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## Construction and the Built Environment

### Assessment Unit 1: The Construction Industry for the 21st Century

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WEDNESDAY 7 JANUARY, AFTERNOON



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#### TIME

1 hour 30 minutes.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.

Answer **all eleven** questions.

Questions 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10 should be answered in relation to the enclosed house drawing and specifications previously issued as pre-release material.

You should not bring any of the material previously issued into this examination.

You will be provided with a clean copy of the pre-release material.

#### INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 120.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in Questions **8** and **10**.

**A scale ruler is required.**

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Question Number	Marks
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**Section A**  
Answer **all** questions

**Use the pre-release material to assist with answering questions 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10.**

- 1 (a) State the **external finish** used to **weatherproof** the roof shown in the pre-release material.
- \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
- (b) What type of fascia board is specified for this dwelling?
- \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
- (c) List below **seven performance requirements** of doors.
1. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
2. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
3. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
4. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
5. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
6. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
7. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
- (d) Give the correct name for the piece of timber used to make **the top of the door frame**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
- (e) Give the correct name for the pieces of timber used to make **the sides of the door frame**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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- 3 (a) Using the attached pre-release material give the following dimensions in **millimetres**.

Some dimensions may need to be scaled.

- (i) The length and width of the kitchen.

Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

- (ii) The overall width of the dwelling.

Width \_\_\_\_\_ [2]

- (iii) The length and width of the hall where the dimension lines are shown.

Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ [4]

- (b) How many internal single doors are in the ground floor of the dwelling?

\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

- (c) What is the total floor area of the wet room?

\_\_\_\_\_ square metres [4]

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4 Health and Safety is an important aspect of any construction site. This is particularly true when craft operatives are using small hand tools.

(a) List **four critical checks** that should be carried out before using any power tool on site.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(b) What is the correct electrical voltage for use with hand held power tools on a construction site?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(c) The Health and Safety at Work Order (NI) 1978 stipulates duties that must be carried out by both the Employer and the Employee.

(i) List **four** duties of the employer on any construction site.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

2. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

3. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

4. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

(ii) List **three** duties of the employee on any construction site.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

2. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

3. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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5 Fig. 1 shows the eaves detail for a timber pitched roof.

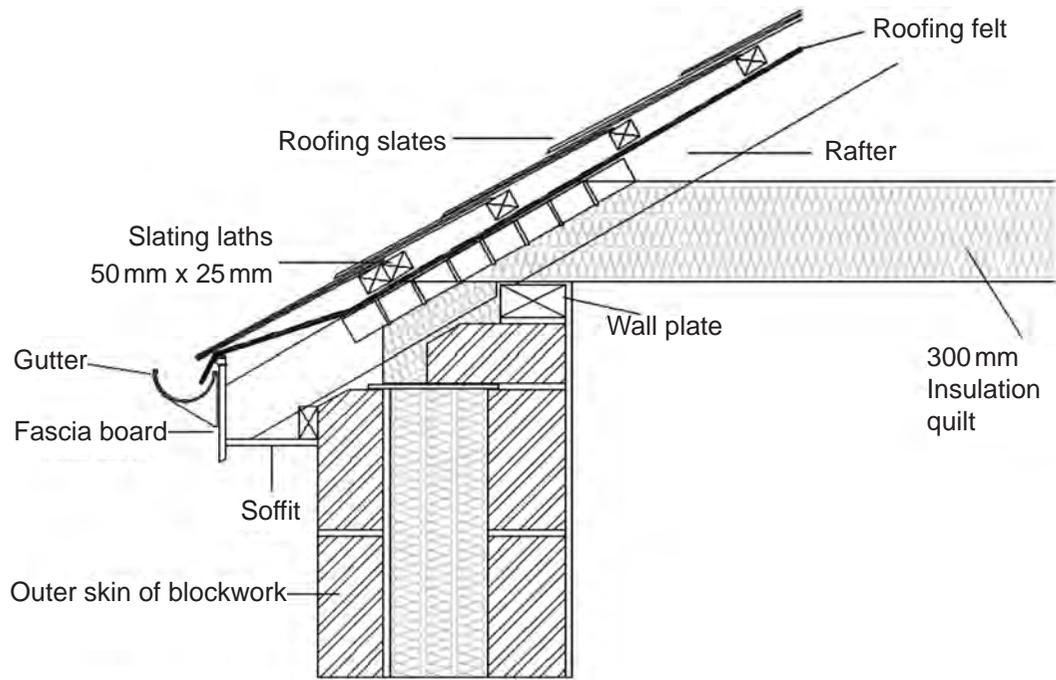


Fig. 1

State below the function of the following roof members as shown in Fig. 1:

1. Wall plate \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

2. Gutter \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

3. Roofing felt \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

4. Slating laths \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

5. Fascia board \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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7 (a) List **three** of the main functions of a ground floor of a typical dwelling.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [3]

(b) List **six** of the main functions of a wall of a typical dwelling.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

2. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

3. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

4. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

5. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

6. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

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9 Fig. 2 below shows an incomplete head detail of a window in the rear wall of the dwelling shown in the pre-release material.

