

Structure of Exam

In GCSE Graphic products you have two assessment pieces:

- Controlled Assessment Task (60%)
- Examination (40%) This year the theme will be:

Hand-held product to be used by young children. Wildlife theme

Your examination is out of 120 marks and is 2 hours in length. Section A will be a design question, based on the theme. It is worth 35 marks.

There will be 7 questions in total. They will test your knowledge of product analysis, product design and wider issues such as sustainability and new technologies. There are also some questions which test your designing and drawing skills. 1 question will expect you to discuss an issue, probably evaluating and using advantages and disadvantages. It will include some extra marks for Quality of Written Content (QWC).

Exam Paper Links

The Graphic Products course is by AQA. There are numerous papers available on the AQA website with mark schemes and examiners reports under each section. Click the link below to view them:

[AQA Graphic Products](#)

Look at the structure of the exam papers.

Use the Mark scheme to check the correct terminology required by examiners to access marks.

Useful Websites / Apps

BBC Bitesize

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Technology Student

www.technologystudent.com

GCSE Graphics APP (iOS only)

[App Store Link](#)

Easter Revision Activities

Revision Tasks to be completed:

- Learn the material properties and manufacturing techniques

Marked via a test during Term 5

Other structured revision activities:

- Use your completed PLC to find key topics you need to look into.
- Use the website links on the PLC to revise and research into the areas you are unsure about.
- Using the links to the exam papers try and find a question that tests your knowledge on that area.

Tips to Answer Common Questions

Top 5 Tips:

1. In the designing question *thoroughly read the question.*
2. Keep design ideas simple and varied ensure either:
 - Reasoned notes using SPECIFICATION ACCESSFMM
 - Or **Bullet points** listing what is required of the idea
3. Ensure you understand *explain, describe and give examples*
4. If being asked to *draw products* use a ruler and a pencil.
5. When you get a longer question *break it down into chunks*. For example if it is asking for advantages and disadvantages and it is work 6 marks you need to think of three advantages and three disadvantages.