

2011 Product Design

Higher

Finalised Marking Instructions

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2011 Product Design Higher MARKING SCHEME

	Section A	
Question 1	Answer Scheme	Marks
(a)	 The chair must: be easily folded or unfolded be stable (chair B) supply adequate support when in use be manufactured from durable materials that are suitable and appropriate for its function be priced to suit the intended target market ensure aesthetics suit the market niche or consumer aspirations integrated cup holder (chair B) production costs significantly less than selling price be produced in a variety of colours to give target market a wider choice be easy to clean/maintain comply with relevant safety regulations any other suitable statement. 	
	Six statements @ 1 mark each	6
	Comments: AcceptPortabilityLifespanCorrosion issuesPortabilityComfort (chair B)Weather conditionsSustainability	
(b)	Statements which identify issues such as: durability of material (non corrosion) strength to weight issues readily available materials nylon – stretches to mould to body – dries quickly after rain safety suitability for production methods function of component parts aesthetic properties ease of clean / hygiene re-cycling any other suitable statement.	
	Sample answers Aluminium offers an excellent strength to weight ratio which is ideal for use with Chair B as it has to be transported by the user. (1 mark)	
	The nylon mesh offers an extremely light and hard wearing material and can be easily cleaned. (2 marks)	
	Natural birch is a good choice of material for Chair A as it is durable, easily maintained and offers a good strength to weight ratio and when combined with the nylon material makes the product light yet robust. (3 marks)	
	NB – mention of mass production can be awarded in 1(b) only Six valid statements @ 1 mark each (5+1)	6

Question 1	Answer Scheme	Marks
(c)	 Identification of the types or manufacturing processes used in the production of the illustrated products and how production processes relate to the materials used. Chair A – Spindle moulding, machine router, CNC. Chair B – Injection moulding, Bending/forming, Extrusion. How manufacturing/assembly techniques are influenced by volume of production. 	
	Statements could include: Standardisation of sizes, component parts all the same size. No further finishing required. Shapes suitable for process. Standardisation of components and materials chosen because they are easily sourced/formed. Suitable for mass/batch production – injection moulding. Economy of scale – mass/continuous production/JIT.	
	1 mark for correct identification of process to a maximum of 3 processes. Maximum of 2 (2 @ 1) justifications per process.	6
(d)	Comments: Accept	
	Any four identified issues described: • Fitness for its purpose • Durability to withstand continual use • Safety aspects of function • Maintenance issues (manufacture only – re tooling) • Quality of raw materials • Product testing • Well trained staff • Guarantees • Warranty • Any other acceptable issue.	
	Four issues identified, 4 issues @ 1 mark each (3+1)	4
	Comments: Accept Manufacture – Quality of standard components Consumer – High quality finish	

Question 1	Answer Scheme	Marks
(e)	Any identified niche market from: Camping Holiday makers Hill walkers Climbers Students Any other acceptable answer.	
	Example Statement Chair A Chair A would be the ideal product for a hill walker as it is easily stored. (1 mark)	
	Chair B This chair would appeal to the holiday maker as it can be easily transported in its folded form and is light yet durable and offers excellent support. (2 marks)	
	1 mark for identification + 1 for each justification (2 + 2)	4
	Comments: Accept Anglers Bird watchers Festival goers	
(f)	Any four issues described in the context of ergonomics:	
	 Examples from: Anthropometrics relating to seated position and back support Hand sizes (for access to components) Finger traps Surface texture to prevent slipping Weight for lifting/strength issues Psychological issues – colour, ease of assembly Comfort Access for cleaning/maintenance Any other relevant answer. 	
	Four statements @ 1 mark each 1 mark can be awarded if range of anthropometric issues identified but not described. 1 mark can be awarded if range of physiological issues identified but not described.	
	NB – a maximum of 3 marks from any ergonomic aspect.	4
	Comments: Accept Psychology – audible click when seat legs telescope out into unfolded position (chair B)	
	Total for Section A	30

	Section B	
Question 2	Answer Scheme	Marks
(a)	Explanation including issues Piercing and blanking is suitable because: Economies of scale Repeatability Accuracy Shape of product No finish required Type of material used Any other suitable answer. Two statements @ 1 mark each Comments: Accept	2
(b)	Pressing/Press Forming 1 mark for correct answer	1
(c)	Suitable material: • Stainless steel Justifications: • Corrosion resistance • Thin material • Finish • Aesthetics • Hygiene 1 mark for identification of material 1 mark each for each justification 2 @ 1 Comments: Accept Scratch resistance Chemical resistance	3
	Total	6