(a) Complete the drawing.

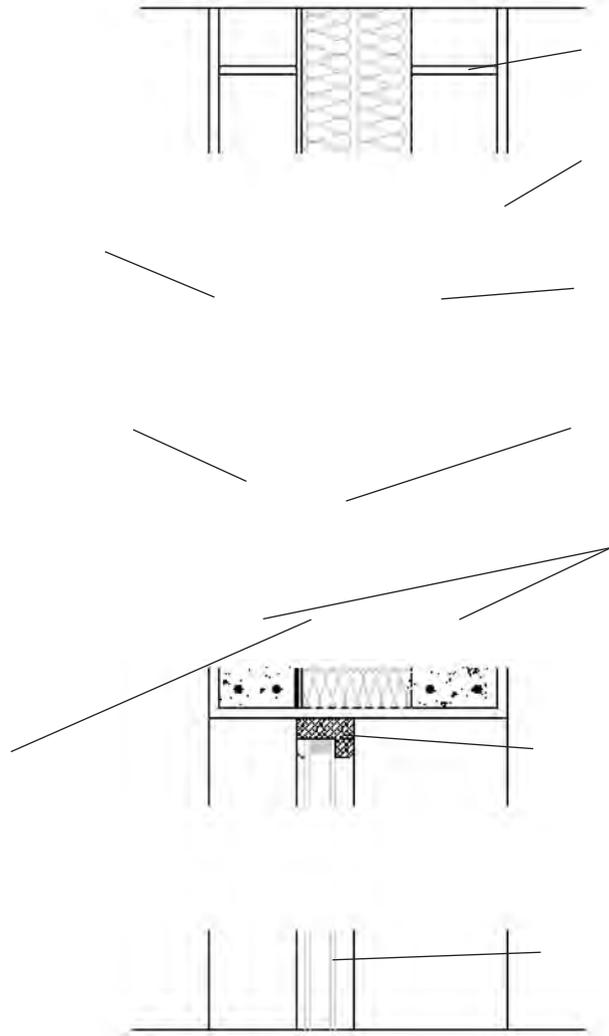


Fig. 2

[10]

(b) Add the labels from the list below.

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sand and cement render         | Mortar joint      |
| 100 mm outer skin of blockwork | Internal plaster  |
| Inner skin of blockwork        | Cavity Insulation |
| Double glazing                 | D.P.C.            |
| Concrete heads                 | Window frame      |

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(d) In the box below make a sketch of a cellular structure with at least **three** cells.



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**Pre-Release Material**

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**JANUARY 2015 AND SUMMER 2015**

