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ESWATINI PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Broad Guidelines

The Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) is committed to strengthen and reform the Prevocational Education Programme (National Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Skills Development Policy, 2010) in order to provide equitable access for all students of appropriate age to quality secondary education (Form 4 and 5). The programme and its assessment system prepares the students for:

- their role in the socio-economic life of Eswatini and the world of work and
- further vocational, technical and tertiary education

Eswatini National Education and Training Policy Directives

The Eswatini Prevocational Education Programme in Form 4 and Form 5 offers all students important learning opportunities regardless of their particular chosen programme area. Students in the programme will:

- develop skills that can be applied immediately and in their future activities
- refine career-planning skills
- improve entrepreneurial potential
- acquire technology-related competence
- enhance employability opportunities
- demonstrate increased self-confidence and independence
- apply and reinforce competencies developed in other study areas.

The National Curriculum for Form 4 and Form 5

Students are exposed to learning experiences that catalyse the development of basic competencies in all programme areas. These competences include:

- Managing learning
- Independent learning
- Managing resources
- Problem solving and innovation
- · Effective communicating
- Working with others
- Responsibility
- Critical thinking
- Technology application

To enhance the development of these skills, students must enrol for the **five academic** core subjects, **two prevocational** core subjects and **one prevocational programme area** chosen from four subjects.

Academic Core		Prevocational Core		Prevocational Electives	
•	SiSwati	•	Entrepreneurship	•	Agricultural Technology
•	English Language	•	Information and	•	Business Accounting
•	Mathematics		Communication Technology	•	Food and Textile
•	Sciences				Technology
•	Religious Education			•	Technical Studies

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TECHNICAL STUDIES

The Eswatini Prevocational Certificate of Secondary Education Programme is designed as a two-year course for examination in Form 5. The syllabus is designed to meet the requirements of the Prevocational curriculum guidelines. Assessment guidelines provide a detailed structure to the curriculum and explain how assessment should be developed and carried out as an integral part of practical classroom teaching and learning.

Prevocational Technical Studies is a multidisciplinary subject that will, through the use of student-centred teaching approaches, allow students of various abilities to make use of existing knowledge and initiative to solve day-to-day problems. The Prevocational Technical Studies syllabus will allow students to apply Entrepreneurial and Information and Communication Technological skills to develop necessary knowledge and attitudes.

The Technical Studies syllabus is designed to provide students with a foundation in product design, production processes and opportunities to develop practical skills and knowledge in planning, designing and producing useful products in metal, wood, plastics and graphics communication.

The main sections are:

- Assessment
- Syllabus content
- Grade descriptors
- Appendices

RATIONALE

The Technical Studies course and its assessment system prepare the students for their role in the socio-economic life of Eswatini. Technical Studies is a course of study that can establish the pathway for further education, (self) employment in the field of architecture, engineering, industrial design, etc. The Technical Studies syllabus enables students to identify, consider and solve problems through creative thinking, planning and design, and by working with different materials and tools. Technical Studies contributes directly to the development of skills that include:

- Critical and creative thinking
- Information and communication technology
- Numeracy
- Problem solving
- Self-management and competitiveness
- Social and cooperative skills

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AIMS

The aims of the syllabus are the same for all students. The aims are set out below and describe the educational purposes of the course in Technical Studies examination. They are not listed in order of priority.

The aims are to enable students to:

- 1. use the most appropriate tool, procedure or process to achieve high quality practical outcomes (AO1).
- 2. apply health and safety principles when using materials, tools and machinery (AO2).
- 3. understand the basic principles that apply to marketable products (AO2).
- 4. develop the technical attitudes skills to enable the students to produce a product (AO3).
- 5. organise the manufacture of a batch of products (AO3).
- 6. design and make a product to a specification (AO4).

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

The Programme is designed for students who have successfully completed Eswatini Junior Secondary Education or equivalent.

PROGRESSION

The Prevocational Technical Studies qualification enable candidates to progress directly to gainful employment, self-employment or further education.

TEACHING HOURS

The size of the qualification is described in terms of Guided Learning Hours (GLH) and Total Qualification Time (TQT). The TQT is 180 hours and the GLH is 130 hours over a two year period. GLH is teacher student contact hours which include time spent on teaching, supervising and invigilating. TQT includes GLH, summative assessment and unsupervised learning activities.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

A wide range of materials and resources are available to support teachers in Eswatini schools. The resources suit a variety of teaching methods in the local context. Through targeted training forums, teachers can access the expert advice they need for teaching this syllabus.

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS:

- 1. The Motivate series:
 - Technical Drawing with Design
 - Woodwork Technology Metalwork Technology
- 2. Design and Technology Colin Caborn, John Cave, Ian Mould
- 3. Design and Technology James Garratt

EXAM PREPARATION RESOURCES

Examination reports, syllabuses, past papers and specimen papers are available on ECESWA website www.examscouncil.org.sz

TRAINING

ECESWA offers training in assessment to ensure that teachers have the relevant knowledge and skills to conduct assessment of learning.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Workshops/laboratories furnished with functional equipment for conducting practicals.

ASSESSMENT

This section details the assessment objectives, specification grid, description of papers, scheme of assessment and weighting of papers.

The assessment of the Prevocational Technical Studies follows the Depth of Knowledge (DoK) model developed by Norman Web. The model is preferred over others because it is applied to learning expectations and aligns itself well with the assessment of the Prevocational objectives.

The DoK model is more applicable to the assessment of Prevocational tasks and cognitive demands as it categorises the tasks according to the complexity of thinking required to successfully complete them. It extends beyond **what** is done to **how** it is done.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES (AO)

The Assessment Objectives are categorised as:

AO1 Recall and reproduction

AO2 Skills and concepts

AO3 Strategic thinking

AO4 Extended thinking

A brief description of the Assessment Objectives

AO1 Recall and reproduction

Involves recall of information and/or rote application of simple procedures. Students are required to demonstrate routine responses, e.g. recall a formula, facts, principles, properties; perform routine tasks, etc.

These are some of the verbs which my used:

arrange, calculate, define, identify, list, label, copy, state, etc.

AO2 Skills and concepts

This level involves some mental processing beyond simply recalling or reproducing a response. It requires two or more steps in processing of texts or parts of texts. Students will be required to make observations, basic analysis or interpretation of information.

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These are some of the verbs which my used:

illustrate, describe, select, apply, categorise, classify, compare, differentiate, estimate, draw, interpret, organise, predict, sketch, etc.

AO3 Strategic thinking

This level requires a deep knowledge involving more demanding reasoning, planning, using evidence and higher mental processing. It also involves a development of a plan or a sequence of steps. Students are required to justify their interpretations. Items include making interpretations, citing evidence, analysing the use of elements and solutions and proposing elements of a solution. It involves a higher level of thinking than the above two levels.

These are some of the verbs which my used:

explain, discuss, analyse, assess, critique, develop, justify, hypothesise, investigate, modify, review, solve, etc.

AO4 Extended thinking

At this level the reasoning is more complex. Students are required to use extended or integrated higher order thinking processes such as critical and creative productive thinking, reflection and adjustments of plans over time.

