



### INTERFACE USEABILITY

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### Question 1

#### 1. Define what you see as:

The user requirements for this proposed system (5 Marks);

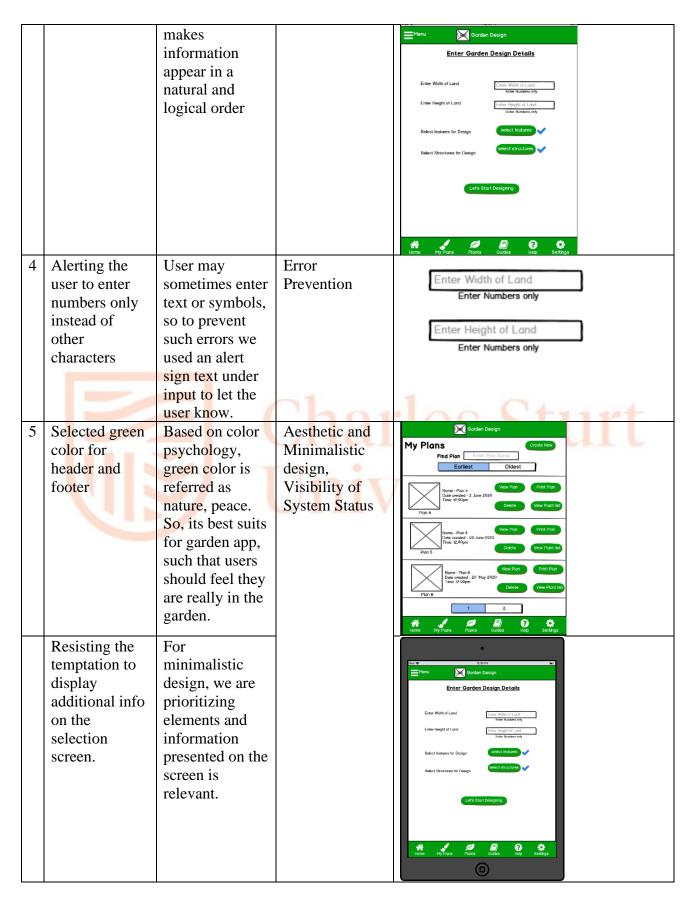
#	Requirements
1	Application should allow users to enter the details of a block of land, its features and vegetation to create
	a garden plan.
2	Users should then be able to add any features that they wish, such as paths, water features, rock gardens,
	etc., to the garden plan
3	Users should be able to plan for structures, such as patios, terraces, fences, walls, etc.
4	Both features and structures should be able to have their final size and shape adjusted when added to the
	garden plan.
5	The application should provide a list of plants and shrubs that are usually available from the Regional
	Gardens Nursery.
6	Plants that are selected from this list should be able to be placed on the garden plan and show their
	approximate full-grown size and shape (height and width).
7	Plants that are selected and used in the garden plan should be kept in a list for the user.
8	The application should allow the user to print the entire garden plan or any part that is required
9	The plants list should also be available to print along with the garden plan.
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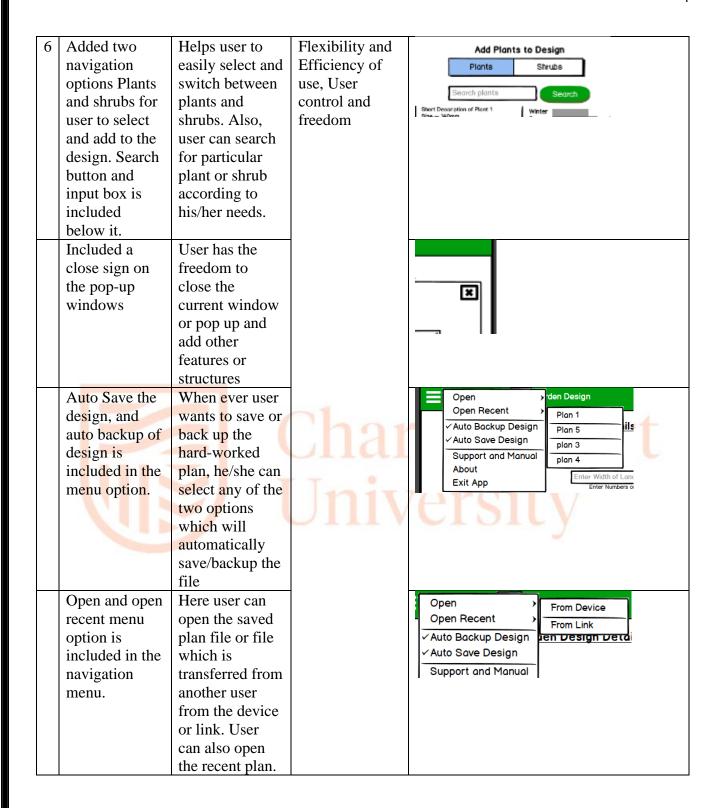
#### 2. The constraints on this proposed system (5 Marks);

