



Structure of Exam

In GCSE Product Design you have two assessment pieces:

- Controlled Assessment Task (60%)
- Examination (40%)

Your examination is out of 120 marks and is 2 hours in length. Your exam is split into two sections.

Section A: based around a designing style question and around the exam theme

Section B: examination on knowledge of the key topics.

Exam Paper Links:	Useful Websites/Apps/Books:
<p>The Product Design course is by AQA. There are numerous papers available on the AQA website with mark schemes and examiners reports under each section. Click the link below to view them:</p> <p>AQA Product Design</p>	<p>All the main resources you need are located in the Student Shared Resources Drive on the link described below:</p> <p>W:\Student Resources\D & T\KS4 Product Design\EXAM</p> <p>There are useful links below too, but I would strongly suggest sticking to the resources contained within the link above.</p> <p>Technology Student http://www.technologystudent.com/prddes1/prddex1.html</p> <p>GCSE Product Design APP (iOS only) App Store Link</p>
<p>How to revise:</p> <p>Make sure when you are given the pre-release topic, you spend a good amount of time preparing question 1 - it will be a design question and the topic will be given to you in March to prepare for the Summer exam.</p> <p>Practice this question regularly</p> <p>It is important that you know that you know something, so make sure you visit the practice questions regularly and check your knowledge with a real question.</p>	<p>Tips to Answer Common/Extended Questions:</p> <p>Attempt to answer all questions, use the set timings given on the exam paper. Work on the basis of 1 minute a mark as you have 120 minutes (2 hours) and the exam is out of 120 marks.</p> <p>In the designing question <i>thoroughly read the question</i>. It sounds simple but make sure you are clear with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How many designs are being asked for?• What the marks are for creativity, details of materials, dimensions, construction. <p>Ensure you understand <i>explain, describe and give examples</i> it is important to understand what is expected in each question.</p> <p>On the designing question make sure you use 3CAVE and list all the tools and equipment you would use for each stage and use drawings and notes to explain each stage of the making.</p> <p>When you get a longer question <i>break it down into chunks</i>. For</p>

<p>Ensure you understand all the key vocabulary in the vocab list.</p> <p>Do not avoid preparing extended written answers, there are examples on the AQA link.</p>	<p>example if it is asking for advantages and disadvantages and it is worth 8 marks you need to think of four advantages and four disadvantages.</p> <p>If a question asks you to name a specific material do not write wood, metal or plastic name a type of wood e.g. oak, pine, ash, a type of metal, steel, aluminium, stainless steel, a type of plastic, acrylic, HIPS, ABS.</p> <p>Use your knowledge from your all the projects you have covered at Willingdon.</p> <p>The Exam carries 40% of your Final GCSE Grade - It will make a major difference to your overall grade</p> <p>You will need Writing and Drawing Equipment covering - Pencil, Black Pen, 30 cm Ruler, Coloured Pencils & an Eraser</p>