **both** 30 bags **and** for 60 bags of clothing to be serviced by *Full Steam Ahead*. Justify your answer

30 bags will be most cost effective using the manual system. 60 bags will cost €1200 for the manual system but the automated system will cost €900. Break Even Quantity (BEQ) = 40 bags

(14 marks,8+6)

OR

4(d) (i) Explain the principles of **both** Kanban and JIT systems.

Kanban: card system as a signal to replenish supply, it moves from one station to another, kanban cards contain information such as parts description, material(s), number, path from previous work station to next station, e.g. assembly of motor engine parts.

Just in Time: Suppliers are coordinated with the manufacturing company, products are delivered in line with market demand. This reduces the amount of stock stored with less materials, parts, tools and space used. Advantages include quick response to demand, less investment in storage, quick turnaround of products, increased workforce flexibility, reduces waste, etc.

(ii) Electronic Kanban systems are increasing in popularity. Outline two advantages of e-Kanbans.

Eliminates the problem of lost cards, time used in card handling is minimal, provides an analysis of supplier efficiency, fewer mistakes and improved reliability in supplies, if a change occurs in the system/quanities/materials/etc. there is no need to reprint cards.

(14 marks,8+6)

Option 5 - Materials Technology - Answer 5(a) and 5(b)

(a) - 10 marks, (b) - 16 marks, (c) OR (d) - 14 marks

5(a) (i) Outline, with examples, two advantages of using composite materials.
 A composite material is a combination of two or more chemically distinct materials with improved properties.
 Plastic laminates provide a waterproof layer on chipboard for kitchen counters, GRP is lightweight and strong, etc.

(ii) Suggest two reasons for the extensive use of glass in the manufacture of Luas trams.
 Visibility for passengers, can be formed into curved shapes, security of passengers, light, etc.

(10 marks, 6+4)

- 5(b) (i) Outline two reasons for cutting circular holes in the beams which support the roof sections.
 Reduce the weight and material required without comprising the structural strength of the beam, interesting visual impact, air circulation, etc.
 - (ii) Explain, using notes and annotated sketches, a method of assembling the metal sections of the tram shelter.



The tram shelters can be made from stainless steel parts which have been welded together. Nut/bolts or screw fixtures could also be used in the assembly of sections, etc. Detailed annotated sketch required.

(iii) Describe, using notes and annotated sketches, a method of securely fixing the glass panels to the shelter frame.



Eg. Bolts with rubber/plastic washers can be used to fix the glass in place. The glass panel needs to be pre-drilled.

The glass is fitted in-between the washers.

(16 marks, 6+6+4)

Answer 5(c) or 5(d)

- **5(c)** (i) Identify two causes of environmental degradation of the shelter. Acid rain caused by traffic fumes, degradation by sun and weather conditions, dissimilar materials reacting with each other, etc.
 - (ii) Outline the role of product design in ensuring the long service life of a tram shelter.
 Choice of suitable materials is critical, selection of joining techniques will prolong shelter life, surface finish, shape and design of shelter, etc.

(14 marks,8+6)

OR

- 5(d) (i) Compare any two common types of bridge in terms of materials used and span.
 Suspension bridge: Steel cables sit on tall concrete towers and are secured on both sides, will be visually tall and are used for long spans, etc.
 Arched Bridge: Stone construction, small spans, etc.
 Beam Bridges: Reinforced concrete, medium spans, etc.
 - Explain the term *reinforced concrete*.
 Reinforced concrete is a composite material in which concrete's relatively low tensile strength and ductility are counteracted by the inclusion of steel reinforcement bars having higher tensile strength and ductility.

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