Design & Technology
A-Level

Modern materials
Multiple Choice

Materials required for questions

- Pencil
- Rubber
- Calculator

Instructions

- Use black ink or ball-point pen
- Try answer all questions
- Use the space provided to answer questions
- Calculators can be used if necessary
- Use a cross in the box to mark you answer 

Advice

- Marks for each question are in brackets
- Read each question fully
- Try to answer every question
- Don’t spend too much time on one question

Good luck!

Q1. What is not a use for thermo-ceramics?

A Turbine blades 

B Metal cutting tools ☐

C F1 car break discs ☐

Q2. What is **not** a disadvantage of using an LCD screen over traditional screens?

A LCD is more expensive ☐

B LCDs are very fragile ☐

C LCDs have a shorter lifespan ☐

Q3. Having smartphone screens that repel greasy fingerprints is achieved using which of the following?

A Polymorph ☐

B Nanomaterials ☐

C LCDs ☐

Q4. Kevlar is a material that has which of these properties?

A Strong and resistant to impact ☐

B Soft and resistant to spills and stains ☐

C Conductive and resistant to fire ☐

Q5. What material is used to make dental braces?

A Nitinol ☐

B Zinc ☐

C Aluminium ☐

Q6. Which of the statements about Graphene are false?

A Graphene is a nonmetal ☐

B Graphene has low resistance to flow of electricity ☐

C Graphene has high resistance to flow of electricity ☐

Q7. Which of the following statements about nanomaterials is true

A They have excellent thermal capacity ☐

B Used in construction industry because of their Resistance to corrosion ☐

C A single particle has an average size of 1-100nm ☐

Q8. Which of these properties of glulam is false

A Cheap material ☐

B Easy to form and shape ☐

C Good strength-to-weight ratio ☐

Q9. What is a modern material **(1 marks)**

Q10. Name a product manufactured from Kevlar and explain why it is suitable for its production **(94 marks)**

Product:

Reasons

Q11. Evaluate the use of liquid crystal display (LCD) technology in mobile phone screens **(6 marks)**

Q12. Explain how Kevlar fibres are processed and arranged to give this material its unique properties. **(2 marks)**

Q13. Turbine blades in jet engines and brake discs in high performance cars are often made from thermo-ceramics.

Explain three advantages of thermo-ceramics that make them appropriate in these situations **(6 marks)**

1.

2.

3.

Answers

Q1. B
Q2. C
Q3. B
Q4. A
Q5. A
Q6. C
Q7. C
Q8. A

Q9.

- A modern material is a material that has been engineered to have improved properties.

Q10.

Bullet proofing/protective equiptment (vest/armour)

- Material is extremely strong
- Lightweight
- High tensile strength to weight ratio
- Non flammable

Car fuel tanks

- Non flammable
- Difficult to puncture
- Flexible

Bike tyres

- Reduces puncture rates
- Material is strong
- Lightweight
- Flexible

Boat hulls, aerospace framework

- Lightweight
- Can withstand force, tensile stress

- Impact resistant

Q11.

Advantages

- Low energy requirement/efficient. (1)
- Extends battery life/. (1)
- Lightweight units (1)
- Thin / small / compact unit / minimal space required. (1)
- Increased portability. (1)
- Produce a wide range / 256 colours. (1)
- Vivid / bright / clear display. (1)
- Small pixel size allows detailed/ sharp/ high quality / high-definition images. (1)
- Sufficiently robust /tough /can take some impacts / knocks. (1)
- Reliable/ durable / long-lasting. (1)
- Can be mass produced cheaply / quickly. (1)
- They do not get hot. (1)
- Light is instant/no warm-up time. (1)
- Reduced eye strain. (1)
- Powered by small batteries. (1)

Disadvantages

- Can be broken from a direct impact / relatively easily. (1)
- Limited viewing angle. (1)
- Expensive to replace / high maintenance cost / difficult to fix. (1)
- Can suffer from image persistence / retention. (1)
- A small, damaged area can affect the whole screen. (1)

Q12.

- arranged as a mat (non woven) = 1
- arranged in layers = 1
- woven = 1
- spun into ropes = 1
- can be treated with chemicals = 1
- Woven for strength as a net/mat = 2
- Woven to create a net like structure resistant to penetration,
- e.g. knife attack = 2
- Chemical treatment to make fibres more flexible, e.g. easier to

- move wearing them as clothing
- Woven for strength as a net to create interlocking structure
- e.g. to resist bullets in body armour = 2

Q13.

- Strength (1) in order to withstand high forces without breaking / deforming (1)
- Heat resistant (1) so they do not soften / weaken when in situ (1)
- Stable (1) so that they do not excessively expand with heat causing malfunction (1)
- Hard (1) so that they do not wear away /scratch when in use (1)
- Lightweight (1) increasing efficiency (e.g., fuel saving) (1)