These are some of the verbs which my used:

compose, create, design, evaluate, judge, propose, formulate, synthesise, etc.

NB: The verbs listed in AO1 to AO4 are meant to enhance the understanding of the DoK model. However, command words that will be used in the syllabus are stated in Appendix 3.

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SPECIFICATION GRID

The approximate weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives are summarised table below.

Assessment Objectives	Weighting (%)
(AO1) Recall and reproduction	30
(AO2) Skills and concepts	28
(AO3) Strategic thinking	26
(AO4) Extended thinking	16

Weighting of Papers

The assessment objectives are weighted to give an indication of their relative importance. The percentages are not intended to provide a precise statement of the number of marks allocated to particular objectives.

The table below shows the further percentage breakdown of the assessment objectives for each examination paper.

Paper	Recall and Skills and concepts (%)		Strategic thinking (%)	Extended thinking (%)	Total (%)
1	20% (32 marks)	5% (8 marks)			25%
2	10% (29 marks)	15% (42 marks)	10% (29 marks)		35%
3		8% (20 marks)	14% (35 marks)	16% (40 marks)	40%
			2% 5 marks)		
Total	30%	28%	26%	16%	100%

NB: For Paper 3 the assessment objective (AO3) strategic thinking, the 2% (5 marks) is for the degree of supervision.

SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT

The examination consists of three papers: Paper 1, Paper 2 and Paper 3. Paper 1 consists of multiple choice questions, Paper 2 consists of short, structured and extended questions and Paper 3 is a project. All the three papers are compulsory. Candidates in this syllabus are eligible for grades A* to G.

The appropriate use of ICT and Computer Aided Design (CAD)/Computer Aided Manufacture (CAM) is encouraged throughout the curriculum. The recommended software for examination in this syllabus is **TurboCAD**.

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Description of Papers

Paper 1

This is a theory paper comprising 40 multiple choice questions worth 40 marks assessing objectives AO1 and AO2. Duration is 1 hour. This paper contributes 25% to the overall mark.

About 30% of the questions will come from Graphics Communication and 70% will come from Resistant Materials (wood, metal and plastics in equal proportion).

Paper 2

This is a theory paper consisting of short, structured and extended questions worth 100 marks assessing objectives AO1, AO2 and AO3. Duration is 2 hours. This paper contributes 35% to the overall mark.

This paper is divided into two sections: A and B.

Section A (40 Marks): This section consists of five (5) short answer questions based on the Graphics Communication content assessing objectives AO1 and AO2.

Section B (60 Marks): This section consists of six (6) structured and extended questions that test skills based on the Resistant Materials content assessing objectives AO2 and AO3.

The theory papers contribute 60% towards the overall syllabus mark.

Paper 3

This paper requires students to complete a school-based project and marks are allocated in three stages which are: a written proposal, product developmental and evaluation. This paper is worth 100 marks assessing objectives AO2, AO3 and AO4. The Project will be assessed by the subject teacher and the external Examiner over the duration of the project. The duration of the project is 26 hours from February to August. The candidate's work consists of a portfolio of evidence of the school-based assessment covering the three stages.

The role of the teacher will be to supervise the project. The teacher will award marks based solely on the degree of supervision (e.g. close or minimal supervision) using an assessment criterion in appendix 2. The overall mark of the Project (Paper 3) is 100 marks where 95 marks are awarded by the Examiner and 5 marks awarded by the teacher (95+5=100)

The formula for scaling= $\frac{X}{25} \times 5$.

The teacher's assessment will contribute 2% towards the overall mark of the project.

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The project will be externally assessed by an Examiner who will be appointed by ECESWA. The External Examiner will be a specialist in the subject area who will not be a classroom teacher. The External Examiner will assess each stage of the project using a confidential assessment criteria developed by ECESWA. This will contribute 95% towards the overall mark of the project.

Centres will submit candidates' proposals to ECESWA by 31st March each year for external assessment.

The project (Paper 3) will contributes 40% to the overall syllabus mark.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PROJECT

The assessment that will contribute to the final grade will begin in Form 5. Information on the assessment will be sent by ECESWA at the beginning of the first term. Thereafter, candidates will begin the first stage of the project.

The Project will be assessed in three (3) stages as follows:

Stage 1-Proposal (written presentation)-15 Marks

The proposal should include:

- Theme analysis justification
- Problem statement identification of a need (gap)
- Methodology outline of the design of the product (design brief)
- Time frame anticipated completion dates for each stage of project
- References list of sources

Each candidate will produce a proposal of between 800 and 1000 words. The proposal will be submitted to ECESWA in soft copy (pdf) and hard copy by **31**st **March** each year. After approval of the proposal by the teacher, candidates may continue with the project before submission of the proposal.

Stage 2-Investigation and development - 70 Marks

This stage includes:

- Research and specifications (15 marks)
- Ideation (10 marks)
- Development and planning (15 marks)
- Realisation (30 marks)

Stage 3-Evaluation - 10 Marks

Testing and evaluation product against pre-set standards (10 marks)

Report submission mode

All reports should be submitted electronically in **pdf** format and as hard copy booklet.

Report presentation format for the project

Font Arial 12 pts, pagination: bottom centre, margins: to and left margin 3 cm, bottom and right 2.54 cm, number of words: 2500-3000, reference style: American Psychology Association (APA).

Submission dates

Proposal-by 31st March of each calendar year

Portfolio in soft copy, pdf format - by 31st October of each calendar year

Portfolio in hard copy – by 31st October of each calendar year

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CURRICULUM CONTENT

INTRODUCTION

This syllabus area covers two main components which is graphics Communication and Resistant materials. The content under resistant materials is limited to Metals, Woods and Plastics.

The appropriate teaching time for Technical Studies should be equivalent to 5 periods of forty minutes each per week for 52 weeks over the two-year period.

The abbreviations i.e. and e.g. have contextual meaning in this syllabus. Content which follow an i.e. must be taught and content which follow an e.g. indicates that students must know and be able to use as an example.

Abbreviations:

C - content

O - outcome

GRAPHICS COMMUNICATION (GC)

The purpose of this component is to give the student basic foundation that is necessary for Technical Studies skills acquisition

The syllabus content consists of four Graphics Communication topics that are to be followed by all students. It is envisaged that this course content will be covered in an integrated manner in the teaching of the Resistant Materials content (wood, metal and plastics).

