# **Design briefs**

# Materials Design and Technology Stage 2 WACE examination design brief

Exam paper sections	Supporting information
Section One: Across contexts	All candidates must complete this section of the paper.
<ul> <li>Suggested working time:</li> <li>60 minutes</li> </ul>	This section will consist of a series of multiple-choice and short answer questions.
<ul><li>Part A</li><li>10 Multiple-choice</li><li>10% of total mark</li></ul>	The short answer section will feature diagrams and stimulus materials that students will use to respond the question.
<ul><li>Part B</li><li>3–4 Short answer responses</li><li>30% of total mark</li></ul>	
Section Two:	
<ul><li>Context specific</li><li>Suggested working time:</li><li>90 minutes</li></ul>	Candidates are required to answer questions from their chosen context of study either Metal or Wood or Textiles.  Each context will contain short answer questions. These questions will be designed to give students the opportunity
<ul> <li>Candidates choose from one of the following contexts and respond to 5–8 short answer questions in their chosen context:         <ul> <li>Wood</li> <li>Metal</li> <li>Textiles</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	to demonstrate specific knowledge and understandings of their context of study. Stimulus materials such as diagrams, pictures, charts and tables may be used in each question.
60% of total mark	

### Other considerations

The Materials Design and Technology WACE examination has two components: a written examination which comprises 50% and an external assessment folio which will comprise 50% of the external examination.

### Written examination

The Materials Design and Technology WACE written examination consists of two sections. Section One will be across contexts (for the three contexts). Section Two will be context specific i.e. Metals or Wood or Textiles.

The examination is presented in a combined question/answer booklet. Templates for textiles (where necessary) will be provided.

# Written examination length

The total written examination length is 2 hours and 30 minutes and 10 minutes reading/planning time.

# Materials Design and Technology Stage 3 WACE examination design brief

Exam paper sections	Supporting information
Section One: Across contexts Suggested working time: 60 minutes	All candidates must complete this section of the paper.
Common questions for ALL contexts  Part A  2–4 Short answer responses	<b>Part A</b> of this exam contains short answer questions which provide the candidate the opportunity in which to demonstrate knowledge and understandings of materials.
<ul> <li>15% of total mark</li> <li>Part B</li> <li>2–4 Extended answer responses</li> <li>25% of total mark</li> </ul>	Part B of this exam requires students to give extended answers in response to stimulus material provided e.g. research data, case studies, survey results, written texts, diagrams.
Section Two: Context specific Suggested working time: 90 minutes  Candidates choose ONE of the following contexts:  Wood	Candidates are required to answer questions from their context of study either Metal or Wood or Textiles. Each context will contain multiple-choice, short answer and extended response questions. These questions will be designed to give students the opportunity to demonstrate specific knowledge and understandings of their context of study, of metal, wood or textiles.
<ul> <li>Metal</li> <li>Textiles</li> <li>Each section contains two parts:</li> <li>Part A</li> </ul>	In each context:
<ul> <li>2–3 Short answer responses</li> <li>30% of total mark</li> <li>Part B</li> <li>2–3 Extended answer responses</li> <li>30% of total mark</li> </ul>	Part A contains 2–3 context specific short answer questions where the students respond to stimulus materials.  Part B contains 2–3 extended response questions which allow students to demonstrate their understanding of the context.

#### Other considerations

The Materials Design and Technology WACE examination has two components: a written examination which comprises 50% and an external assessment folio which will comprise 50% of the external examination.

#### Written examination

The Materials Design and Technology WACE written examination consists of two sections. Section One will be generic (for all three contexts) and Section Two will be context specific i.e. Metals, Wood or Textiles.

The examination is presented in a combined question/answer booklet. Templates for textiles (where necessary) will be provided.

## Written examination length

The total written examination length is 2 hours and 30 minutes and 10 minutes reading/planning time.

### Permissible materials

The general materials permitted for use in the WACE written examination are: pens, pencils, eraser or correction fluid, ruler, highlighter, non-programmable scientific calculators.