Product Design Bridging Units

Task 1 (Technical Principles)

There are many materials that can be selected by designers to manufacture products. All materials have their own unique characteristics that make them more or less suitable for specific products. As a Product Designer or Engineer it is important that you have a wide understanding of different types of materials, what properties those materials have and how you might manufacture a product differently depending on material selection and what the product is.

Answer the following questions. It is expected that you will use **notes** as well as sketched **diagrams** that have annotations to explain them. You should use fine-line pen to make your sketches stand out and colour, where appropriate, to communicate key aspects of your diagrams.

Tip: Look at the marks awarded for each question and try to ensure you make enough points in your answer to gain that many marks. An annotated diagram can be worth up to half of the total marks awarded.

1. The photographs below show a Childs chair. The chair can be used inside or outside. It is designed for children aged 2 - 6 years old.



1 (a) The chair has been made from High Density Polyethylene (HDPE).

Explain in detail why this polymer is suitable.

[6 marks]

1 (b) The manufacturer will have taken steps to ensure the polymer does not degrade if the chair is used outside

Explain what steps the manufacturer would take to prevent polymer degradation.

[4 marks]

1(c) The chair has been rotationally moulded.

Use notes and diagrams to describe this process.

[9 marks]

2. The image below shows an armchair.

The chair arms shown in the image could be produced either from solid hardwood or from laminated veneers.



Compare the suitability of both materials for the chair arms shown. [4 marks]

3. Figure 1 shows a plywood balance bike (left) and **Figure 2** shows a tubular aluminium balance bike (right).



Analyse and evaluate the two balance bikes in terms of their:

- suitability for mass production
- suitability of materials.

[12 marks]

4. The diagram below shows three tubes that make the front section of a bike frame. Work out the total length of tube required to make the front section.

Give your answer to the nearest mm. Show your working out.

[3 marks]



5 (a) Define the meaning of the term 'smart material'.

[2 Marks]

5 (b) Name a specific 'smart material' and an energy saving product that it is used in.

[2 marks]

5 (c) Describe how the properties of the smart material you have chosen enable energy to be saved.

[2 marks]

[Total 6 marks]

Task 2 (Designing and Making Principles)

Design Theory

As a Product designer or Design engineer it is crucial that you have knowledge and understanding of key design styles and movements and their principles of design. As well as, an understanding the work of influential designers and how their work represents the principles of different design movements.

I would like you to research **one** of the following Design Movements **or** Designers that inspires you and create a PowerPoint (max 3 slides) <u>or</u> Word doc (max 2 sides of A4) of information along with images. Nb. This must be your own work, do not copy from the internet as this is plagiarism and you will be asked to resubmit any work that is found to be copied.

Choose one of the following:

Design Movements

- Arts and craft movement
- Art Deco
- Modernism, eg Bauhaus
- Post modernism, eg Memphis

Tip: Talk about when the design movement came about, what made it famous and why? Materials and processes linked to the movement, show images of key pieces of work in that time, designers linked that movement. Add your own thoughts and opinions.

Designer/s

- Phillipe Starck
- James Dyson
- Margaret Calvert
- Dieter Rams
- Charles and Ray Eames
- Marianne Brandt

Tip: Talk about when they started their career, who they may have been inspired by, show key pieces of work, what makes them so iconic? Design principles they stick to, have they inspired others? How has industry changed because of their work? Do you like their work, your opinions.

Useful link: <u>designmuseum.org/</u>

Task 3 (Upcycling Project- Design project)

Your task is for you to up-cycle/re-cycle/re-purpose a product. Take something that already exists and use it for a different purpose. Use whatever tools and equipment you have access to at home to produce another useful object. It could be something out of your re-cycling bin or something you find lying around. We want you to treat this as a mini project, you can have a little help but it needs to be your work and your own ideas. Maybe you have an expert in the family or a neighbour that can help or offer advice over the phone or at a safe 2m distance. Remember it's the idea that's important. You can use the web to help with ideas and techniques but try not to copy exactly, Pinterest is always a good starting point!



Video: Kevin's Supersized Salvage

Examples:

Can you guess what they are? Can you research what part they were originally?



This page show you some of the research I have done into up-cycled products. Make sure you look in lots of places for inspiration. Talk to other family members/friends if possible see what their ideas might be. Have a look around your home for re-cycled, re-purposed, up-cycled products. Look in your re-cycled bin, what do you have a lot of.