Topic	General objectives: At the end of the programme	Students learn about:	Students learn to:
1 Engineering drawings	students can: 1.0 draw diagrams that are fundamental in engineering	C1.1 safe and healthy drawing-office practices	O1.1.1 use established safe and healthy drawing-office practices
		C1.2 scaled drawings	O1.2.1 sketch scaled drawings O1.2.2 produce scaled drawings to size
		C1.3 orthographic projection i.e.: 1st angle projection 3rd angle projection	O1.3.1 produce orthographic drawings to illustrate the shape and features of variety of objects in 1st and 3rd angle projections

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		C1.4 engineering joints	O1.4.1 identify engineering joints
		connections and other features	O1.4.2 draw engineering joints connections and other features
		C1.5 abbreviations and conventional symbols .e.g. BS 308 in engineering	O1.5.1 use and apply appropriate abbreviations, engineering conventions and symbols following British Standard (BS 308)
		C1.6 assembly drawings of products with three or more components	O1.6 .1 identify appropriate components for assembly drawings O1.6.2 produce dimensioned, assembled orthographic drawings of exploded components
		C1.7 producing sectional drawings	O1.7.1 produce a freehand sectional view O1.7.2 produce a formal sectional view
		C1.8 preparing working drawings from freehand sketches	O1.8.1 produce working drawing for projects O1.8.2 produce freehand sketches
2 Geometrical shapes	2.0 draw geometrical drawings that are fundamental to both mechanical	C2.1 concept of a circle and its application	O2.1.1 apply the concept of a circle in any form of drawings which incorporate circles e.g. tangency
	and building drafting	C2.2 construction of angles i.e. acute, right, obtuse and reflex	O2.2.1 construct angles of a given specification O2.2.2 use angles and geometrical shapes to produce specific designs
		C2.3 construction of irregular and regular polygons	O2.3 1.construct irregular and regular polygons
		C2.4 sections, developments and true shapes of truncated prisms,	

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		cylinders, right pyramids and cones	O2.4.1 name and identify three dimensional shapes O2.4.2 draw sections and true shapes of truncated prisms and pyramids
		C2.5 inter-penetration and development of prisms, cylinders, right cones, and pyramids	O2.5.1 sketch inter-penetration and development of prisms, cylinders, right cones and pyramids
3 Pictorial views	3.0 demonstrate knowledge, skills and techniques in converting two dimensional drawings to pictorial freehand	C3.1 free-hand three dimensional sketches	O3.1.1 explain concepts involving isometric and oblique projections and one and two-point perspective 3.1.2 sketch outlines and develop them into three dimensional drawings
	and formal drawings	C3.2 isometric, and oblique projections of objects containing holes and curves	O3.2.1 use drawing instruments to produce isometric, oblique or perspective drawings for variety of purposes e.g. converting an orthographic view drawing to pictorial, ideation, explodes views etc
		C3.3 one and two-point perspective	O3.3.1 use drawing instruments to produce one and two-point perspective drawings

4.1 apply design	C4.1.1 characteristics of	O4.1.1.1 list characteristics of
processes to design and evaluate quality design projects that satisfy identified needs and opportunities	project planning and design fundamentals	project planning and design fundamentals O4.1.1.2 discuss factors affecting design development O4.1.1. 3 discuss the characteristics of a successful project
4.2 demonstrate skills in research, communication and management in design and production	C4.2.1 design situation and design brief	O4.2.1.1 identify a need or opportunity. O4.2.1.2 investigate and explore ideas for design development, O4.2.1.3 communicate design ideas and manage production of the major design project
4.3 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of research methods	C4.3.1 research methods to inform development of specifications and solutions	O4.3.1.1 describe research methods used in the development of specifications and solutions O4.3.1.2 use appropriate research methods to inform the development and modification of design ideas
4.4 generate and explore design ideas	C4.4.1 ideation	O4.4.1.1 use a wide range of different, appropriate solutions with imaginative interpretation. O4.4.1.2 evaluate ideas and consider the requirements of the specification. O4.4.1.3 outline different concepts, evaluate them against specification, select the best and develop it further
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4.5 demonstrate understanding	C4.5.1 elements of project i.e.	O 4.5.1.1 list the elements of the project
of the elements of a project	(i) project timeline (ii) bill of quantities (iii) cost estimate (iv) work schedule	O4.5.1.2 discuss elements considered when planning a project.
4.6 demonstrate understanding and application of current and emerging technologies in a variety of settings	C4.6.1 current and emerging technologies to develop and make a product	O4.6.1.1 identify and describe the different technologies available O4.6.1.2 apply current and emerging technologies in a variety of settings
4.7 conduct testing and evaluation of a product	C4.7.1 testing and evaluation	O4.7.1.1 conducts objective testing and evaluation of the product O4.7.1.2 reports on the analysis of strengths and weaknesses of the product O5.7.1.3 clearly articulates a meaningful conclusion with proposals for further development

RESISTANT MATERIALS

This area of study is concerned with developing the skills used by designers within the context of materials and their processing. It is intended that practical experience be used to create a broad understanding of materials and their processing rather than an in-depth knowledge of any particular material, technology or process through the following headings:

The general physical and working properties of common resistant materials, i.e., plastic, wood and metal, in relation to specific designing and making tasks; simple comparative testing leading to the reasoned selection of materials and processes for specific design and making tasks.

INTRODUCTORY MODULE

Topic	General objectives: At the end of the programme students can:	Students learn about:	Students learn to:
5 Safety and First Aid	5.0 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of workshop health and safety practices	C5.1 workshop practices, i.e. (i) health and safety (ii) safety rules C5.2 First Aid C5.3 safety signage	O5.1.1 state and comply with appropriate safety rules for a given workshop setting O5.2.1 use First Aid kit O5.3.1 identify and explain safety signs

METALS

The syllabus content in the metal component consists of eleven topics that are to be followed by all students.

The purpose of this component is to provide the students with opportunities to acquire practical knowledge and skills in metal techniques and practices. The specific objectives are to develop candidates, who upon completion of the programme will possess the key employability skills in the metal and engineering industry.

It is recommended that the approach to the following objectives should be a practical one wherever possible.

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Topic	General objectives: At the end of the programme students can:	Students learn about:	Students learn to:
6 Classification of metals	6.0 demonstrate knowledge, understanding and use of different types of metals	C6.1 metals i.e. (a) ferrous (i) mild steel (ii) cast iron (iii) stainless steel (iv) high speed steel	O6.1.1 identify and use a range of ferrous and nonferrous metals O6.1.2 distinguish between ferrous and non-ferrous metals O6.1.3 describe the effects of corrosiveness in metals
		(b) nonferrous i.e.: (i) copper (ii) brass (iii) zinc (iv) tin (v) aluminium (vi) bronze (vii) lead	O6.1.4 state the uses of the different types of metals
		C6.2 physical properties and specific uses of metals	O6.2.1 identify and describe properties of different types of metals O6.2.2 discuss the uses of various forms of metals
		C6.3 types and sizes of metals available in the market in Eswatini	O6.3.1 distinguish between types and sizes of metals available in the market
7 Hand tools and their uses	7.0 demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application of hand tools	C7.1 marking out and testing tools i.e.: (i) steel rules (ii) measuring tapes (iii) Vernier calliper (iv) engineer's try square (v) scriber (vi) sliding bevel (vii) mitre square (viii) centre punch (ix) odd-leg calliper (x) centre square.	O7.1.1 identify and describe marking out and testing hand tools O7.1.2 state functions of marking out and testing tools O7.1.3 use appropriate marking out and testing tools in a given situation O7.1.4 use drawings to illustrate marking out and testing tools
		C7.2 cutting tools i.e.: (i) Cold chisels (ii) hacksaw (iii) tin man's snips (iv) files (flat file, hand file round file, square file) (vii) abrasive cutters (grinding, cutting)	O7.2.1 identify and describe cutting tools O7.2.2 use appropriate cutting tools in a given situation O7.2.3 use drawings to illustrate cutting tools

