



Western Australian Certificate of Education Examination, 2014

Question/Answer Booklet

MATERIALS DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

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Stage 3

Sections One and Two

Student Number: In figures								
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In words

Time allowed for this paper

Reading time before commencing work: Working time for paper: ten minutes two and a half hours

Time recommended for these sections

Suggested working time for these sections: sixty minutes

Materials required/recommended for this paper

To be provided by the supervisor This Question/Answer Booklet Section Three Question/Answer Booklet

To be provided by the candidate

Standard items: pens (blue/black preferred), pencils (including coloured), sharpener, correction fluid/tape, eraser, ruler, highlighters

Special items: non-programmable calculators approved for use in the WACE examinations

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Number of additional	
answer booklets used	
(if applicable):	

Structure of the examination

The WACE Materials Design and Technology Stage 3 examination consists of a written component worth 50 per cent of the total examination score and a practical (portfolio) component worth 50 per cent of the total examination score.

Structure of this paper

Section	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be answered	Suggested working time (minutes)	Marks available	Percentage of total exam
Section One: Short answer	3	3	20	22	7.5
Section Two: Extended answer	4	4	40	42	12.5
Section Three: Candidates to choose one of the following contexts:					
Wood Metal Textiles	5 5 5	5 5 5	90 90 90	54 54 54	30
				Total	50

Instructions to candidates

- 1. The rules for the conduct of Western Australian external examinations are detailed in the *Year 12 Information Handbook 2014*. Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.
- 2. Answer the questions according to the following instructions.

Sections One and Two: Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in this Question/Answer Booklet.

- 3. You must be careful to confine your responses to the specific questions asked and to follow any instructions that are specific to a particular question.
- 4. Spare pages are included at the end of this booklet. They can be used for planning your responses and/or as additional space if required to continue an answer.
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Section One: Short answer

This section has **three (3)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Suggested working time: 20 minutes.

Question 1

(8 marks)

Identify **two** fasteners/joins you might use in the construction of a product. List **one** specialised piece of equipment or machinery needed to apply each fastener/join. Identify **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using each fastener/join.

Fastener/ Join	Specialised equipment or machinery required	Advantage	Disadvantage

7.5% (22 Marks)

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(4 marks)

Make reference to **four** features to explain how ergonomics has been considered during the development of the product shown in Figure 1.

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Quas	tion 3 (10 marks)
Ques	
VVORKI	ng drawings are an integral part of the production planning process.
(a)	List three essential features of working drawings of a product intended for manufacture. (3 marks)
(b)	Describe three consequences of an error in a working drawing. (3 marks)
(c)	A journal is traditionally completed during production of a prototype. Outline two important features this journal should contain and explain what might occur when this product is mass-produced if these features are not included in the journal. (4 marks)
	End of Section One

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Section Two: Extended answer

This section contains **four (4)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Suggested working time: 40 minutes.

Question 4



The properties of two materials, 'A' and 'B', are represented in the following radar charts.

- (a) From the list below, select **one** product and provide an explanation that supports either Material A **or** B as the most suitable for its construction. (4 marks)
 - bicycle frame
 - skateboard deck
 - shade sail

Product: Suitability: _

12.5% (42 Marks)

(12 marks)

(b) Identify **one** material/composite/fibre that could be represented by **one** of the charts in part (a), on the basis of its properties, and justify your answer. (2 marks)

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(c) Identify and describe **two** tests that are used to assess the physical properties of a material in your context. (4 marks)

(d) Give **two** reasons why the standardised testing of materials is important in the manufacturing industry. (2 marks)

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Question 5

(13 marks)

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Refer to the illustration of the playground equipment design in Figure 2.



Figure 2

(a) Identify and explain how **two** elements and **two** principles of design have been used by the designer to enhance the marketability of this product. (8 marks)



(b) Explain how the designer of the playground equipment has considered the following design fundamentals: (3 marks)

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- aesthetics
- function
- anthropometric data.

(c) Describe **two** ways in which a designer can best predict trends in order to remain competitive. (2 marks)

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Question 6

(9 marks)

A local small-scale manufacturer is considering upgrading part of its production process by investing in new technology.

(a) Identify **one** new technology that could be used within your context and explain in detail how the technology works. (3 marks)

(b) Outline **three** advantages and **three** disadvantages of investing in this type of new technology. (6 marks)

Question 7

(8 marks)

In the space provided below, draw a product that you might create in your context. This product **must** contain an identifiable historical **or** cultural feature. Identify the technique used to incorporate this feature. On the drawing, point out the aesthetic and functional features of the product.

Technique: ____

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