Upcycling TASK:

Set yourself up with a PowerPoint presentation. Other presentation packages are fine. Only have white backgrounds and use only 12pt text. Remember you can use your phone as a scanner (google it) or simply take pictures of your work.

Task 1

Problem (Research task 3hrs)

How much do we throw away? Research the world of rubbish. How many plastic bottles do we throw away? What happens to our old jeans? How much are the materials of an old mobile phone worth. Tell me in 250 words what you've found out. Don't copy and paste, use your own words, use diagrams to help explain your thoughts.

Task 2

6Rs (Research task 1hr) What are the 6 Rs? Explain, with a short paragraph, what each one is?

Task 3

Brainstorm (thinking task 2hrs)

What ideas do you have? Brainstorm/ mind map/ spider diagram as many ideas as you can, see if you can get more than 50. Talk to family member's maybe skype / facetime.

Task 4

Ideas (Design task 2hrs)

Communicate your ideas with drawing and annotations. Generate approximately 20 ideas. Make sure ideas are clearly drawn, show design detail, annotate to aid understanding. Don't forget to evaluate ideas to help work out which is best one. Again use others to help you decide.

Task 5

Development (Design 3hrs)

Choose your best idea and try to improve it (20 improvements). Remember you have to make this so your best idea might actually be your best 'you can actually make' idea. If you choose you could develop your best actual idea aswell.

Task 6

Final Idea (Design 2hrs)

Communicate your final idea. What ever way you think is your best way of communicating your best idea. Use 3D drawings (pencil crayon/ markers), technical drawings, CAD, isometric.

Task 7

Make product (Manufacture 5hrs)

Make your product with what ever you have at home. I know this will vary from scissors and sticky tape to full workshops. Please check you are allowed to use what ever you have found and you are safe to use what ever tools you choose. STAY SAFE. If in doubt don't! Photograph as you make, create a picture record of making your product. You may need a little help but try to do as much yourself as possible.

Task 8

Test and evaluate. (Written 2hrs) How well did your product work? Are there any improvements you could make?

Pupil Example

Problem Analysis:

Material pollution in the UK is a massive problem. In the UK we use over 5 million tonnes of plastic each year alone and It is estimated that only 29% of this plastic is being recovered or recycled. One of the main contributors to plastic pollution is plastic bottles. Of the 5 million tonnes of plastic that we produce each year, 38.5 million bottles are produced each

million tonices of plastic that we produce each year, 36.5 million bottles are produced each year and we struggle to recycle at least half of them. The plastic that is not recycled will eventually end up in either the ocean or landfill. However one individual bottle placed in landfill will take around 450 year to decompose and 12.7 million tonnes of plastic is placed into the ocean each year. Both landfill and polluting the ocean has a drastic inpact on the environment . For

Second and the material in landfill decomposes it produces methane which contributes massively to the greenhouse effect and global warming. Plastic in the ocean not only affects marine life, sea birds, and the oceanic ecosystem, it also has a huge impact on us. Human life is being affected as the fish and other seafood being consumed will more than likely be contaminated with chemicals from the plastic that we have thrown away Intery secontaminated with chemicals from the plastic that we have thrown away. However as well as plastic pollution, fabric pollution, is ablic pollutor is ablic pollutor. In 2014, USA produced 16 million tonnes of fabric waste and 10.46 million tonnes of this were sent to landfill. Although there are many things put in place to encourage us to repurpose or recycle our old clothes only about 0.1% of recycled fibres collected by charities are produced into a new fibre.

However, More than 70 % of the world's population uses second-hand clothing. About 50 Foreverse, while that no so the works population uses second-hand inductioning. About 5 % of collected shoes and clothing is used as second-hand products. Meanwhile, 20 % is used to produce polishing and cleaning cloths for various industrial purposes, and 26 % is recycled for applications such as fibre for insulation products, upholstery, fibreboard, and mattresses

As well as plastic and fabric waste, electronic waste can be a big polluter too. Each year we through away 40 million tonnes of electronic waste away world wide. Of this only 12.5 % is recycled.



The 6 R's to Sustainability :

Reduce- To use less materials or resources used when making a product or reduce the amount of products used. For example could the product b redesigned in order for it to have less material or less components ?Can less energy be used in producing the product.

Reuse- To use the whole product or parts of a product for the same or an alternative purpose. For example does the product have to be thrown away ? Does the product have a secondary use ?

Recycle -- to break down a product into its original materials and reprocess them to be reused into a different product. For example can parts be recovered from a product in order for them to be reused ? Could it be made out of all one material in order for it to be recycled easier?