Safety rules for using cutting tools C7.3 Percussion tools i.e.: (i) Ball-pane hammer, (ii) mallets (rawhide, rubber) C7.4 holding and supporting tools in a given situation O7.3.3 use drawings to illustrate tools O7.3.4 describe and follow safety rules for using cutting tools C7.4 holding and supporting tools in a given situation O7.4.3 describe and follow safety rules for using cutting tools O7.4.1 identify, describe and tolow safety rules for using cutting tools O7.4.3 use drawings to illustrate holding and supporting tools in a given situation O7.4.3 use drawings to illustrate holding tools in a given situation O7.4.3 use drawings to illustrate holding tools O7.4.4 describe and follow safety rules for using cutting tools O7.4.4 describe and follow safety rules for using cutting tools O7.4.3 use drawings to illustrate holding tools O7.4.4 describe and follow safety rules for using cutting tools O7.4.3 use drawings to illustrate holding tools on machines O8.1.1 describe common features and uses of the powered tools and machines O8.1.3 use angle grinder and hand drill O8.2.1 describe common features and uses of a given machinery O8.2.2 selects an appropriate powered tools illustrate the use of machinery O8.2.3 use sketches to illustrate the use of machinery O8.2.3 use sketches to illustrate the use of machinery O8.2.4 use the listed O8.2.1 describe common features and uses of a given task O8.2.3 use sketches to illustrate the use of machinery O8.2.2 selects an appropriate powered tools of machinery O8.2.3 use sketches to illustrate the use of machinery O8.2.4 use the listed O8.2.1 describe common features and uses of a given task O8			(viii) combination pliers.	O7.2.4 describe and follow
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	understanding and application of skills of fundamental metal fabrication	(ii) shaping (iii) combining materials (iv) die-casting (v) press forming	O9.1.2 bend, shape and combine metals to produce an artefact
	Tablication	C9.2 joining methods i.e.: (a) permanent i.e. (i) Riveting (poprivets) countersunk, snaphead, panhead) (ii) soft and hardsoldering (iii) adhesives. (iv) welding (b) temporaryfastenings i.e.:bolt and nut,screws	O9.2.1 state and describe the joining methods O9.2.2 discuss characteristics of permanent and temporary joining methods
		C9.3 metal fabrication processes i.e.: (i) bending mops, discs and belts	O9.3.1 state and describe metal fabrication processes O9.3.2 select and apply the most appropriate process in a given context
10 Finishes and finishing	10.0 demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application of finishes and finishing	C10.1 common hazards and precautions when working with metal finishes	O10.1.1 identify and describe common hazards and their precautions when working with metal finishes
	techniques.	C10.2 preparation techniques and application of surface treatments	O10.2.1 state and describe finishes and finishing techniques
		C10.3 finishing processes (i) painting (ii) dip coating (iii) electroplating	O10.3.1 describe and use the processes of finishing metal surfaces
11 Heat treatment	11.0 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of metal heat treatment processes.	C11.1 heat treatment processes i.e.: (i) hardening (ii) case hardening (iii) tempering (iv) annealing (v) normalising	O11.1.1 state and describe heat treatment processes O11.1.2 explain why the heat treatment processes are performed on metals O11.1.3 discuss how changes in properties occur as a result of heat treatment

12 Welding	12.0 demonstrate knowledge and application of welding skills	C12.1 oxy-acetylene welding health and safety	O12.1.1 state and apply health and safety rules associated with oxyacetylene welding
	, and the second	C12.2 functions of oxy- acetylene equipment and accessories	O12.2.1 describe the function of oxy-acetylene equipment and accessories
		C12.3 oxy-acetylene start-up and shut-down procedures	O12.3.1 state and follow the oxy-acetylene start-up and shut-down procedures
		C12.4 basic oxy-acetylene welding practice	O12.4.1 describe the process of producing a welded joint using oxyacetylene equipment
			O.12.4.2 describe the visual characteristics of a desirable oxyacetylene weld
			O12.4.3 use of oxy-acetylene to produce a welded joint
		C12.5 arc welding health and safety	O12.5.1 state and apply health and safety rules associated with arc welding
		C12.6 arc welding practice	O12.6.1 describe the arc welding processes
		C12.7 basic arc welding techniques in the flat and vertical position	O12.7.1 describe and use basic arc welding techniques for a given position
			O12.7.2 describe the visual characteristics of a desirable arc weld
13 Lathe work	13.0 demonstrate knowledge and	C13.1 main parts of the metal centre lathe	O13.1.1 identify and name parts of a centre-lathe
	application of lathe work	C13.2 lathe accessories i.e: lathe centres, steadies, face plate, catch plate, chucks,dog/carrier	O13.2.1 identify and use the different lathe accessories
		C13.3 lathe turning tools I,e facing off, roughing, parting off and boring tools	O13.3.1 state the function of each turning tool O13.3.2 use the turning tools
			appropriately

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	C13.3 turning operations i.e.: (i) parallel and taper turning (ii) Drilling (iii) Knurling (diamond and straight)	O13.3.1 describe the different lathe turning operations O13.3.2 perform the different lathe turning operations to produce an artefact
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WOODS

The Wood syllabus content consists of twelve topics that are to be followed by all students.

This area of study is concerned with developing skills applied in the building industry. The Wood specialist area seeks to promote and avail opportunities for students to do some career explorations leading to self-employment or working as a skilled crafts-person for a company/institution in the future.

Topics	General objectives: At the end of the programme students can:	Students learn about:	Students learn to:
14 Classification of timber	14.0 demonstrate knowledge and understanding of different types of woods	C14.1 classification and uses of timber i.e.: (i) softwood e.g. South African Pine (SAP) (ii) hardwoods e.g. Meranti and Saligna	O14.1.1 identify and describe the timber O14.1.2 distinguish between the soft and hardwood O14.1.3 use soft and hardwood to produce an artefact
		C14.2 manufactured boards i.e.: (i) chip board (ii) Medium Density Fibre (MDF) (iii) plywood (iv) block/lamin board (v) melamine board (vi) hard board	O14.2.1 identify and describe types of manufactured boards O14.2.2 distinguish between the manufactured boards O14.2.3 use manufactured soft and hardwood to produce an artefact O14.2.4 justify appropriate choices for using manufactured board and solid wood used in a particular task
15 Hand tools, and their uses	15.0 demonstrate knowledge, understating and application of hand tools	15. 1 marking out and testing tools i.e.: (i) steel rules (ii) measuring tapes (iii) try square (iv) sliding bevel (v) mitre square (vi) pencil (vii) marking knife (viii) marking/mortise gauge	O15.1.1 identify and describe marking out and testing hand tools O15.1.2 use appropriate marking out and testing tools in a given situation O15.1.3 use drawings to illustrate marking out and testing tools
		15.2 cutting tools i.e: (i) firmer/bevel/mortise chisels (ii) Tenon saw (iii) dovetail saw (iv) coping saw (v) rip/cross cut saws (vi) jack/smoothing plane	O15.2.1 identify and describe cutting tools O15.2.2 state functions of cutting tools O15.2.3 use appropriate cutting tools in a given situation

