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Question		Answer/Indicative content			Mark	Guidance	
1	(a)	(i)	One n	nark for each corre	ect statement given in the table.	4	Do not award symbol 2 as this is given in the question.
				Symbol	The symbol indicates:		Accept reference to 'European Standard) for answers related
			1		That a product is made from recyclable material		to the CE mark.
			2	V	That a product has been tested and proven to meet the recognised industry standard and is safe to use.		
			3	0-3	That a product is not suitable for children under 3 years.		
			4	CE	"Conformité Européene" – European Conformity mark		
			5	*	That a product is or may contain material that is flammable.		
		(ii)	One n	nark awarded for a	a valid reason.	1	
			 sh sh ap sh ap <	ow the consumer een approved / is t ow the consumer propriately tested ow the consumer propriate regulationer the consumer to the product (1) in inform the const aintenance and sa	that the product is fit for purpose / o standard (1) that the product has been (1) that the product meets all on (1) o any potential hazards associated umer about care, storage, afe disposal of product (1)		

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(b)	One mark for each of two valid responses e.g.:	2	Accept other feasible and valid responses
	 Designers can test their products to ensure that they can function under their operating conditions. (1) Designers can choose materials that are non-toxic (1) Designers can ensure they do not use coatings that may be hazardous to the user (1) Designers can ensure that products are suitable for the target user e.g. no small parts in products for young children / no sharp edges / poor conductor. (1) Designers can error proof their designs to prevent misuse (1) 		Do not award 'check they are safe.'
(c)	 Up to three marks for a clear explanation e.g.: It is important for manufacturers to ensure products are safe so that their customers do not get injured when using the product. (1) If customers suffer an injury because of the product then the manufacturer would be liable (1) and face prosecution or trial. (1) Manufacturers must ensure their products are safe because they have to meet regulations and standards for their product to be sold. (1) If their product does not meet the standards set by a country or standards body then they will not be able to be sold (1) affecting the reputation of the company. (1) Manufacturers have a legally defined (1) duty of care to retailers and customers. (1) Products must be 'fit for purpose'. (1) 	3	Accept other feasible and valid responses

(Question		Answer/Indicative content		Guidance
2	(a)	(i)	 One mark awarded for each of two valid responses e.g.: The number of components has been kept to a minimum. (1) Standard components have been used. (1) The product is easy to assemble. (1) The motor can be fixed easily first without obstruction prior to the outer casing being added. (1) Standard tools can be used for assembly (1) Motor / casing assembly can be turned through 180° and still be assembled (1) 	2	Do not award reference to 'quick' or 'cheap'
		(ii)	 Up to three marks for a clear explanation. Design for manufacturing assembly (DFMA) is the consideration of the design of a component or product to optimise its manufacture or assembly. (1) The product geometry is designed in such a way that it can be manufactured efficiently by the given process. (1) Components have geometry that allows them to be assembled effectively without obstruction using the minimal amount of parts possible. (1) 	3	Accept other feasible and valid responses Award one mark for reference to 'quicker, cheaper and easier.'
	(b)		 One mark awarded for each of two valid responses. Standard parts can be used (1) Common tools can be used for disassembly (1) Manufacturing processes keep different materials separable allowing for separation at the end of its life. (1) Temporary fixings are used in assembly (1) Avoidance of permanent fixings such as welding or gluing (1) 	2	

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	(c)	<u>n</u>	 Answer/indicative content Up to three marks for a clear explanation e.g.: Design for disassembly is important so that components and materials can be separated at the end of the products life. (1) This allows them to be reused or recycled (1) making the product more sustainable and better for the environment. (1) Design for disassembly is important as this allows for maintenance to be carried out. (1) The life of the product can be extended if it can be maintained (1) with key components having the ability to replaced or repaired (1) 	3	Guidance

