

VCE Product Design and Technology 2018–2022

Written examination – End of year

Examination specifications

Overall conditions

The examination will be sat at a time and date to be set annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). VCAA examination rules will apply. Details of these rules are published annually in the *VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook*.

There will be 15 minutes reading time and 1 hour and 30 minutes writing time.

The examination will be marked by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

The examination will contribute 30 per cent to the study score.

Content

The *VCE Product Design and Technology Study Design 2018–2022* is the document for the development of the examination. All outcomes in Units 3 and 4 will be examined.

All of the key knowledge and key skills that underpin the outcomes in Units 3 and 4, and the concepts found in the section on ‘Cross-study specifications’ in the study design (pages 9–12), are examinable.

Students will not be required to demonstrate practical skills using tools, equipment and machines that are related to the production of their products. However, their knowledge and understanding of these are examinable.

Format

The examination will be in the form of a question and answer book.

The examination will consist of two sections.

Section A will consist of short-answer and extended-answer questions, including questions with multiple parts. Questions may require drawn and/or diagrammatic responses. Section A will be worth a total of 45 marks.

Section B will consist of a series of short-answer and extended-answer questions, including questions with multiple parts. Questions may require drawn and/or diagrammatic responses. Questions will be based on a design brief and/or a design scenario. Materials relating to the design brief and/or the design scenario for Section B will be presented in a detachable insert in the centrefold. Questions in Section B will relate to materials in Category 1 of the materials categories found in the section on ‘Cross-study specifications’ in the study design (page 12). Section B will be worth a total of 45 marks.

The examination may include questions that refer to visual and/or written material.

Grid paper and traceable outlines of human figures will **not** be provided in the examination.

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the examination will be 90.

Answers are to be recorded in the spaces provided in the question and answer book.

Approved materials and equipment

- Normal stationery requirements (pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers)
- Lead and coloured pencils
- Water-based pens and markers

Relevant references

The following publications should be referred to in relation to the VCE Product Design and Technology examination:

- *VCE Product Design and Technology Study Design 2018–2022*
- *VCE Product Design and Technology – Advice for teachers 2018–2022* (includes assessment advice)
- *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

During the 2018–2022 accreditation period for VCE Product Design and Technology, examinations will be prepared according to the examination specifications above. Each examination will conform to these specifications and will test a representative sample of the key knowledge and key skills from all outcomes in Units 3 and 4, and the concepts found in the section on ‘Cross-study specifications’ in the study design (pages 9–12).

Students should use command/task words, other instructional information within questions and corresponding mark allocations to guide their responses.

A separate document containing a sample examination has been published on the ‘Product Design and Technology – Exams and Examination Reports’ page on the VCAA website.

The sample examination provides an indication of the format of the examination, and the types of questions teachers and students can expect until the current accreditation period is over.

The VCAA does not provide answers to sample examinations.