Question 3	Answer Scheme	Marks
(a)	 Any issues such as: More opportunity for creativity More scope for innovation More opportunity to diversify into new related product ideas Opportunity for technological transfer. 1 mark each description 2 @ 1 Comments: Accept	2
(b)	Description including issues: Identification of client requirements Financial constraints Key design issues Market requirements Target group Production volume Safety issues Market share/competition Brand image/aesthetics 1 mark each description 2 @ 1	2
	Comments: Accept	
(C)	 Any description that includes at least two issues from: Ideas are the Intellectual Property (IP) of the company In-house designer has no IP rights IP can have enormous commercial value, and can be traded as a commodity Commercially valuable ideas can be at risk if not carefully protected Others may gain commercial advantage should designer leave company 	
	1 mark each description 3 @ 1 Comments: Accept	3

Question 3	Answer Scheme	Marks
(d)	There are five forms of protection Trademark Patent Registered Design Copyright Design Right 1 mark each description 2 @ 1 Comments Accept 	2
(e)	Laser sintering, Fused deposition modelling 1 mark for correct answer Comments: Accept	1
	Total	10

Question 4	Answer Scheme	Marks
(a)	Any description that includes suitability such as: Rotational moulding • Thermoplastic process • Hollow construction • One piece construction • Can dictate wall thickness • Complex shapes can be formed • No restriction on colour combinations/ addition of decals etc GRP • Suitable for small batches • Moulded in two halves and joined • Strength issues • Can be coloured separately (split colours) • Customise finish • Accept spray method of GRP Example <i>The process of rotational moulding allows for one piece construction that makes the main body watertight. (2 marks)</i>	
	1 mark each description for both processes 3 + 1 Comments: Accept	4
(b)	Any disadvantage relating to Rotational moulding High set-up costs Relatively long cycle times Choice of moulding material limited Powdered plastic rather than pellets required Some geometrical features difficult to mould Loading and unloading is labour intensive Any other suitable answer 1 mark each description 2 @ 1 Comments Accept	2
	Total	6

Question 5	Answer Scheme	Marks
(a)	 Description should comment on the following: Reflects the landscape around it Shows natural wave shape Provides an open pathway to users Imitates Clydeside skyline Smooth lines combining with the strong geometric shapes Or any other appropriate points Four statements @ 1 mark each 2 marks awarded for extended answer 	4
	Comments: Accept	
	Total	4

Question 6	Answer Scheme	Marks
(a)	 Any answer from: Structured project planning of production (JIT) Increased quality assurance and control of production Increased productivity Reduction in stock wastage Less hours lost in production time Labour issues Manufacturing costs reduced Storage of component parts reduced Expertise of manufacture of bought-in components employed 	
	1 mark each description 3 @ 1 Comments: Accept Reduced lead times	3
(b)	 Description should include: Dependence on prompt delivery of components Component accuracy Quality assurance issues The company's requirement of outsourcing bought parts Bought parts may become obsolete Reliability of subcontractor Problems in meeting deadlines Any other justified answer. 	
	Two issues 2 @ 1 (extended answer worth 2 marks) Comments: Accept	2

Question 6	Answer Scheme	Marks
(c)	 Description should include: Identification of alternative suppliers Identification of alternative components The ability to change suppliers Build in sufficient delivery timeslot Agreed quality assurance issues Any other justified answer. Two issues 2 @ 1 (extended answer worth 2 marks)	2
	Comments: Accept	
	Total	7

Question 7	Answer Scheme	Marks
(a)	Any justification that relates to: • One piece construction • Complexity of shape • Strength issues • Lighter in weight • Colour combinations • Maintenance.	
	1 mark each explanation 4 @ 1	4
	Comments: Accept	
(b)	Description should include: • One piece design • Streamlined / low profile design • Ergonomic hand holds • Ergonomic seating position • Robust • Any other justified answer.	
	Three issues 3 @ 1 Comments: Accept	3
	Total	7
	Total for Section B	40

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