		(vii) abrasive papers	
		C15.3 percussion/impelling tools i.e: (i) cross-pane/claw hammer (ii) mallet (iii) flat/Philips screw drivers (iv) Allen keys	O15.3.1 identify and describe percussion/impelling tools O15.3.2 state function of percussion/impelling tools O15.3.3 use appropriate percussion/impelling tools in a given situation
		C15.4 holding tools i.e: (i) bench vice (ii) sash cramp (iii) bench hold fast (iv) bench hook (v) mitre box/cramps (vi) G-cramp	O15.4.1 identify and describe holding tools O15.4.2 state function of holding tools O15.4.3 use appropriate holding tools t in a given situation
16 Power tools and machinery	16.0 demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application skills in a variety of portable power tools and stationery machines	C16.1 power tools i.e.; (i) Jig saw (ii) hand drill (iii) scroll saw (iv) electric planer (v) router (vi) belt/orbital sander (vii) portable circular saw	O16.1.1 identify and state the function of each portable power tool O16.1.3 use appropriate portable power tools in a given situation
	Machines	C16.2 stationary machines i.e.: (i) Band saw (ii) circular saw (iii) radial arm saw iv) wood turning lathe (v) pillar/bench drill (vi) combination planer	O16.2.1 identify and state the function of each machine O16.2.2 use appropriate stationary machines in a given situation O16.2.3 describe the safe use of power tools and machines
17 Working with wood	17.0 demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application of skills of	C17.1 principles of wood fabrication i.e. (i) laminating (ii) bending/forming (iii) shaping	O17.1.1 state and explain processes of wood fabrication
	fundamental wood fabrication	C17.2 nails i.e.: (i) round wire (ii) oval (iii) clout nail (iv) panel pin	O17.2.1 identify and describe different types of nails O17.2.2 use appropriate type of nails in a given task
		C17.3 screws i.e.: (i) counter sunk head (ii) round head	O17.3.1 identify and describe different types of screws

			O17.3.2 use appropriate type of screws in a given task
		C17.4 adhesives i.e.: (i) PVA (ii) contact (iii) glue sticks	O17.4.1 identify and describe different types of adhesives O17.4.2 use appropriate type of adhesives in a given task
		C17.5 joints i.e. (i) carcase (ii) stool (iii) frame	O17.5.1 identify and describe different types of construction joints O17.5.2 draw and use appropriate type of construction in a given task
		C17.6 knock-down fittings: (i) one-piece (ii) two-piece (iii) corner block (iv)cam locks (v)leg fastenings pocket (vi) screwing buttons	O17.6.1 identify and describe different types of know-down fittings O17.6.2 draw and use appropriate type of know-down fittings in a given task
		C17.7 cabinet fittings i.e.: handles (i) hinges (ii) door locks (iii) catches	O17.7.1 identify and describe different types of cabinet fittings O17.7.2 use appropriate type of cabinet fittings in a given task
18 Finishes and finishing	18.0 demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application of finishes and finishing	C18.1 common hazards and precautions when working with wood finishes	O18.1.1 identify and describe common hazards and their precautions when working with wood finishes
	techniques	C18.2 surface preparation techniques e.g. abrasive papers grades	O18.2.1 state and describe finishes and finishing techniques
		C18.3. application of surface treatments i.e.: (i) painting (ii) varnishing (iii) staining.	O18.3.1 describe the different types of wood finishing processes O18.3.2 select and apply appropriate surface treatments.
		C18.4 taking care of finishing equipment.	O18.4.2 take care of finishing equipment

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19 Doors, windows and frames	19.0 demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application of skills in installing door and window frames	C19.1 types of doors i.e.: (i) flush/ hollow core (ii) panelled (iii) ledged, braced and buttoned (iv) framed, ledged, braced and buttoned	O19.1.1 identify and describe different types of doors O19.1.2 describe and use appropriate techniques in installing door frames and doors
		C19.2 types of windows i.e.: (i) louvers (ii) awning (iii) casement (bottom/top/side hung)	O19.2.1 state and explain the purpose of a window O19.2.2 identify and describe different types of windows O19.2.3 sketch and label parts of a window O19.2.4 describe and use appropriate techniques in installing windows
		C19.3 door and window frame materials i.e.: steel aluminium wood	O19.3.1 identify and describe different types of door and window frames O19.3.3 describe and use appropriate techniques in installing door and window frames

PLASTICS

The plastic syllabus content consists of two topics that are to be followed by all students.

This area of study is concerned with developing skills applied in the building industry. The plastic specialist area seeks to promote and avail opportunities for students to do some career explorations leading to self-employment or working as a skilled crafts-person for a company/institution as plastic fabricator.

Topics	General objectives: At the end of the programme students can:	Students learn about:	Students learn to:
20 Classification of plastics	20.0 demonstrate knowledge, understanding and use of plastics	C20.1 types of plastics i.e. (i) thermoplastics (ii) thermosetting	O20.1.1state and describe types of plastics O20.1.2 distinguish between thermoplastics and thermosetting plastics
		C20.2 thermoplastics i.e.: (i) acrylic (ii) polyvinyl chloride (PVC) (iii) acrylonitrile- butadiene-styrene (iv) polypropylene (v) polythene (vi) polystyrene	O20.2.1 identify and classify the different types of thermoplastics O20.2. 2 describe the uses of thermoplastics O20.2.3 use appropriate type of thermoplastic in a given task O20.2.4 describe the uses of thermoplastics
		C20.3 thermosetting plastics i.e.: (i) polyester resin (ii) glass reinforced plastics (iii) urea formaldehyde (iv) phenol formaldehyde	O20.3.1 identify and classify the different types of thermoplastics O20.3.2 describe the uses of thermoplastics O20.3.3 use appropriate type of thermoplastic in a given task

21 Tools, and their uses	21.0 demonstrate knowledge, understating and application of tools in plastic fabrication	C21.1 marking out and tools i.e (a) try-square (b) Compass (c) pencil	O21.1.1 identify and describe marking out and testing tools O21.1.2 use appropriate marking out and testing tools in a given situation O21.1.3 use drawings to illustrate marking out and testing tools
		C21.2 cutting out tools and machinery i.e (a) coping saw (b) tenon saw (c) drill (d) file (e) scroll saw (f) jig saw	O21.2.1 identify and describe cutting out tools and machinery O121.2.2 use appropriate cutting out tools and machinery in a given situation O21.2.3 use drawings to illustrate cutting out tools and machinery
Working with plastics	22.0 demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application of fundamental skills in plastic fabrication	C22.1 principles of plastic fabrication i.e.: (a) forming: (i) vacuum forming (ii) press forming (b) moulding: (i) injection moulding (ii) blow moulding	O22.1.2 state and describe plastics shaping processes O22.1.3 apply processes used to complete plastic practical projects
		C22.2 joining plastics (i) bolts and screws (ii) adhesives: tensol cement, PVC and epoxy resin	O22.2.1 state and describe the principles of joining plastics O22.2.2 select appropriate joining method for plastic projects O22.2.3 use principles of joining plastics to complete plastics projects
		C22.3 cleaning up surfaces and edges (plane, file, abrasive paper, wet and dry, buffing wheel)	O22.3.1. use appropriate equipment for cleaning plastic edges and surfaces

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	C22.4 surface treatments (a) dyeing (b) painting (c) sand blasting	O22.4.1 describe the different types of surfaces treatments applied on plastics O22.4.2 use appropriate surface treatments on plastics
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GRADE DESCRIPTORS

The scheme of assessment is intended to encourage positive achievement by all candidates. Grade descriptions are provided to give a general indication of the standards of achievement likely to have been shown by candidates awarded particular grades. The grade awarded will depend on the extent to which the candidate has met the assessment objectives overall and may conceal weakness in one aspect of the examination that is balanced by above-average performance on some other.

