

Design & Technology

AQA A-Level

Design influences

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
- For the multiple choice questions, circle your 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 socio-economic factor influenced the use of sunburst motifs in post-WW1 design?

- A** A desire to commemorate wartime sacrifices
- B** Symbolism of a "new dawn" after the war
- C** Advances in electric lighting technology

Q2. The discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in 1922 directly inspired Art Deco designs through:

- A** Use of Egyptian-inspired motifs and symbolism
- B** Adoption of medieval European armour patterns
- C** Rejection of non-Western cultural influences

Q3. Explain how the Art Deco design style was influenced by:

- historical design styles
- socio-economic factors

(6 marks)

Answers

Q1. B

Q2. A

Q3.

Socio-economic factors

- The end of World War One (WW1) signalled a new beginning for a modern world with a need to rebuild, this is reflected in the use of sunburst motifs used to show a 'new dawn'/start.
- The zoning regulation of 1916 was concerned with the building of skyscrapers that blocked light to streets below. The regulation ensured that buildings were stepped back from the streets like ziggurats to increase light.
- Building on the need for simple and affordable style suitable for those returning from WW1, the class system was changing and a modern style was needed to embrace this.
- Modern mass manufacturing techniques used during WW1 lent themselves to the production of simple geometric forms.

Historical Design Styles

- The discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb in Egypt was a huge international story that caused a desire to replicate the Egyptian style of simplistic imagery and costume.
- African art influences with patterns.
- Rectilinear forms to emphasise height and power.