

A Level Design & Technology 2022

What will be assessed in 2022?

NEA coursework 50%

Examination content for AQA A Level D&T 50%

Everything could be assessed but the topics listed below will be the major focus of primarily the higher tariff questions.

- Paper 1 30%
 - 3.1.2 Performance characteristics of materials
 - 3.1.5 The use of finishes
 - 3.1.7 Digital design and manufacture
 - 3.1.13 Enterprise and marketing in the development of products
- Paper 2 20%
 - 3.2.2 Design theory
 - 3.2.3 How technology and cultural changes can impact on the work of designers
 - 3.2.8 Responsible design

What won't be assessed in 2022?

Everything could be assessed. But topics not explicitly given in the list (left), may appear in lower tariff questions or via synoptic questions:

Additional support provided by the exam board for the 2022 year only?

2022 NEA adjustments

Development of design prototypes

- This section has been reduced from 25 to 15 marks
- The NEA assessment **no longer requires** students to make a final prototype, but they should show their understanding of processes by writing about them

Analysing and evaluation

- Section has been reduced from 20 to 15 marks
- Analysis and evaluation throughout the design process can take place in relation to prototype ideas and models
- There's no expectation to test a final made prototype but students should find ways of testing prototype designs.