Prevocational Technical Studies results are shown by one of the grades A*, A, B, C, D, E, F or G indicating the standard achieved, A* being the highest and G the lowest. 'Ungraded' indicates that the candidate's performance fell short of the standard required for grade G.

Criteria for the standard of achievement likely to have been shown by candidates awarded Grades A, C and G are shown below.

A Grade A candidate should be able to:

1. Recall and Reproduction

- (recall knowledge) identify and describe most of the syllabus content presented in a variety of contexts
- (identify, apply and relate procedures) determine, describe fully and apply in an organised safe manner procedures outlined in the syllabus
- (provide explanations) provide a structured and detailed explanation for the majority of the items in the syllabus content
- (reason and predict consequences) predict consequences across a variety of situations, using sound reasoned arguments in a variety of situations
- (show understanding of Technical Studies concepts and principles) recognise, explain and apply Technical Studies concepts and principles across a variety of situations

2. Skills and concepts

- (recall problems) assess a familiar situation and recognise its principal needs and compose a
 design brief and specification, with some understanding of precision and prescription
- (analyse problems) systematically seek to identify and evaluate information and factors in a design situation concerning:
 - (i) user needs, ergonomic and functional modes of use
 - (ii) environments, locations and changes within each
 - (iii) the availability and effect of materials and manufacturing processes
- (iv) the factors in the identity of a product: appearance, efficiency, and compatibility
- (envisage solutions) produce ideas for solutions, which are varied in form and detail and occasionally innovative, and apply sound judgements regarding feasibility and appreciate implications for brief, specification and production

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- (refine and develop a solution) systematically develop and modify proposals or ideas in relation to appearance, cost, efficiency and feasibility, taking into account the manufacturing process
- (evaluate and test a solution) accept evaluation as a feature of all design stages and show detachment in making judgements and seeking evaluation techniques as well as offer sensible modifications for improving a feature

3. Strategic thinking

- (recognise and transform) seek, recognise and transform information in an effective and economical manner across a variety of application forms
- (select means of communication) select and discriminate between those communication methods, which are the most appropriate and effective for transmitting ideas, and information
- (convey information) convey information appropriately, precisely and concisely
- (convey ideas) convey a sequence of ideas in a fluent manner by the most appropriate means
- (represent detail) represent detail of a form with clarity and precision, taking full account of appropriate conventions

4. Extended thinking

- (plan for realisation) plan for realisation in related stages, pursued in a logical sequence leading to full completion when viewed against the designed solution
- (select resources) select from the range of resources which she/he judges to be the most appropriate after researching characteristics, investigating suitability and checking availability and cost
- (select tools and processes) select from the range of tools, instruments and processes available those which are appropriate and effective to achieve an efficient realisation
- (demonstrate transformation skills) apply manipulative or graphic skills with sufficient precision to make a product which closely reproduces the detail given in the designed solution
- (evaluate process and product quality) make detailed statements demonstrating an insight and awareness of and response to weakness of the aesthetic, functional and technical characteristics of the product, proposing appropriate modifications where required

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A Grade C candidate should be able to:

1. Recall and Reproduction

- (recall knowledge) identify and describe with accuracy and understanding a wide range of items outlined in the syllabus
- (identify, apply and relate procedures) identify, describe with some detail and relevance and apply a wider range of procedures, including evidence of safe practice, as outlined in the syllabus
- (provide explanations) make detailed explanation, generally substantiated, of aspects covering a range of the syllabus
- (reason and predict consequences) predict consequences with some accuracy, giving reasons, based on evidence available
- (show understanding of Technical Studies concepts and principles) provide simple explanations reflecting an understanding of basic Technical Studies concepts and principles

2. Skills and concepts

- (recall problems) examine a familiar situation and identify some real needs, compose a brief and draw up a specification
- (analyse problems) gather relevant information and apply it meaningfully to the active exploration of factors such as:
 - (i) a variety of user needs
 - (ii) the influences different environments have
 - (iii) the effect of resources and processes
 - (iv) products with similar or related functions
- (envisage solutions) generate alternative forms of solution and propose some variation within one form
- (refine and develop a solution) show progression in developing a proposal or idea and consider modifications in relation to appearance, cost efficiency and feasibility
- (evaluate and test a solution) evaluate the end product in terms of the brief with respect to function, appearance, cost and overall performance

3. Strategic thinking

- (recognise and transform) seek readily available and clearly defined information and transfer this information efficiently into other suitable forms
- (select means of communication) select communication methods, which will clearly transmit ideas and information
- (convey information) convey information clearly using an appropriate technical vocabulary
- (convey ideas) convey ideas with clarity in a structured and appropriate manner
- (represent detail) represent details of a form with some accuracy and precision and using a range of conventions

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4. Extended thinking

- (plan for realisation) plan for realisation in related stages pursued in a sequence leading to sensible completion when viewed against the designed solution
- (select resources) select from the range of resources which she/he judges to be the most appropriate after consideration of suitability, availability and cost
- (select tools and processes) select from any immediately available range of tools, instruments and processes those which are appropriate to achieve realisation
- (demonstrate transformation skills) apply manipulative or graphic skills accurately enough to make a product which meets a significant proportion of the designed solution
- (evaluate process and product quality) make statements demonstrating an appreciation of any strengths and weaknesses of some of the aesthetic, functional and technical characteristics of the product, making simple modifications where required

A Grade G candidate should be able to:

1. Recall and Reproduction

- (recall knowledge) name, where shown, some of the items outlined in the syllabus and recall knowledge about them
- (identify, apply and relate procedures) name and recall, when shown, some of the procedures, including safety, which are outlined in the syllabus
- (provide explanations) make elementary statements about some aspects of knowledge outlined in the syllabus
- (reason and predict consequences) produce statements based on experience
- (show understanding of Technical Studies concepts and principles) recognise similarities between related aspects of Technical Studies

2. Skills and concepts

- (recall problems) interpret a given brief in a simple manner and recognise rudimentary aspects of a situation
- (analyse problems) engage in one of the following typical procedures:
 - (i) gather some relevant information from readily available sources
 - (ii) explore a category of user need
 - (iii) consider aspects of use in a particular location
 - (iv) investigate a range of resource options
 - (v) consider straightforward aspects of the problem
- (envisage solutions) envisage one type or form of solution
- (refine and develop a solution) suggest modifications to a proposal and be aware of cost as a factor
- (evaluate and test a solution) make simple statements about the end product