-tin cans

-glass jars

-corks

Initial design ideas brainstorm:



For example when looking at a plastic bottle we can apply all of the 6R's to it in order to reduce the amount of waste produced from it. We can be aware of how much damage a plastic bottle is causing to the planet and rethink about using an different alterative ,reducing our usage or even refusing to use one . If we do purchase a plastic bottle we are then encourage to reuse it and eventually recycle it however in this case there may be the possibility to repair it in order for it to have a new purpose.

Refuse- refusing to use a product that has a significant negative effect on the environment . For example before purchasing or choosing to use a product you may question it really necessary, is there an alternative or can using it be avoided.

Rethink- to change the consumers mindset . For example do we really need to buy a product .Do the effects of the product matter? Can alternative material be more sustainable

Repair- to fix or mend a product before throwing it away and buying a new one. For example , can the components be changed to fix the overall function? Can planned obsolescence be avoided ?



Design ideas sheet 1 :

AN EARRING AND JEWELLRY HOLDER CAN BE MADE BY USING AN OLD PHOTO FRAME AND USING THE WIRING OF AN OLD SEIVE .

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AVAILABLE AND OFTEN THROWN WAY

0 BY RECYCLING TIMBER AND BY USING OLD GLASS BOTTLES, FOR EXAMPLE BE UPCYCLED, THE FRAME OF THE COKE BOTTLES OR WINE BOTTLES, EARRING HOLDER WINE BOTTLES O COULD BE SANDED CUTTING A HOLE AND PAINTED TO IN THE BOTTOM IN THE BOTTOM O

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TOGETHER WITH JEWELLRY WIRE A BOTTLE TOP COASTER HAS NO SHARP

Design ideas : sheet 2 THIS IS A SIMPLE DESIGN THAT REUSES AN OLD DRAW AN MAKES IT INTO A BEDSIDE

TABLE OR CABINE AN ADVANTAGE OF THIS PRODUCT IS THAT IT DOESN' REQURE AND

HUGE AMOUN OF MATERIALS TO MAKE AND ALL OF THE MATERIALS REUSED

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Development sheet 1 :

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THIS OLD CABINET CAN BE UPCYCLED AND MADE INTO BOTH OUTDOOR SEATING AND A PLANTER. THE CABINET WILL BE FLIPPED ONTO ITS BACK AND LEGS WILL BE ADDED. SUPPORT WILL BE ONTO ITS BACK AND LEGS WILL BE ADDED. SUPPORT WILL BE ADDED TO THE DOORS OF THE CABINET ALLOWING IT TO HOLD THE CD CASES , THE WEIGHT OF PEOPLE , WHEN OPENED UP THE CABINET ACTS AS A PACAGING WILL BE WEIGHT OF PEOPLE , WHEN OPENED UP THE CABINET ACTO AS WEIGHT OF PEOPLE , WHEN OPENED UP THE CABINET ACTS AS A PLANTER WHERE PLANTS CAN GROW . EVEN WHEN THE CABINETS IS BEING USED AS A BENCH THE PLANTS COULD STILL GROW DUE

TO BUILT IN LED LIGHTS THAT ALLOW PLANT TO GROW AS A REPLACEMENT FOR SUN

IT'S A BIT OF A WASTE OF A BOOK AS THERE ARE ALWAYS PLACES THAT BOOKS CAN BE DONATED AND USED

MORE AESTETIC LOOK

NEEDED CA BE HOWEVER A DISADVANTAGE ABOUT THIS PRODUCT IT THAT DUE TO THE FACT THA IT WILL SPEND ALL ITS TIME OUTSIDE, IT NEEDS TO BE WEATHER RESISTANT AND ASLO THE LEDS WILL THE DISADVANTAGE OF THIS IS THAT NEED A POWER SOURCE WHICH MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR SOMEPEOPLE .

THE GLASS CAN BE REMOVED FROM

AN ADVANT THIS IS THAT IT PINNED INTO IT AS USES UP ALOT OF WASTE MATERIAL

CONNECT THE

LAMP TO THE

STAND.



THE BOTTLES WHERAS THE LIGHT FIXTURES WOULD ALL HAVE TO BE IN GOOD ONDITION AN ADVANTAGE OF THIS PRODUCT

IS THAT IT

A DISADVANTAGE OF THIS PRODUCT. IS THAT IT DOESN'T UPCYCLE A LARGE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL.

