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**General Certificate of Secondary Education  
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**Engineering**

**Paper 2**

**Assessment Unit 3**

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**Engineering Technology**

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**MARK  
SCHEME**

## **General Marking Instructions**

### ***Introduction***

Mark schemes are intended to ensure that the GCSE examinations are marked consistently and fairly. The mark schemes provide markers with an indication of the nature and range of candidates' responses likely to be worthy of credit. They also set out the criteria which they should apply in allocating marks to candidates' responses. The mark schemes should be read in conjunction with these general marking instructions.

### ***Assessment Objectives***

Below are the assessment objectives for GCSE Engineering

Candidates must:

- recall, select and communicate their knowledge and understanding of engineering in a range of contexts (AO1);
- apply skills, knowledge and understanding, including quality standards, in a variety of contexts, and plan and carry out investigations and tasks involving a range of tools, equipment, materials and components (AO2); and
- analyse and evaluate products, make reasoned judgements and present conclusions (AO3).

### ***Quality of candidates' responses***

In marking the examination papers, examiners should be looking for a quality of response reflecting the level of maturity which may reasonably be expected of a 16-year-old which is the age at which the majority of candidates sit their GCSE examinations.

### ***Flexibility in marking***

Mark schemes are not intended to be totally prescriptive. No mark scheme can cover all the responses which candidates may produce. In the event of unanticipated answers, examiners are expected to use their professional judgement to assess the validity of answers. If an answer is particularly problematic, then examiners should seek the guidance of the Supervising Examiner.

### ***Positive marking***

Examiners are encouraged to be positive in their marking, giving appropriate credit for what candidates know, understand and can do rather than penalising candidates for errors or omissions. Examiners should make use of the whole of the available mark range for any particular question and be prepared to award full marks for a response which is as good as might reasonably be expected of a 16-year-old GCSE candidate.

### ***Awarding zero marks***

Marks should only be awarded for valid responses and no marks should be awarded for an answer which is completely incorrect or inappropriate.

### ***Types of mark schemes***

Mark schemes for tasks or questions which require candidates to respond in extended written form are marked on the basis of levels of response which take account of the quality of written communication.

Other questions which require only short answers are marked on a point for point basis with marks awarded for each valid piece of information provided.

### **Levels of response**

Tasks and questions requiring candidates to respond in extended writing are marked in terms of levels of response. In deciding which level of response to award, examiners should look for the “best fit” bearing in mind that weakness in one area may be compensated for by strength in another. In deciding which mark within a particular level to award to any response, examiners are expected to use their professional judgement. The following guidance is provided to assist examiners.

- **Threshold performance:** Response which just merits inclusion in the level and should be awarded a mark at or near the bottom of the range.
- **Intermediate performance:** Response which clearly merits inclusion in the level and should be awarded a mark at or near the middle of the range.
- **High performance:** Response which fully satisfies the level description and should be awarded a mark at or near the top of the range.

### **Marking calculations**

In marking answers involving calculations, examiners should apply the “own figure rule” so that candidates are not penalised more than once for a computational error.

### **Quality of written communication**

Quality of written communication is taken into account in assessment candidates’ response to all tasks and questions that require them to respond in extended written form. These tasks and questions are marked on the basis of levels of response. The description for each level of response includes reference to the quality of written communication.

For conciseness, quality of written communication is distinguished within levels of response as follows:

Level 1: Quality of written communication is limited.

Level 2: Quality of written communication is satisfactory.

Level 3: Quality of written communication is excellent.

In interpreting these level descriptions, examiners should refer to the more detailed guidance provided below.

**Level 1 (Limited):** Candidates presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar is limited. The candidate makes a limited selection and use of an appropriate form and style of writing. The organisation of material may lack clarity and coherence. There is little use of specialist vocabulary.

**Level 2 (Satisfactory):** Candidates presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar is satisfactory. The candidate makes a satisfactory selection and use of an appropriate form and style of writing supported with appropriate use of diagrams as required. Relevant material is organised with some clarity and coherence. There is some use of specialist vocabulary.

**Level 4 (Excellent):** Candidates presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar is excellent. The candidate successfully selects and uses the most appropriate form and style of writing, supported with precise and accurate use of diagrams where appropriate. Organisation of relevant material is excellent. There is excellent use of appropriate specialist vocabulary.

- 1 (a)** Mistakes can be rectified quite easily  
Design can be modified easily  
Other answers considered [2]
- (b)** The ironing board must be able to be folded into an upright position for storage  
The frame of the ironing board must be made from a durable metal  
Other answers considered  
(2 × [1]) [2]
- (c)** Extrusion [1]
- (d)** Spray painted/Dip coated, galvanised, power coated  
Other answers considered [1]
- (e) (i)** Products can be manufactured much faster  
Products will be made to precision/accurate  
Reduced manufacturing costs  
Other answers considered  
(2 × [2]) [4]
- (ii)** Spot welding parts of the frame  
Other answers considered [2]
- (f)** Consistency  
Ease of production  
Faster lead times  
Other answers considered quick and accurate [2]
- (g)** Higher quality product  
Greater consistency of product/tolerance  
An assurance of quality/meeting standards  
Reduction in faulty products  
Cost effective  
Greater customer satisfaction  
Other answers considered  
(2 × [2]) [4]
- (h)** Ease of production  
Only one mould required to produce vast amounts  
Consistency  
Quick and accurate  
Other answers considered [2]
- (i)** Appropriate diagrams showing the processes known as pressing and punching
- Marks will be awarded for
- Suitability of chosen method [4]
  - Quality of sketches [3]
  - Detailed notes [3]
- [10]

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(j) Appropriate diagram showing the legs pivot in the centre and how they are held in place by a mechanical fixing

Marks will be awarded for

- Suitability of chosen method [4]
- Quality of sketches [3]
- Detailed notes [3]

[10]

**Total**

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40

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