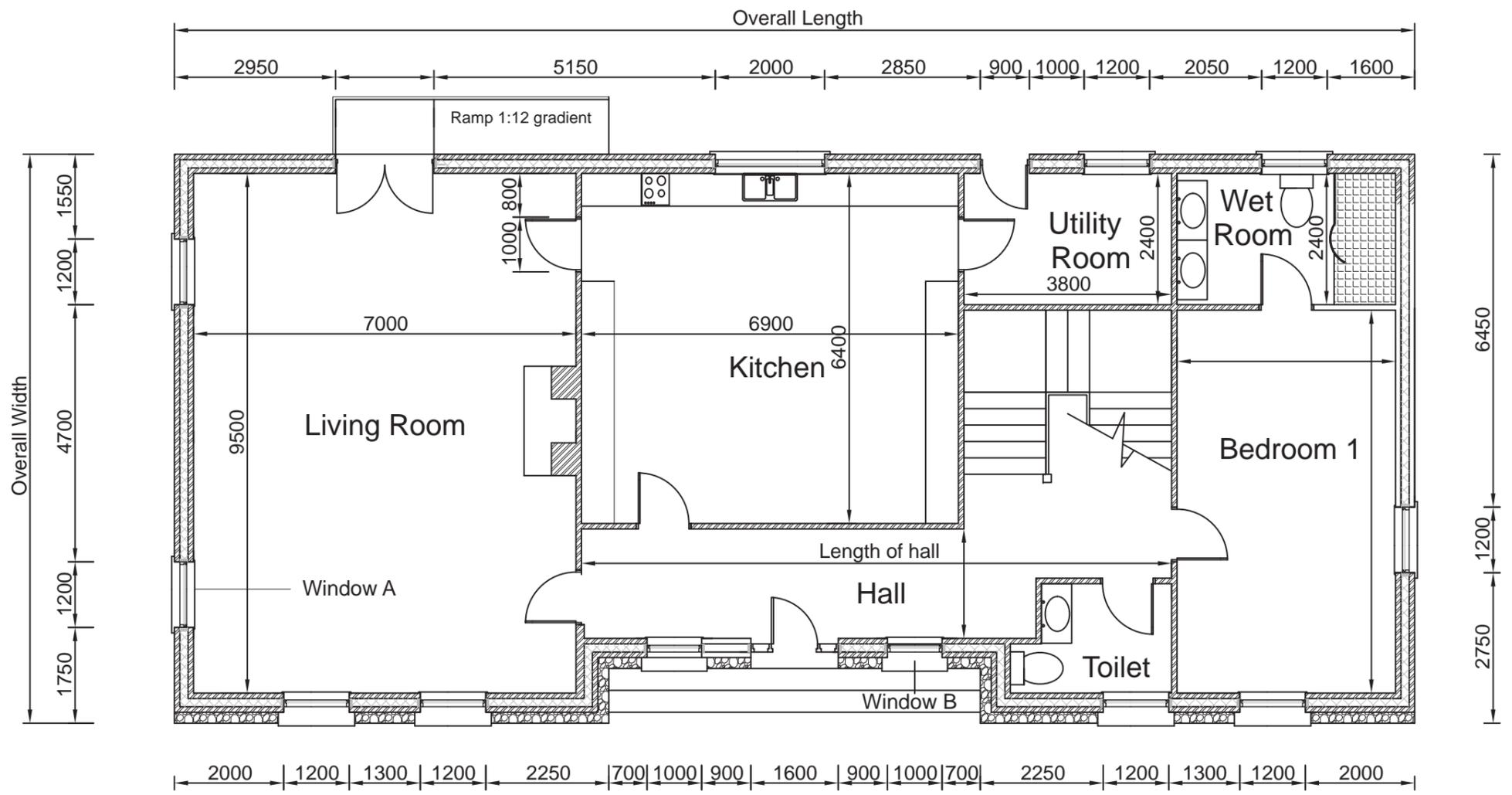
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A copy of the Pre-Release Material for this examination is included in the following pages.

**NOTE: Students will require the use of a scale ruler during the examination.**



**GCSE Construction and the Built Environment**

**Plan View Drawing No 1**

**Unit 1  
Pre-Release Material  
January 2015 - Summer 2015  
SCALE: 1: 100**

## Introduction

A copy of the Pre-Release Material is included in the following pages.

The Pre-Release Material contains an A3 drawing, photographs and specifications relating to a dwelling. Photographs 1–5 relate to the floor plan included (Drawing 1). This dwelling has been constructed close to a scenic mountain range on the edge of a small village.



**Photograph 1**

The landowner is a private client who has employed the following people to oversee the design of his development:

- Architect
- Building Services Engineer
- Quantity Surveyor
- Contractor

The Contractor will employ the following team:

- Site Engineer/Manager
- Plasterers
- Joiners
- Electricians
- Plumbers

Your client has strict planning guidelines with which he must comply, including a maximum ridge height, and external wall finishes.

## Specification

### Cavity Wall construction

Outer leaf: 100mm concrete block, 150mm cavity, 150mm insulation held in position using stainless steel insulation retaining wall ties to BS 1243.

Inner leaf: 100mm concrete block work. Provide sand/cement plaster and carlite finish to inner face. Wall ties to be spaced at 750mm horizontally, 450mm vertically and un-bonded jamb ties to be spaced 300mm vertically. 25mm insulation to all jambs, between lintels and behind sill. D.P.C. in front of insulation in each case.

### External Finishes walls

The front elevation is to be faced with a 200mm skin of natural stone sourced from the local area, in keeping with surrounding rock types.

Remaining external walls to be wet dash, painted white.

### External finishes roofs

Natural slate in standard sizes.

Dark brown plastic fascia board.

Dark brown 100mm half round gutter.

Photograph 2



### Window

Dark brown plastic windows.

Dormer window structure sheeted with white plastic cladding.