A SIMPLE WAY TO UPCYCLCE A OLD WATERBOTTLE IS BY USING IT AS A PLANTER AN ADVANTAGE OF THIS PRODUCT IS THAT IT DECORATION BY ATTACHING IT TO A PLANK OF CAN REPURPOSE A LARGE PIECE OF FURNITURE

WOOD. AN ADAVANTAGE OF THIS IS THAT IT CAN BE RESUSED AS THE BOTTLE 20 CAN JUST BE SWITCHED OUT HEN OLD.

A COFFEE TABLE CAN BE UPCYCLED USING TWO DRAWS FROM AN UNUSED CABINET, THEY CAN BE GLUED TOGETHER OR SCREWED TO GETHER AND THE LEGS OF THE CABINETS CAN BE ATTATCHED TO CREATEDA FREE STANDING TABLE.

> THIS LAMP IS MADE OUT OF OLD REMOVED FROM THE CASES ALLOWING THE LIGHT TO FLOW THROUGH EFFECTIVLY. HOWEVER WHEN LOOKING AT THIS AMP THEREIS N ANOTHER THING TO CONSIDER IS I

AVAILBLE FOR THE COMPONENTS AND IT WILL BE LIT UP BY LEDS OR A BULB.

BY DRILLING A HOLE INTO THE COVER OF A BOOK AND ADDING CLOCK HANDS, CLOCK CAN BE PRODUCED LEFT OVER CORKS CAN BE MADE INTO COASTERS BY GLUING THEM TOGETHER AND POSSIBLY COVERING THE BOTTOM IN FELT TO GIVE IT A



THAT CORKS ARE READILY THROWN AWAY SO ARE



UNE THING I HAVE TO CONSIDER WHEN DESIGNING THE LAMP IS IF LIKED TO USE A BULB OR LEDS TO LIGHT THE PRODUCT UP, LEDS ARE MORE ENVIROMNTALLY FRIENDLY THAN AN NORMAL LIGHTBULB(INCANDESCENT ADDING A WOODEN BASE TO THE COLLAMP ALLOWS ANY ADDING A WOODEN BASE TO THE CU LAWF ALLOWS ANY COMPONENTS TO BE STORED WARY WHERE THEY CAN NOT BE SEEN THIS ALLOWS FOR A MORE DESIRABLE LOOK AND IT MEANS THAT IF SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE REPLACED THE BASE CAN BE TAKEN OFF AND THE COMPONENTS REPLACED MEANING THAT TH<u>E PRODUCT</u> WILL LAST BULB.) AS THE LAMP IS ONLY 142MM IN DIAMETRE A INCANDESCENT BULB WOULD TAKE UP A LOT OF ROOM WITHIN THE LAMP AND WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD IN PLACE. MEANING THAT IT WOULD PROVE TO BE FAIRLY GER DIFFICULT TO REPLACE. THE BULB, ON THE OTHERHAND LEDS WOULD BE ABLE TO SIT ON THE BASSE OF THE LAMP AND NOT TAKE UP ROOM ALLOWING TO USE IN THE LAND AND NOT TAKE UPROOM ALLOWING TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED EASIER. ALSO IF A LED ALTHOUGH THIS DESIGN IS VERY EFFECTIVE AND COLUM-URY EFFECTIVE AND COLUM-BE PRODUCED WITH A HOT THIS PRODUCT COULD BE MARKETED TOWARD WIRE CUTTER, IT WOULD POTENTIALLY NOT BE THAT IT WOULD ANYON AND BE POWERED E STRUCTURALLY NOT BE STRUCTURALLY STABLE AS THE BORDER OF THE CD CASES NOULD BATTERIES COST BATTERIES MEANIG THAT THERE ARE NO ROUND E30 HOLD THE LAMP TOGETHER WIRES COMING OF THE PRODUCT.POTE E WAY TO RE USE OLD AND BROKEN CDS MANY FIXTURES COULD MAY BE TO STICK THEM ONTO THE BASE O THE LAMP. THE WOULD BE COVERED IN RE SO THEY ARE NOT A HAZARD. USED TO CHANGE THE WA PRODUCT.P NTIALLY MAKING IT MORE DESIRABLE. THE LAMP IS USED. ONE ALTERNATIN **FICXTURE COULD B E FIXED** ONTO THE WALL WHEREAS IT LEY THE CDS COULD JUST BE LEFT AS A COULD BE POTENTIA GETHER AND USED AS DE WELTED TO ANOTHER FIXTURE THAT COULD BE ADDED IS ONE THAT ALLOWS THE PRODUCT TO BE PUT ONTO A STAND AND USED AS A FREE STANDING LAMP. ATION AS A SHEET PLACED ONTO THE BASE OF THE LAMP WALL FIXTURE FOR THE LIGHT JMMARY : MAKING A IOTOTYPE OUT OF GO ALLOWED ME TO E THE WAY IN WHICH OULD IMPROVE THE IODUCT AND MAKE IT THE FIXTURE TO