3. Strategic thinking

- (recognise and transform) recognise and change elementary forms of spoken, tactile, visual and written information, which are related to everyday examples expressed in concrete and real ways
- (select means of communication) select from a previously experienced elementary range of communication methods, those she/he considers to be appropriate for the transmission of ideas and information
- (convey information) convey elementary information with some clarity using simple technical vocabulary
- (convey ideas) convey ideas in an elementary form
- (represent detail) represent form by a recognisable outline

4. Extended thinking

- (plan for realisation) respond to planning suggestions in an order influenced by experience and personal transformation skills
- (select resources) select from a previously experienced range of resources which she/he considers to be appropriate
- (select tools and processes) select from a range of previously experienced tools, instruments and processes those which she/he identifies as adequate to achieve the intended realisation
- (demonstrate transformation skills) apply rudimentary manipulative or graphic skills, resulting
 in a realisation which meets some aspects of the designed solution
- (evaluate process and product quality) make simple statements demonstrating awareness of some of the aesthetic, functional and technical characteristics of the product

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PROJECT ASSESSMENT

Introduction

The project (Paper 3) will be based on the given theme, interests and observations of the candidates to arrive at a project that identifies a real design need and which is within the scope of the candidate in terms of both time and ability. The candidate's work consists of a portfolio of evidence of the school-based assessment covering the three stages.

The overall mark of the Project (Paper 3) is 100 marks where 95 marks are awarded by the Examiner and 5 marks are awarded by the teacher (95+5=100). The formula for scaling= $\frac{X}{25}$ ×5.

The Project will be assessed by the subject teacher and the external examiner over the duration of the project. The external Examiner will assess each stage of the project using a confidential assessment criteria developed by ECESWA whilst the teacher's assessment will be on the degree of supervision (e.g. close or minimal supervision) of the candidate.

Role of subject teacher

The teacher has a major role in helping students to formulate ideas and act as an advisor throughout the project. In order to assess supervision of students' work, teachers will complete a checklist form. The teacher must regularly check the progress and content of candidates' work and check candidates' understanding of the material they have used. The teacher must also ensure that the work submitted for marking is the candidates' own work.

The teacher's assessment will contribute 2% towards the weighting of the paper.

Role of external examiner

In competence based assessments, the role of external examiner is essential. A very close monitoring is essential in view of ensuring that reliability and comparability of standards can be maintained to the levels of external examinations.

External examiners will be sent out by ECESWA to assess stage one of the project soon after 31st of March. It is essential for the success of this exercise that there is open communication between the centre and the external examiner and that a good working relationship is established.

The main duties of the external examiners are to approve, monitor and evaluate project examination assessments. External examiners must ensure that assessment summary forms are submitted to ECESWA.

The external examiner's assessment will contribute 95% towards the weighting of the paper.



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Appendix 1:Technical Studies Paper 3 – Assessment Summary Sheet

Centre Name	Centre Number	s	Z			Year		

			Stage 1	1				S	Stage 2				5		
			Proposa	al				Imple	ementa	ition			Ev	aluation	Final
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Teacher's Na	ame		Date	D	D	M	M	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Contact Num	ber (s)		
Examiners N	lame		Date	D	D	M	M	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Contact Num	ber (s)		

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Appendix 2: Project Assessment Criteria

Introduction

The Project (Paper 3) will be assessed by the subject teacher and the external examiner over the duration of the project. The teacher's assessment will be on the degree of supervision (e.g. close or minimal supervision) of the candidate. The teacher's assessment will contribute 2% towards the weighting of the paper.

Teacher Assessment Tool

25 Marks

Stage1: Proposal 5 Marks

	Marks
Proposal covering all key elements of a proposal with minimal guidance Completed a simple proposal with minimal guidance	4 - 5
Proposal covering all key elements of a proposal with considerable guidance Completed a simple proposal with considerable guidance	2 - 3
Could not perform task without guidance No rewardable performance	0-1

Stage 2: Investigation and Development 15 Marks

(i) Research, Specification and Ideation

	Marks
Relevant research, clear specifications and wide range of ideas with minimal guidance Research, specification and ideas with minimal guidance	
	4 – 5
Relevant research, clear specifications and wide range of ideas with considerable guidance Research, specification and ideas with considerable guidance	2 - 3
Could not perform task without guidance No rewardable performance	0 - 1

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(ii) Development and planning for production 5 Marks

	Marks
Well-developed ideation indicating appropriate methods of construction and a clear plan for production with minimal guidance	
Development of ideation and a plan for production with minimal guidance	4 – 5
Well-developed ideation indicating appropriate methods of construction and a clear plan for production with considerable guidance Development of ideation and a plan for production with considerable guidance	2 - 3
Could not perform task without guidance No rewardable performance	0-1

(iii) Realisation

	Marks
Carried out appropriate processes using appropriate technologies with minimal guidance Completed project with minimal guidance	4 - 5
Carried out appropriate processes using appropriate technologies with considerable guidance Completed project with considerable guidance.	2 - 3
Could not perform task without guidance No rewardable performance	0-1

Stage 3: Testing and Evaluation 5 Marks

	Marks
Appropriate testing, evaluation and recommendations with minimal guidance Completed testing and evaluation with minimal guidance	4 - 5
Appropriate testing, evaluation and recommendations with considerable guidance Completed testing and evaluation with considerable guidance	2 - 3
Could not perform task without guidance No rewardable performance	0-1

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Appendix 3: Technical Studies Paper 3 – Assessment Summary Sheet for Teachers

LEVEL OF SUPERVISION

Centre Name			Centre Number	S	Z			Year	
ne overall mark	is 95+5 = 100 (where	5 marks are awarded	by the teacher and 95 marks by	the Exami	ner. The Sc	aling	formula: $\frac{x}{25} \times 5$		
		Stage 1		Stage				Stage 3	Total Marks
		Proposal		Impleme	ntation	Evaluation			
Candidate Number	Candidate Name	Write up	Research, Specification and Ideation	Plan	pment and nning for duction	1 k	Realisation	Testing and evaluation	
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Appendix 4: Declaration Form

A: Student
I
Signature Date Teacher
Iverify that I have supervised work to enable me to say with confidence that this is the candidate's own work. The work has been fully checked and these checks included looking for: copying from any sample/exemplar materials; copying from other students; the possibility of a third person preparing the work; resubmission of previously submitted work.
SignatureDate

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Appendix 5: Glossary of Technical Studies terminology

Design Process

ANALYSIS A questioning of the brief to find out what it could mean.

ANTHROPOMETRIC

DATA Body measurements taken from large numbers of people.

BRIEF A statement of the design problem.

EVALUATION Recommended dimensions of objects based on anthropometric data.

An assessment of the completed project and the processes involved.

INVESTIGATION/

RESEARCH

Reading and experimenting to gather information about the problem. May

also involve 'market research', internet searchers, etc.

MANUFACTURE The process of making the designed project.

