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Section A: (20%) Core Technical Principles	Section B: (30%) Specialist Technical Principles (Timbers Focus)	Section C (50%) Designing & Making Principles
 1.1 New and Emerging Technologies Impact of new technologies on Industry, Enterprise & Sustainability Pages 2-6 Market Pull and Technology Push Page 7 Changes in job roles and the workplace (automation and robotics) Pages 3 & 9 Sustainable design and environmental consideration Pages 5,10, 11 	 2.1 Selection of Materials or Components Properties of Timbers Pages 32, 33, 64 Stock Forms Page 64, 65, 66 Physical & Working Properties Page 30 	 3.1 Investigation and Analysis Conducting research to identify user needs. Primary & Secondary Research Page 110 Analysing existing products (disassembly and reverse engineering Page 111 Ergonomics & Anthropometrics Page 112, 113
 1.2 Energy Generation and Storage Renewable energy sources (wind, solar, tidal, etc.) Page 14, 15 Non-renewable energy sources (coal, gas, oil) Page 13 Energy storage systems (batteries, kinetic energy recovery systems) Page 16 	 2.2 Timber Processes Wood Lamination Page 66 Tools Page 83, 84,85 Turning – Lathe + CNC Page 86 Health & Safety Page 136, 137 	 3.2 Communication of Ideas Use of sketches, annotated drawings, and CAD tools Pages 124, 125 Technical drawings (e.g., orthographic projection) Pages 126, 127
 1.3 Developments in Modern and Smart Materials Properties and uses of modern materials (e.g., graphene, titanium) Page 17 Properties and uses of smart materials (e.g., shape- memory alloys, thermochromic pigments) Page 18 Composite materials and their advantages Page 19 	 2.3 Scales of Production One-off, batch, mass, and continuous production methods Page 104, 105 Appropriate manufacturing techniques for each scale Pages 104, 105,106 	 3.3 Development of Ideas Iterative design process and prototype development Page 128 Testing and evaluating design ideas Design Strategies Page 122, 133

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 1.4 Systems Approach to Designing Input, process, and output components in systems Page 22. 23 Control devices (e.g., sensors, switches, microcontrollers) Page 23 Mechanical systems: levers, linkages, cams, gears, pulleys Pages 24, 25, 27 	 2.4 Surface Treatments and Finishes Processes to enhance the aesthetic and functional qualities of products Page 67 Preparation and application techniques (e.g., sanding, painting, anodizing) 	 3.4 Material Management Minimizing waste and maximizing efficiency Page 134, 135
 1.5 Materials and their Working Properties Papers and boards (e.g., cartridge paper, corrugated card)] Page 31 Natural and manufactured timbers Pages 32, 33 Metals and alloys (ferrous and non-ferrous metals) Pages 34, 35 Polymers (thermoforming and thermosetting plastics) Pages 36, 37 Textiles (woven, non-woven, knitted fabrics) Pages 38, 39 	 2.5 Polymer Processes 3D Printing, Vacuum Forming, Injection Moulding Pages 79,80 	 3.5 Ethical and Sustainable Design Ethical, Social & Cultural considerations in design and manufacture Pages 42, 43, 48 Fairtrade & Deforestation Page 116
 1.6 Ecological and Social Footprint Life cycle assessment (LCA) of products Page 46 Reduce, reuse, recycle principles Page 47 	 2.6 Quality Control and Quality Assurance Difference between quality control and assurance Pages 131, 132 Methods for ensuring product quality (e.g., testing, tolerances) Pages 131, 132 Templates & Jigs Page 133 	 3.6 The Work of Others Know at least 3 x designers and 3 x design companies Page 117-121
 1.7 Sources and Origins Conversion of raw materials into usable forms Sources of natural and manufactured timbers Page 62 		