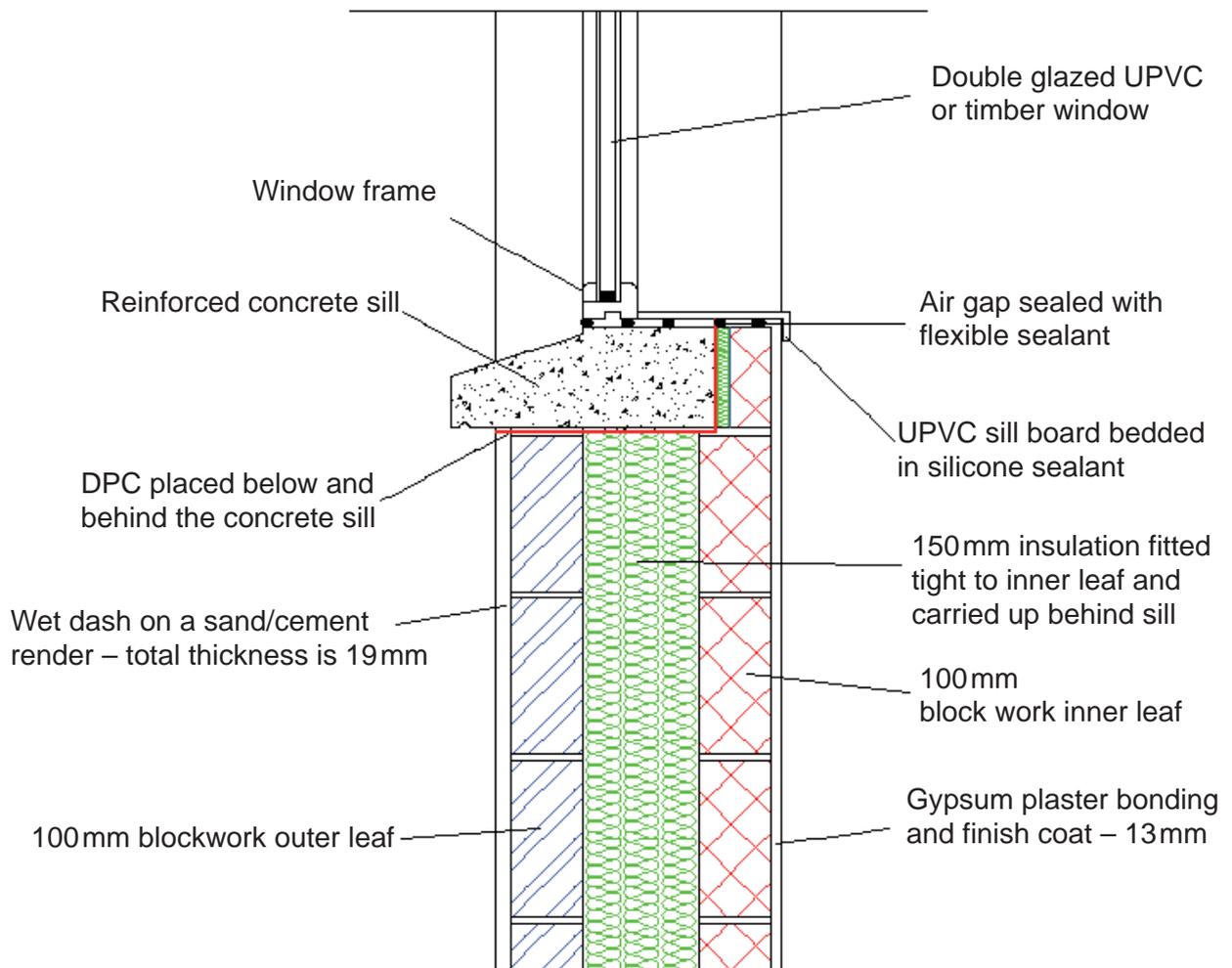
Photograph 3



### Solid floor construction

Seal all floors with two coats of penetrating liquid dust proofer, 100mm fine aggregate screed, 100mm high density floor insulation. Visqueen 1200 grade D.P.M., 100mm concrete sub-floor, 150mm consolidated hard core.

### Sill Detail for Living Room window A



### **Damp proof course**

Vertical D.P.C.'s to all window and external door jambs, horizontal D.P.C. behind and under sills and stepped lintels. Wall D.P.C.'s to external skin, layers at 150mm minimum above finished ground levels.

D.P.C.'s to internal walls to overlap and be bonded to floor D.P.M. by a minimum of 215mm.

### **Foundations**

600mm x 300mm foundations to 300mm walls.

450mm x 300mm foundations to 100mm walls.

The above to be concrete strip foundations. The size and depth of foundations shown to be determined and agreed with Building Control when sub/soil bearing pressures are known.

Cavity fill to external walls to stop a minimum of 150mm below D.P.C.

**Photograph of a window as constructed on site for the external elevation**



**Photograph 4**

**Photograph of Window B as constructed on site for the internal elevation**



**Photograph 5**



**Photograph 6**

Dry stone wall used to construct the boundary fence around the garden.

Excavation to reduce levels in preparation for construction of the dwelling.

**Photograph 7**