#	Constraints
	Constraints can be related to technologies to be used, designs to be made and the potential users. Need
	to identify from the case study and list them one after the other
1	Cannot print plant list or design if there is no printer attached to phone or tab.
2	Application cannot run on windows and Linux. Application cannot be opened in personal computer.
3	Only plants and shrubs are available which are accessed from the Regional Garden Nursery Ltd.
4	iOS support version from 11. Android support version from 5(jellybean). Older versions do not support
	the application
5	Application can work offline and offline.
6	User cannot buy plants or shrubs form the application
7	Minimum required RAM is should be greater than 2gb in tab or mobile. Otherwise the application
	might get stuck while designing the garden plan.

3. Justify your design decisions with reference to design principles (10 Marks);

#	Design Decision	Reason(s)	Related Design	Evidence (sections of screens from
2	Adequate assistance is included within the application. Help button is integrated in all screens	Trust and credibility. To let the users, know the application name and its logo.  To assist few users with solutions who could not perform some tasks or whenever they are confused or have questions about anything, the built-in help support is always available in the footer and its very useable.	Help and documentation, Consistency and standards	Select footages for Cesign  Enter Worth of Lord  Enter Height of L
3	Speaking the language of the user	Followed real world conventions because it	Match between system and real world	Let's Start Designing





8 Green Color is chosen for the application interface buttons, navigation buttons and footer, header.	Green color basically reefer's to nature, peace. So, its best suits for garden app, such that users should feel they are really present or interacting in	Match between real world	My Plans  Find Plan  Earliest Oldest    Vice Plan   Plan
9 Preventing errors and validation when user doesn't select or add any plant or shrub. Also, without selecting vegetation, user cannot move to next screen.	the garden.  User may sometimes miss the selection or did not select any vegetation, then a red cross icon is shown next to the button. This helps diagnose, validate and prevent from errors.	Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from errors	Enter Height of Land  Enter Numbers only  Select features for Design  Select Structures for Design  Let's Start Designing

2.Design an interface for this proposed system.