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3	(a)	(i)	 One mark awarded for correct definition Market pull is when a product is designed and produced based on needs identified within the market (1) 	1	
		(ii)	 One mark awarded for correct definition Technological push is when a new product is developed based on new technology without the current market existing. (1) 	1	
	(b)		 One mark awarded for each of two valid factors e.g.: Fashion trends change creating a demand by consumers (1) A problem or issue needs a solution therefore creating a demand (1) Competitors releasing new products creating the need for a new product to maintain market share (1) Issues with existing products create a need for a better solution (1) Environmental pressures require the development of low-energy/environmentally friendly alternatives (1) Cost of raw material / cost of living changes create a market for low-cost alternatives (1) 	2	Accept other feasible and valid factors
	(c)		 One mark awarded for each of two valid methods e.g.: Focus groups (1) Surveys (1) Assessing existing products (1) Review market / sales data (1) Interviews with customers (1) Monitoring of trends and fashions (1) 	2	Accept other feasible and valid methods. Do not award marks for 'Research' 'Primary research', Secondary research'

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	(d)		Up to four marks for a description e.g.:	4	Accept other feasible and valid responses
			• The designer would be provided with an initial design brief from the client (1), from this the designer will undertake a discussion with the client to identify what is possible within budget, timeframe and scope of the project. (1) Based on this a set of product requirements detailing each individual aspect of the component will be defined (1) which will be set out in specific categories such as user needs, manufacturing considerations and legislation that becomes the final design specification. (1)		

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4	(a)	(i)	One mark for a correct definitionThe study of the human body often related to measurement (1)	1	
		(ii)	 One mark awarded for each of two valid considerations e.g.: Length of the users legs are important to define pedal positions (1) Length of users arms to define handle bar position (1) Length of the users legs are important to define seat position (1) Circumference of grip to define handle bar grip diameter (1) Weight range of users to define the strength capability of components during operation (1) Age range of target users to define overall bicycle geometry. (1) 	2	Accept other feasible and valid considerations
	(b)		 Up to two marks for a description e.g.: The bicycle seat is adjustable (1) allowing for use by a range of different size users (1) The positions of the seat, handle bars and pedals have all been optimised (1) to allow the user to sit comfortably on the bicycle (1) The height of the bicycle from the ground has been set (1) so that it is easy to get on and off for users of varying heights (1) The seat has been designed so that it follows the contours of the body (1) making it more comfortable to sit on (1) The handle bars incorporate brake handles that are within easy reach (1) so that they can be operated without the need to remove hands from the bike (1) 	2	Accept other feasible and valid responses

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(c)	 One mark awarded for each of two valid responses e.g.: Improve the rigidity of the bicycle (1) Make the bicycle more lightweight (1) Make the bicycle more stronger (1) Improve durability / wear / abrasion on components making it more reliable (1) Allow for the construction of more complex geometry (1), improving aerodynamics (1) Allow for complex parts to be produced in one-piece (1) / reduce component numbers (1) 	2	Award marks for appropriate, named modern material characteristics/properties. E.g. Carbon fibre is lightweight.	
(d)	 Up to three marks for a clear explanation e.g.: New production processes may allow complex geometries to be created in a single piece. (1) This improves the components structural integrity (1) and reduces the number of components required in assembly. (1) New production processes may allow components to be produced accurately in very large quantities (1), this would allow products to be manufactured at a lower cost (1) reducing the unit price and helping sales. (1) New production / assembly processes may use advanced adhesives to join components together (1) this can reduce the number of components in a design (1) reduce weight (1) and improve structural integrity (1) whilst reduces assembly time / complexity. (1) 	3		

Q	Question		Answer/Indicative content	Mark	Guidance
5	(a)	(i)	 Up to two marks for two valid tests e.g.: Operational test – check the volume of liquid/ice cube created (1) Strength test (1) – subject the tray to an operational twist / bend load (1) Temperature test – ensure the ice cube tray can withstand freezing temperatures / changes in temperature. (1) 	2	Accept other valid methods
		(ii)	 Up to three marks for a clear explanation e.g.: Testing is important to ensure that the product is safe to put on sales. (1) This may involve testing for toxic materials or that the component does not break during operation (1). This will ensure the customer is not injured by the project. (1) Testing is important when developing a new product as it ensures that it will function in the way it is intended. (1) If a product fails during operation then customers will be dissatisfied (1) and this may affect future sales. (1) Testing is part of quality assurance processes within a business (1) that identifies whether a product is fir for purpose (1) and matches the design specification / brief set by the client before being put on sale. (1) 	3	Accept other valid features