PROTOTYPING Making models to test design ideas.

SPECIFICATION A statement of the design problem and all the factors that might be linked to it.

Graphics Communication

ASSEMBLY DRAWING One or a series of drawings indicating how and in what order the parts

are assembled.

CUTAWAY DRAWING A drawing in which a part is removed to show the inner detail.

ELEVATION An orthographic view of the front, rear, or end of an object.

EXPLODED DRAWING A drawing in which the parts are separated so that each can be clearly

seen.

ISOMETRIC

PROJECTION An isometric drawing shows two sides of the object and the top or

bottom of the object. All vertical lines are drawn vertically, but all horizontal lines are drawn at 30 degrees to the horizontal. Isometric is an easy method of constructing a reasonable '3 dimensional' images.

OBLIQUE

PROJECTION A 3D drawing system which views one face of the object as a 'true

shape' and projects parallel lines from it to suggest solidarity.

ORTHOGRAPHIC

PROJECTION An organised series of flat views of an object, drawn so that all the

details can be clearly seen. There are two types 1st and 3rd angle. These will show a plan view and, usually, front and side elevations.

PERSPECTIVE A3D drawing system which produces a realistic image of the object.

This appears to get smaller as it recedes into the picture space. There

are three types - single point, two point, and three point.

PLAN An orthographic view of the object seen from above.

RENDERING Making a line drawing appear more realistic by applying tone, line,

texture, or colour shading.

SECTIONAL VIEWS These are used to show hidden detail more clearly. They are created by

using a cutting plane to cut the object. A section is a view of no thickness and shows the outline of the object at the cutting plane.

Visible outlines beyond the cutting plane are not drawn.

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Aesthetics

COLOUR THEORY An explanation as to how colours are (hues) are related to each other and how

they are made darker (shaded) or lighter (tinted).

FINISH The surface treatment of a material. This ranges from matt (dull) to glossy

(shiny) and can include the application of materials such as paint, lacquer or

varnish.

FORM A 3D shape.

PATTERN This usually refers to surface decoration which can be applied using colour or

texture.

PROPORTION The relative size of objects or the relationship of their parts.

SHAPE An area enclosed by an outline. This can be geometric (drawn with

instruments) or organic (based on natural object).

STYLISING Emphasising a feature of a shape or form.

TEXTURE The surface quality of a material, this can be coarse (rough) or fine (smooth).

Resistant Materials

ALLOY A mixture of two or more metals.

BLOW MOULDING Can be Injection or Extrusion Blow Moulding. Both involve the use of

compressed air to form hollow objects within a mould.

DEFORMING Also called forming, shaping a material by pushing or pulling it into a three

dimensional form.

EXTRUSION A method of forming long continuous sections of metal and thermoplastic.

FERROUS METAL A metal which contains iron (Non-ferrous metals contain no iron).

INJECTION

MOULDING Hot plastic is injected into a mould where it cools and solidifies into the

required shape.

LAMINATING Thin strips of material are glued together to form thick sections or shaped

objects.

THERMOPLASTICS A plastic that can be softened by heat.

THERMOSET A plastic that cannot be softened with heat.

VACUUM FORMING A thermoplastic sheet is heated until soft then sucked onto a mould by

pumping out the air from the mould chamber.

VENEER A thin sheet of timber.

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Appendix 6: Glossary of command words

It is hoped that the glossary will prove helpful to candidates as a guide i.e., it is neither exhaustive nor definitive. The glossary has been deliberately kept brief with respect to the number of terms included but also to the descriptions of their meanings. Candidates should appreciate that the meaning of a term must depend, in part, on its context.

In all questions, the number of marks allocated is shown on the examination paper, and should be used as a guide by candidates to how much detail to give or time to spend in answering. In describing a process, the mark allocation should guide the candidate about how many steps to include. In explaining why something happens, it guides the candidate on how many reasons to give, or who much detail to give for each reason.

CALCULATE Used when a numerical answer is required. In general, working should be shown, especially where two or more steps are involved.

COMPLETE Usually refers to a drawing to which more detail and/or notes need to be added.

DEFINE (the term(s) ...) is intended literally, only a formal statement or equivalent paraphrase being required.

DESCRIBE

Requires the candidate to state in words (using diagrams where appropriate) the main points of the topic. It is often used with reference to data or information given in a graph, table or diagram, requiring the candidate to state the key points that can be seen in the stimulus material. Where possible, reference should be made to numbers drawn from the stimulus material. It can also require a candidate to give a step by step written statement of what happens during a particular process. In other contexts, describe should be interpreted more generally (i.e., the candidate has greater discretion about the nature and the organisation of the material to be included in the answer). "Describe and explain" may be coupled, as may "State and explain".

DESIGN Produce ideas and/or drawings showing how a product is to be made and how it will work and look.

DETERMINE Often implies that the quantity concerned cannot be measured directly but is obtained by calculation, substituting measured or known values of other quantities into a standard formula (e.g., the Young modulus, relative molecular mass).

DRAW Make a picture or illustration

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ESTIMATE

Implies a reasoned order of magnitude statement or calculation of the quantity concerned, making such simplifying assumptions as may be necessary about points of principle and about the values of quantities not otherwise included in the question.

EVALUATE

To judge or calculate the quality, importance, amount or value of something based on the evidence.

EXPLAIN

May imply reasoning or some reference to theory, depending on the context. It is another way of asking candidates to give reasons for. The candidate needs to leave the Examiner in no doubt why something happens.

FIND

Is a general term that may variously be interpreted as "Calculate", "Measure", "Determine", etc.

GIVE

A reason or reasons is another way of asking candidates to explain why something happens.

LIST

Requires a number of points, generally each of one word, with no elaboration. Where a given number of points is specified this should not be exceeded.

MEASURE

Implies that the quantity concerned can be directly obtained from a suitable measuring instrument (e.g., length, using a rule, or mass, using a balance).

NAME

Requires a short answer, often just one word and is sometimes used in place of 'State'.

OUTLINE

Implies brevity (i.e., restricting the answer to giving essentials).

PREDICT

Implies that the candidate is not expected to produce the required answer by recall but by making a logical connection between other pieces of information. Such information may be wholly given in the question or may depend on answers extracted in an earlier part of the question. Predict also implies a concise answer with no supporting statement required.

SKETCH

In diagrams, sketch implies that simple, freehand drawing is acceptable; nevertheless, care should be taken over proportions and the inclusion of important details.

STATE

Implies a concise answer with little or no supporting argument (e.g., a numerical answer that can readily be obtained 'by inspection').

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SUGGEST

Used in two main contexts (i.e., either to imply that there is no unique answer (e.g., in Chemistry, two or more substances may satisfy the given conditions describing an 'unknown'), or to imply that candidates are expected to apply their general knowledge to a 'novel' situation, one that may be formally 'not in the syllabus').

WHAT

"What do you understand by"/ "What is meant by" (the term (s) ...) normally implies that a definition should be given, together with some relevant comment on the significance or context of the term(s) concerned, especially where two or more terms are included in the question. The amount of supplementary comment intended should be interpreted in the light of the indicated mark value.

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