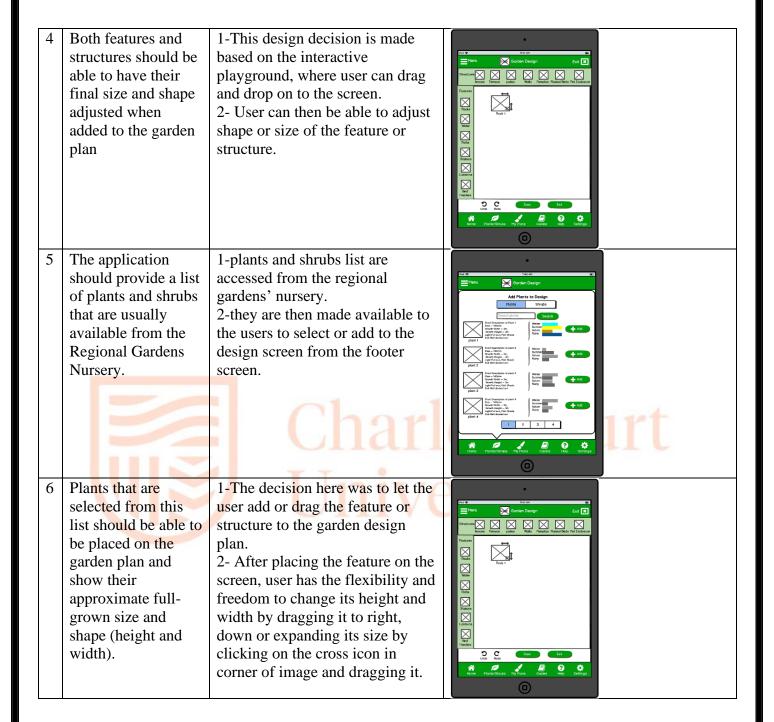
Your design should consist of a wireframe of your proposed interface. It should clearly show all the major features of your design and each feature should be clearly labelled and identified. The design must:

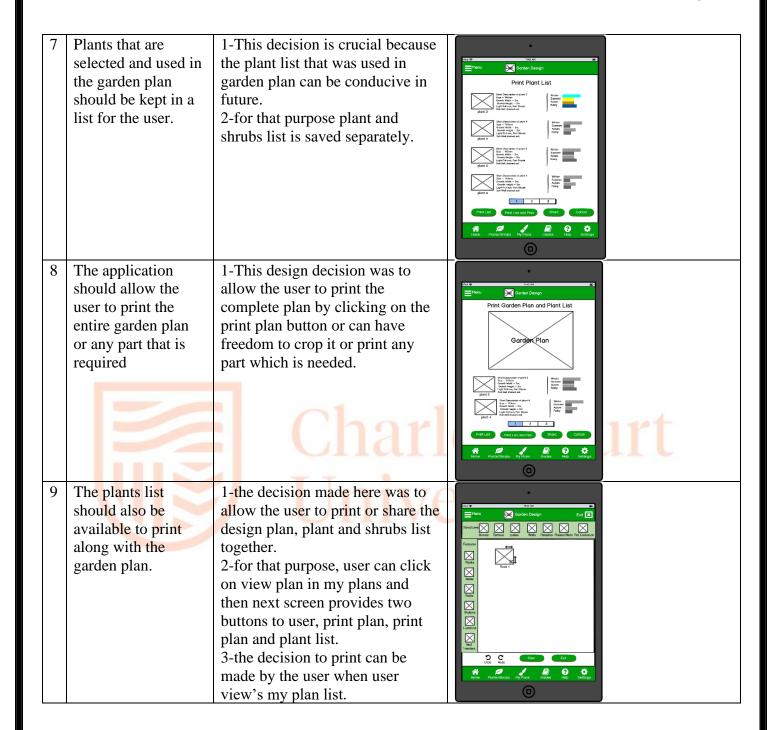
Meet all the requirements laid out in the case study; (10 marks)

Include this in Balsamiq Screen 2 (Screen 1 should include your and subject details)

#	Requirements	Justification	Evidence
	Identified from the case study and list them one after the other.	What design screens did you design?	Refer to screens/figures in Part b.
1	Application should allow users to enter the details of a	1-This design screen has two number input blocks where user	

block of land, its has to enter land width and features and height. vegetation to create 2- There are also two buttons a garden plan included which are used to select the features and structures required for the design plan according to user needs. 3-user can click let's start button to navigate to the empty garden plan screen to start designing. Users should then 1-The design is developed based on the flexibility and efficiency of be able to add any features that they use, because when user click wish, such as paths, select features or structures a pop water features, rock up in displayed on the screen. gardens, etc., to the This helps improve application performance, flexibility of adding garden plan or searching for the required features/structures. 2-user is provided with pagination where navigation can be performed to move to other screen for adding more features to the design plan. Users should be 1-Error prevention and data validation is being done in this able to plan for structures, such as screen. 2-After user selects the features patios, terraces, fences, walls, etc. or structures, tick mark is show next to the button. If the user did not select any structure then a red cross mark is show, which means that the user did not select any structure and cannot start designing.