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(b)	(i)	 One mark for each of two valid methods e.g.: Design components so they only fit together one way (1) Design the component so that it cannot be used in the wrong way (1) e.g. plug cannot be inserted incorrectly Incorporate safety functions / switches to stop the product from functioning if used incorrectly (1) Reduce the number of components to stop incorrect assembly (1) Use visual indicators to highlight when a product is functioning incorrectly (1) or a component is being assembled incorrectly (1) 	2	
	(ii)	 Up to three marks for a clear explanation e.g.: Error proofing ensures that products are manufactured / assembled without errors. (1) The design is produced in such a way that it cannot be misused / assembled incorrectly (1). This ensures safe use / easy assembly (1) Error proofing ensures that users cannot operate the product in a way that it is not intended. (1) this ensures that accidents are avoided (1) and the product is safe in almost all situations (1). Error proofing ensures that the product cannot be used by the consumer in the wrong way (1). This ensures that operation is simplified (1) making the product more accessible to a range of users. (1) 	3	

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6	(a)	(i)	One mark awarded for each correctly added label.	1	Award marks where the candidate has clearly labelled the Specific tolerance.
		(ii)	 Up to three marks for a clear explanation e.g.: Engineering drawings may have a general tolerance to tell the manufacturer the accuracy required across all dimensions of the component (1). There may be some dimensions in this case that require a tighter tolerance (1) this will require a specific tolerance. (1) Some dimensions on a component may not be as critical as others and therefore only require a general tolerance (1). There are others that may be locating features for other components that require tighter, specific tolerances (1). This helps to inform the manufacturer and balance production cost / time. (1) Specific tolerances are concerned with location and fit: (1) they ensure that the product will assemble correctly (1) and function effectively. (1) 	3	

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(b)	Award up to six marks for a discussion on how designers can influence final production costs when developing new	6	Examples and relevant points could include:
	products.		 Designers can control production costs through the use of manufacturing processes that minimise the cost per component.
	Level 3 (5–6 Marks)		 Designers can design components that have
	Learners provide a thorough discussion of how designers		geometries that are suitable for the manufacturing
	can influence final production costs when developing new		process being used making tooling production easier
	products. They show a clear understanding of the required		and component manufacture more cost effective.
	question material. Specialist language and terms would be		 Designers can consider the amount of material required
	used in the appropriate areas being discussed and the		to manufacture a given component and try and minimise
	required information will be well structured in its		this reducing resourcing costs.
	presentation. Good examples used to justify now designers		Designers can try to minimise the amount of
	products Learners will demonstrate an accurate level of		product which will reduce accombly and inventory costs
	spelling punctuation and grammar		 Designers may use standard components within the
	spennig, purioration and grammar.		 Designers may use standard components within the design which are easily accessible, can be bought in
	Level 2 (3–4 Marks)		bulk, are low cost and are easily to assemble.
			 Designers may use new assembly methods such as clip
	Learners provide an adequate discussion which shows a		together fixings or adhesives that reduce the numbers of
	reasonable level of understanding of how designers can		components required and improve ease of assembly
	influence final production costs when developing new		reducing assembly time.
	products. Some examples used to illustrate now designers		Components can be optimised to fit the manufacturing preserve which will allow them to be preduced using
	products. Some evidence of the use of specialist language		standard tools and fivings reducing the need to develop
	although not always in the appropriate areas being		bespoke tooling / processes during production
	discussed. Information, for the most part, will be reasonably		Designers can use error proofing techniques in
	structured but may contain occasional errors in spelling,		component design that remove errors and issues in
	punctuation and grammar.		assembly, improving quality, reducing defects and
			saving expensive rework costs.
	Level 1 (1–2 Marks)		 Designers can consider the materials being used and utilise low-cost or readily available materials rather than
	Learners provide a basic discussion which shows some		more expensive, premium materials.
	understanding of the question material but uses little or no		 Production methods: use of materials,
	specialist language. Few or no examples used to show		generation/disposal of waste: e.g. injection moulding
	understanding of how designers can influence final		versus vacuum forming, forging versus machining.

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		production costs when developing new products. Answers may be ambiguous or disjointed. Contains obvious errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar. 0 marks = no response or no response worthy of credit.		 Tessellation and waste reduction. Use of tolerances to reduce post production rejection. Mould design with ribs, webs, thinning, hollows to use minimum material while still ensuring structural integrity of a '<i>strong enough for long enough'</i> lightweight form.

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