GIVE THE PRODUCT THEM AND A MORE AESTETIC INSERTING BULB LOOK. THIS PRODUCT IS PROBABLY MORE GLASS BOTTLE LIGHTS CAN BE PRODUCED. MARKETED TOWARDS WOMEN OF VARIOUS FOR THE BIRDHOUSE TO BE EFFECTIVE AND WEATER.

BY ATTACHING BOTTLE TOPS

AN ADVANTAGE OF COASTER CAN BE THIS DESIGN IS THE PRODUCED, A LAYER OF RESIN SHOULD BE ADDED UNDERNEATH THE BOTTLE TOPS FOLLOWED BY A LAYER OF FELT TO INSURE THAT THE UPCYCLES A LOT OF MATERIALS CORKS AND WOOD FROM FURNTITURE.

BY UPCYCLING OLD JARS AND SCREWING THE LIDS INTO A PIECE OF REPURPOSED WOOD PLANTERS CAN BE MADE. THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PRODUCT IS THAT THE JARS AND PLANTS CAN BE EASILY REPLACED BY JUST UNSCREWING THEM AND ALSO THE PRODUCT CAN BE MADE INTO A CENTREPEICE BY ADDING SO PRODUCT CAM DE INVALUE ROPE AND HANGING IT UP OF THIS PRODUCT T UPCYCLE A A BOTTLE TOP CAN BE UPCYCLE D INTO A KEYRING. BY FILLING THE BOTTLE TOP WITH RESIN TO GET

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PARTS INCLUDING ITS LEGS AND HANDLES A TIN CAN LANTERN CAN BE MADE BY DRILLING HOLES INTO A CAN, HOWEVER A

DISADVANTAGE OF THIS IS THAT IT IS A W FAIRLY SIMPLE DESIGN d' THAT PROPABLY WONT WITHSATND OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

AN ADVANTAGE OF THIS PRODUCT IS THAT IT USES UP LOTS OF MATERIAL THAT WOULD OTHERWISE GO TO WASTE AND CD CASES ARE READILY AVAILABLE AS THEY ARE OFTEN

VERY READILY AVAILABLE

MODELLED A FIRST PROTOTYPE FOR MY PRODUCT USING LEGO WHICH

ALLOWED MY TO SEE WHERE I COULD DEVELOP IT FURTH



Final product :







Evaluation:

When manufacturing my product, I was faced with a few problems . Firstly I had to slightly adapt my product to be able to make it with the supplies I had. When designing the product as though it would be marketed, I decided I would light my product using an led and a battery pack to save both space and energy compared to a light bulb . However I didn't have access to either a led or a bulb so instead I decided that I would be able to use a torch to light up my product until I could receive something more substantial. Firstly I had to cut a hole out of the middle of all the cd cases in order for the product to be lit by a bulb if necessary . However this proved to be very difficult . I uses a scalpel and a scalpel mat to make scores into the cd case and eventually this worked although it took a long time to do . I tried alterative ways to do this including heating up the scalpel to melt the plastic and even heating up the cd case it self yet this did not work as the cd cases kept cracking so it took a long time for me to cut a hole in the CDs using a scalpel to score them . When it came to gluing my cd cases together, I was unsure what glue to use so I started of using superglue however when dry, this became cloudy so instead I used PVA glue and this worked well. I measured, cut and sanded the base in order for it to be able to fit on the bottom of the product . Due to the fact that I was using a torch to light up the product I had to make a few changes to the manufacture of the product. Firstly I had to drill a hole into the base of the lamp in order for the torch to fit through. This worked well as other than the hole in the base , there was no other changes to the product itself that could be seen. However as the torch was now lighting the product , the lamp had to be elevated in order for the torch to fit underneath the product so I temporarily elevated the product by placing a stack of books on either side of the torch and placing the product on top.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September, if you have any issues or questions don't hesistate to contact me via email or Firefly.

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