Include all pages required for the final implementation of the design (10marks)

#	Requirements	Screens Designed		Purpose	How to use it
	From Part a	Screen	Screen	<b>P</b>	
1	It should allow users to enter the details of a block of land, its features and vegetation to create a garden plan	Enter Garden Design Details  Finter Worth of Land  Content Register Of	Conser Width of Land	The purpose of this page is very crucial because user has to enter the land and select the vegetation details. Without selecting these, user cannot start the design plan.	1-When application is opened, user should click on the next button. 2-Subsequently user has to enter land width and height 3-then select features and structures needed for garden plan.
2	Users should then be able to add any features that they wish, such as paths, water features, rock gardens, etc., to the garden plan	Enter General Charles  Finding Street  Add Rectives to the Design  Finding Water  Finding Towns	Enter Garden Design Details  Add Structures to the Design  Faces	This screen is interlinked with the above screen. User has freedom to select features and structures needed to add to the garden plan. Then add it to the garden design plan list by clicking add button.	1-when user clicks on select features or structures button this screen pop ups and allows user to add them by clicking on add button 2-User also has freedom to search and navigate to another screen with other list by clicking on pagination numbers.
3	Users should be able to plan for structures, such as patios, terraces, fences, walls, etc.	Enter Oarden Design  Enter Oarden Design  Add features to the Design  Final Status County Cou	Court West Control Design Details  Add Structures to the Design Details  Add Structures to the Design Details  Forces Forces Fred Hard F	The purpose of this page is imperative because user is given a list of features (rock,water,path etc) and structure(fences, terrace, patios etc) which then can be included to the plan.	1-when provided with the list of structures and features user should on the add button to include it in the list of plants 2-user can find for any vegetation by searching in input text block.  3-user has freedom to go through another pages and if required can close the popup by

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					clicking on the
					close button.
4	Both features and structures should be able to have their final size and shape adjusted when added to the garden plan	Technical Partia Clarates Part	Total State	The purpose of this screen is to display the selected feature or structure on the design plan with the shape and final size adjusted.	1-User should add the feature or structures. 2-then it is displayed on the screen. 3-user can adjust the size of the feature by clicking on the right corner and dragging it down. 4-user also can change its length or height by dragging it to right or down.
5	The application should provide a list of plants and shrubs that are usually available from the Regional Gardens Nursery.	Add Plonts to Design  Society	Add Bruchs to Design  Partial  Partial	This screen is also crucial part of the application. It provides list of plants and shrubs from the regional garden nursery. And the depending on their details or user need, it can be added to the design plan.	1-User should click on the plants/shrub's icon on footer menu. 2-user has the flexibility to view the plant/shrub details and also navigate through the pagination text option to view another list. 3- User can also search for any required plant or shrub in search input block.

6 Plants that are selected from this list should be able to be placed on the garden plan and show their approximate full-grown size and shape (height and width).

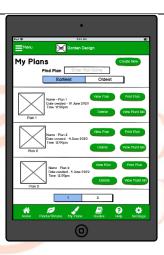


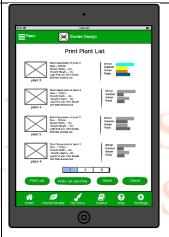


This screen is displaying the plant/shrubs that were selected form the regional nursey list. It displays the fully grown size and shape after resizing the plant and shrub

1-User can drag the or place the plant/shrubs anywhere on the design plan area.
2-user has choice to change its size and width depending on the needs.
3-similarly user can add more plants and shrubs to the design plan then organize them accordingly.

7 Plants that are selected and used in the garden plan should be kept in a list for the user.





The purpose of this screen is interlinked with the garden design plan and its crucial to save the list of plants and the garden plan.

User can view the saved plans

the saved plans list and print them accordingly.

