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Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Question	Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
1	(a)(i)	Name a suitable metal which could be used to manufacture the case.	1	
		Stainless Steel Aluminium Titanium Gold		
		[1 mark for correct answer]		

1	(a)(ii)	Describe two benefits to the manufacturer of using the metal that you have named in part (a)(i), to make the case. Award 1 mark for simple response, 2 for well explained. ie.	4	If the material given in 1(a)i is <u>not</u> metal but statements are correct, award 2 marks max.
		Malleable (1) Malleable which allows it to be pressed into shape (2) Lightweight (1) so is more portable (2) Can be machined (1) Can be machined allowing a variety of shapes (2)		
		Hard wearing / durable material (1) so will have longer lifespan (1) Can be polished/etched (1) for desired surface finish (1) Can be machined/formed into shape (1) Only award full marks if properties are relevant		
		to the chosen material. Materials are recyclable (1) Materials are abundant/readily available (1) [1 mark for simplistic response, 2 marks for		
		response with justification. Max 4]		

1	(a)(iii)	Metal alloys are often used in the manufacture of products. Explain what is meant by the term 'metal alloy'.	2	
		Award marks for any correct responses such as: A mixture of 2 or more elements (1) to make a material with specific/desirable properties (1) or for a given/specific application (1)		
		[1 mark for each correct statement. Max 2]		

1	(b)(i)	Figure 2 shows a typical pair of earphones/earbuds which could be used with an MP3 player.	6	Accept responses relating to the cable sleeving.
		Describe the function of each labelled part.		
		Cable – answers such as:		
		 Allows different colours to be used Carries electrical signal to earphone Different length allows MP3 player to be stored in pocket/bag whilst listening Allows volume controls to be separate from the device Insulates/protects the wire Connects ear buds to the device 		
		[1 mark per point made or 2 marks for 1 reason, explained. Max 2] Earpiece – answers such as:		
		 Grips inside the users ear to prevent falling out Can be personalised / bespoke to provide comfort Blocks out external noise/interference Directs/channels sound. 		
		[1 mark per point made or 2 marks for 1 reason, explained. Max 2]		
		Case – answers such as:		
		 Provides protection to internal components Can be decorated for aesthetics Can be shaped to provide comfort/fit the ear 		
		[1 mark per point made or 2 marks for 1		

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	reason explained Max 21	
	reason, explained. Max 2]	

1	(b)(ii)	Using notes and/or sketches explain how sound is produced by the earphones/earbuds whilst listening to an MP3 player.	3	
		 MP3 player creates electrical signal Signal transmitted along wires Electromagnet repels/attracts fixed magnet causing it to vibrate Speaker cone / diaphragm vibrates and creates soundwaves which travel into users ear 		
		[1 mark per point made. Max 3]		

Question	Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
2	(a)	Using standard drawing conventions, label the drawing below to show the two given dimensions of the plug.	4	Conventions must be consistently applied.
		1 mark for both correctly labelled dimensions.		
		3 further marks for each correct convention:		
		Leader lines Solid arrows Dimension centred and above line Diameter symbol		
		[Max 4]		

2	(b)(i)	Components are often drawn using orthographic projection. In the box below, draw the symbol for third angle orthographic projection.	2	
		0 marks for: not recognisable or not attempted.		
		1 mark for: a recognisable attempt with some errors.		
		2 marks for: immediately recognisable as the correct symbol. There may be minor errors. [Max 2]		

2	(b)(ii)	Engineers have to work to tolerances when designing and manufacturing components.	6	
		Describe two advantages and one disadvantage of working within tolerance.		
		Advantages such as:		
		Parts/components can be outsourced and will still fit together Different products will work/fit together It allows standard components to be used such as batteries Allows designers/manufacturers from different companies to work together on the same product Parts can be replaced for maintenance easily as fit is ensured Parts do not have to be selected on assembly during manufacture as tolerance ensures all will fit. Gives buyer/end user confidence in the product Ensures accuracy of product		
		Disadvantages such as: Can increase production costs If precision methods are not used wastage can be high. Can be time consuming if carrying out quality		

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	control checks. [1 mark per point made – if qualified/justified then award 2 nd mark. Max 6]	

2	(b)(iii)	A component is designed to have a length of 30mm ±0.1. What are the acceptable finished dimensions? Show your calculations.	2	Award 1 mark for correct method if value is incorrect. Award 1 mark where candidate only calculates 1
		29.9 mm to 30.1 mm 1 mark for 2 correct values. 1 mark for calculation.		value.

