**Ideation Phase**

**Brainstorm & Idea Prioritization Template**

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| Maximum Marks | 4 Marks |

## ✅ Step 1: Team Gathering, Collaboration, and Problem Selection

The team convened to explore pressing global challenges where AI and machine learning could make a measurable impact. Through collaborative discussion, environmental concerns such as poor waste segregation and its consequences stood out. The team reviewed multiple problem statements and unanimously selected:

**Problem Statement Chosen**: "How might we develop an intelligent system for accurate and real-time waste classification to enhance efficiency in municipal, public, and industrial waste management?"

## 💡 Step 2: Brainstorm, Idea Listing, and Grouping

During the brainstorming session, each team member contributed ideas which were then grouped under broader categories:

| **Raw Ideas Generated** | **Grouped Categories** |
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| Use AI for sorting waste in recycling plants | AI-Driven Automation |
| Build a mobile/web app for waste classification | Web/Mobile Deployment |
| Use VGG16 transfer learning for accuracy | Transfer Learning Models |
| Connect system with smart bins in smart cities | IoT Integration |
| Predict hazardous waste types too | Model Expansion |
| Integrate image preprocessing pipeline | Image Processing Optimization |
| Use real-time camera feed for automatic detection | Real-Time Vision Systems |
| Create multilingual interface for local use | UX/Localization |

## 🎯 Step 3: Idea Prioritization – Final Concept Chosen

After discussion, evaluation of feasibility, impact, and scope, the team finalized the concept:

### ****CleanTech: Transforming Waste Management with Transfer Learning****

### 🔍 1. ****Introduction****

CleanTech is an AI-driven system using transfer learning (VGG16) to classify waste images into **Biodegradable**, **Recyclable**, and **Trash**. It aims to modernize waste handling in public, municipal, and industrial spaces by introducing automation and intelligence into the process.

### 📌 2. ****Problem Statement****

Current waste segregation is manual and inefficient, leading to improper disposal and recycling failures. There is a need for an **automated classification system** that ensures accurate sorting and promotes sustainability.

### 🎯 3. ****Objectives****

* Build an accurate transfer learning model
* Enable real-time predictions through a web app
* Reduce manual dependency and improve classification efficiency
* Facilitate environmental compliance through AI

### 🧰 4. ****Technologies Used****

* **Model**: VGG16 (ImageNet)
* **Language**: Python
* **Libraries**: TensorFlow, Keras, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn
* **Framework**: Flask
* **Tools**: Jupyter Notebook, Anaconda, Kaggle API

### 📊 5. ****Dataset Overview****

* **Source**: Kaggle Waste Dataset
* **Classes**: Biodegradable, Recyclable, Trash
* **Preprocessing**: Resize (224×224), Normalize, Augment (rotate, zoom, flip)
* **Split**: Train, Validation, Test sets

### ⚙️ 6. ****Methodology****

* **Transfer Learning** with frozen base (VGG16)
* **Data Augmentation** for robustness
* **Training**: 10 epochs, early stopping
* **Deployment**: Flask-based web app with .h5 model

### 🏗️ 7. ****System Architecture****

1. Image Upload via Web Interface
2. Image Preprocessing
3. Classification with VGG16
4. Prediction Displayed on Web UI

### 🌍 8. ****Application Scenarios****

* **Recycling Plants**: Conveyor-belt automation
* **Smart Cities**: Smart bin integration
* **Industrial Zones**: Automated waste compliance check

### 📈 9. ****Results****

* 95%+ validation accuracy
* Fast, real-time predictions (~1 sec/image)
* Accurate classification in all three categories
* Successfully deployed as a Flask web app

### ✅ 10. ****Conclusion****

CleanTech is a scalable, intelligent, and environmentally-conscious system that enables **automated waste segregation** through AI and computer vision. It supports real-world integration to improve recycling efficiency and sustainability.

### 🔮 11. ****Future Scope****

* Add classification for **hazardous waste**
* Connect to **IoT smart bins**
* Deploy to **Raspberry Pi or edge devices** for offline usage