1-user should select My plans option in the footer menu and then the list of saved design plans is displayed. 2-user is provided with several option like- to view plan, print plant list, or print design plan. 3-user has the freedom too view the plants used in the garden design plan by clicking on the view plan list. 1-User can use the

8 The application should allow the user to print the entire garden plan or any part that is required





The purpose of this screen is to print the complete garden design plan or the part that is only required based on user needs.

print entire garden plan.
2- User can use share button to share the garden plan or plant list to social media.
3-user can cancel printing by clicking on the clicking

button.

print plan button to

9 The plants list should also be available to print along with the garden plan.





The purpose of these screens is to allow user view the garden design plan and plant list used in the plan. Subsequently user can print the complete plant with the garden plan.

1-User can click the view plan button or print garden plan button to print the entire plan with plants list. 2-User also has freedom to filter by earliest saved plans or oldest plans and print accordingly.



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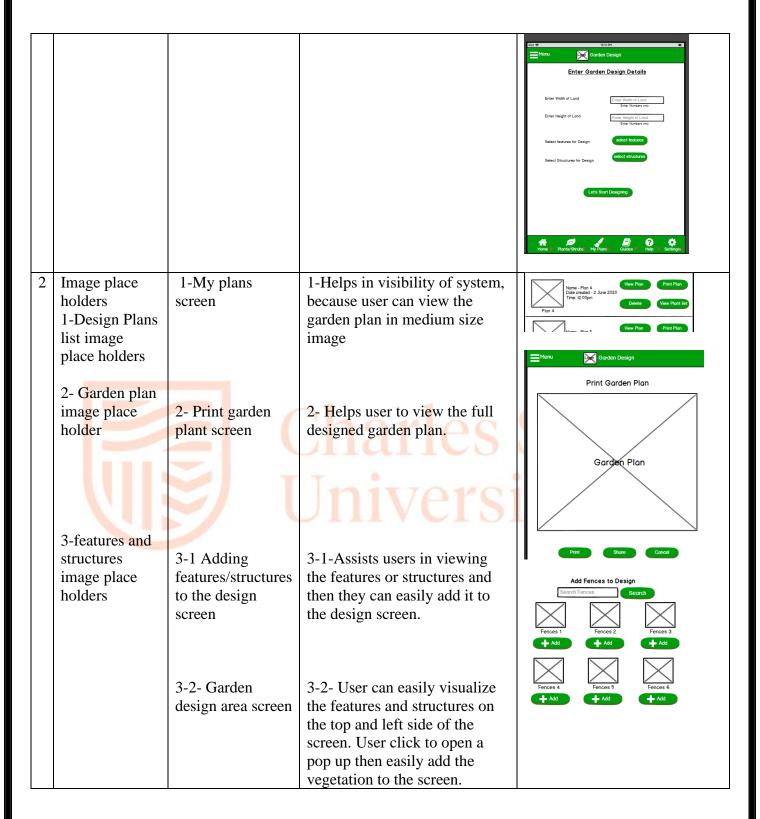
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#	Type of	Where it is used?	How does it help the users?	Evidence/ Sections
	Interface			of screens
1	Component			
1	Buttons:	4 7 4 11	4 77	esign Details
	1-Search	1-In All screens	1-User can search or find any	to the Design
			elements/tasks/guides/plants/shrubs	Search
	2-Add		via this search button.	
	2 7 ldd	2-In add	2-After searching or by clicking on	
		shrubs/plants/features/structures	the respective feature/structure,	$  \times  $
		screen	user can add	
			shrubs/plants/features/structures to	Terraces
			the design plan.	Add
	3-Save and	3-In Garden plan Designing	3-User can wish to save the design	
	Exit	Screen	plan or exit the design area	
				Save Exit
	4 Dmi 1:		4-User can print the list of plants	
	4-Print list, print garden	4-Print plant list, print garden	used for garden design and has	
	plan and	plan and plant list	freedom to print both garden plan	Print List Print List and Plan
	print list		and plant list.	
	1		5-User can select the features and	
			structures required for the garden	select features
	5-Select		design plan by clicking on any of	1
	features and	5-Enter Garden design details	these buttons subsequently screen	select structures
	structures	screen.	pop ups for adding them.	
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2	Text input	Enter garden details screen,	Assists user to enter own choices,	
	box with	help screen, plant /shrub	selections. Improves Usability	Search Structures
	"hint text"	selection screen	Standards, user visibility and	
			understandability	erroce natios Walls Pergalas Rai
				Add Fences to Design
				Search Fences Search
3	Pagination-	My plans, print plant list,	Assists user to navigate with	1 2 3 4
	Numbered	adding features and structures	sequential order of pages.	
		pop up screen, select structures	Improves flexibility and usability	
	<u> </u>	and select features screen	of the system.	
4	Labels	In all screens, used as titles and	Helps user to understand what	
		attribute names in all screens for	going on the screen and what	
	<del>                                     </del>	user understandability.	action can be taken next.	
5	Icons:	A 11 -1		
	1-Menu Icon	All the screens	1-Helps user to view additional	iPod 令
			options like open file, exit	<b>■</b> Menu
			application and auto save.	
	2-Exit Icon			_