2	(b)(iv)	Name a device which could be used to accurately check the dimensions of the product. Describe how the device would be used.	3	Do not accept steel rule/ruler
		Accept the following:		
		Vernier callipers/gauge Micrometer Comparator Go nogo gauge Laser (1 mark for correct tool) Max 1		
		Description such as – Place the object between the jaws of the callipers/micrometer (1) and take a reading from the scale/display (1)		
		(Award 1 mark for each correct step)		
		[Max 3 marks]		

3 Personal Electronic Devices are often replaced when newer versions become available. Discuss the environmental effects when disposing of electronic devices at the end of their useful life. 6 Accept answers such as: If not properly disposed of Hazardous chemicals can be released into landfill/environment Landfills are increasing in size Danger to wildlife/habitats Resources are wasted and not recycled 6 If recycled Creates jobs Materials are reused Products can be sent to countries where recycling is not done safely H&S risk/hazard Marks awarded as follows: • No answer worthy of credit (0 marks) • Simple statements based on 1 or more issues such as those outlined above. Candidate will tend to respond superficially with little detail given. Response is structured poorly with little or no use of Engineering terminology with numerous errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling. (1-2 marks) • Sound understanding of the issues with candidate commenting on 2 or more issues such as those outlined above. Response is well structured with good use of appropriate Engineering terminology. Candidate shows a good grasp of grammar, punctuation and spelling. (1-2 marks) • Excellent understanding of the issues above. Candidate commenting on 3 or more of the issues such as those outlined above. Response is well structured with good use of appropriate Engineering terminology. Candidate shows a good grasp of grammar, punctuation and spelling. (2-4 marks) • Sound understanding of the issues above. Candidate comments in detail on 3 or more of the issues such as those outlined above. Response	Question	Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
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[Max 6]			 Simple statements based on 1 or more issues such as those outlined above. Candidate will tend to respond superficially with little detail given. Response is structured poorly with little or no use of Engineering terminology with numerous errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling. (1-2 marks) Sound understanding of the issues with candidate commenting on 2 or more issues such as those outlined above. Response is well structured with good use of appropriate Engineering terminology. Candidate shows a good grasp of grammar, punctuation and spelling. (3-4 marks) Excellent understanding of the issues above. Candidate comments in detail on 3 or more of the issues such as those outlined above. Response shows excellent use of engineering terminology and is well structured. Candidate displays high levels of grammar, punctuation and spelling to give a technically accurate response. If structured using bullet points then detailed sentences must be employed. (5-6 marks) 		

Question	Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
4		Personal Electronic devices contain Printed Circuit Boards (PCB's) which are usually manufactured using Computer Numeric Control (CNC) equipment. Explain 3 advantages to the manufacturer of using CNC equipment to make PCB's.	6	
		Accept answers such as:		
		Advantages		
		Accuracy (1) because(1) Repeatability (1) because(1) Reduced risk to workforce (1) because(1) Reprogrammable for new designs/flexible (1) which means(1) Fast production method (1) because(1) ie Cost effective (1) when used in large scale production (1) You can save and edit ideas which make it more cost effective to modify a design. (2 marks)		
		1 mark for advantage, 2 nd mark for reasoning.		
		[2 marks for each. Max 6]		

Question	Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
5		Name three health and safety hazards when using a soldering iron. For each hazard, suggest a safety measure.	6	
		Accept answers such as:		
		 Hazard - safety measure: Burns – hold correctly using insulated handle, use stand when not in use or use PCB clamp whilst soldering Solder spitting - wear goggles/PPE Fumes - use extraction or work in a well ventilated area Irritation to skin caused by flux – wear barrier cream, wash hands after use Burning hair – tie long hair back. Electrocution – regularly service and maintain equipment. Injury to others by equipment being left out – place soldering iron in stand to cool. 		

Trip hazard caused by trailing cables – cable management [1 mark for each correct response. Max 6]		
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6		The table below sl engineers. Compl appropriate letter opposite.	7	Accept correct comments where candidates		
			Tool name	Typical use		have written
			Тар	D		a response as oppose to entering the correspondi- ng letters.
			J	Used for cutting material		ng lotters.
		G	Centre punch	Used to make an indent in a material		
			Micrometer	н		
		F	Spring dividers	I		
		E	Die	Used for cutting external threads		
		[1 mark for each c	orrect response	e. Max 7]		

Question	Part			Marking Guidanco	9	Mark	Comments
7		C	he table below sl omponents used complete the table	6	Also accept —////— as resistor		
			Picture	Component Symbol	Name		
					Resistor		
				\downarrow	LED		
			All A SU	\pm	Capacitor		
			A REAL	M	Motor		
					Toggle switch		
		[1	I mark for each c	orrect response.	Max 6]		

Question	Part	Marking Guidance	Mark	Comments
8	(a)	A client asks a designer to create a new handheld games console. Suggest 4 specification points for the new console. Accept valid specification points based on criteria such as: Dimensions related to handsizes Colour Shape Theme Screensize Game cartridge/disc size Position/location of buttons Number of buttons Function Power supply Portability/storage Material Ergonomic/anthropometric qualities Wifi capability Ease of use Cost Accept other valid points [1 mark for each point. Max 4]		
8	(b)	 In the space below, sketch a design for a new console which meets specification points given in part (a). Use annotation to show how the design meets the specification. Up to 4 marks for addressing specification points with annotation. Further marks awarded as follows: very basic sketch which shows little detail Some basic detail including identifiable features Detailed drawing with all features clearly visible. 	7	Only award full marks if all 4 specification points are addressed