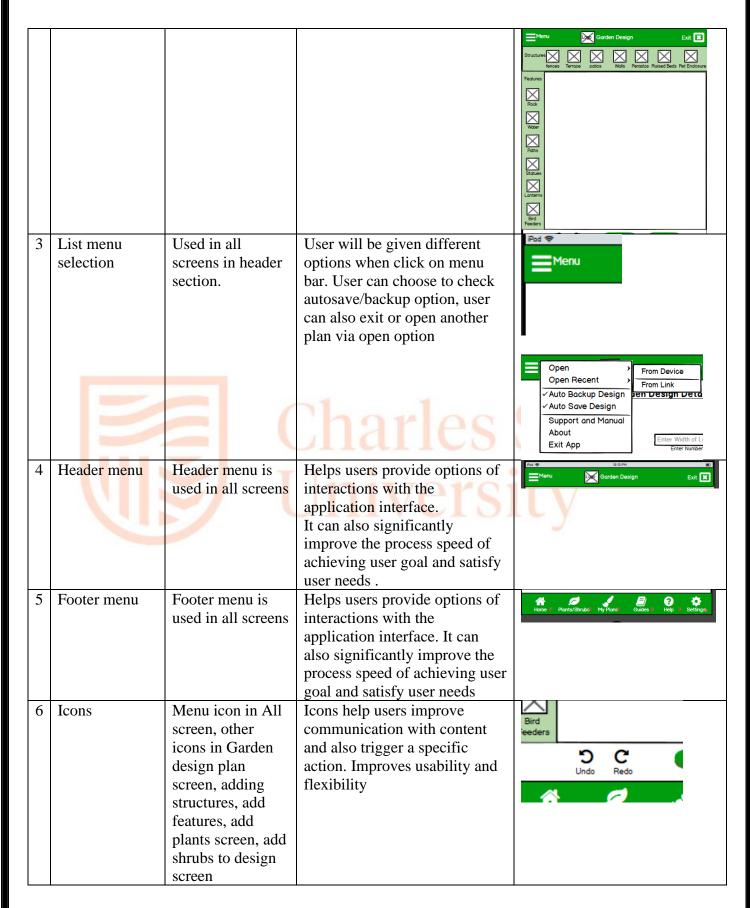
	3-Close Icon	2-Garden design plan screen, adding features/ structures screen.  3-Adding features and structures screen.	2-improves flexibility of the system and user has the control to exit the design garden 3- Improves usability, where user can easily change from one feature or structure to another.	Exit X
6	Pop ups			<u> </u>
7	Bar Graph	Print plant screen, print garden design and plant list screen, adding plants and shrubs pop up screen	Improves understandability, learnability. User can easily recognize the season for each plant or shrub and then add it accordingly to the garden design plan	Search Winter Summer Autum Rainy

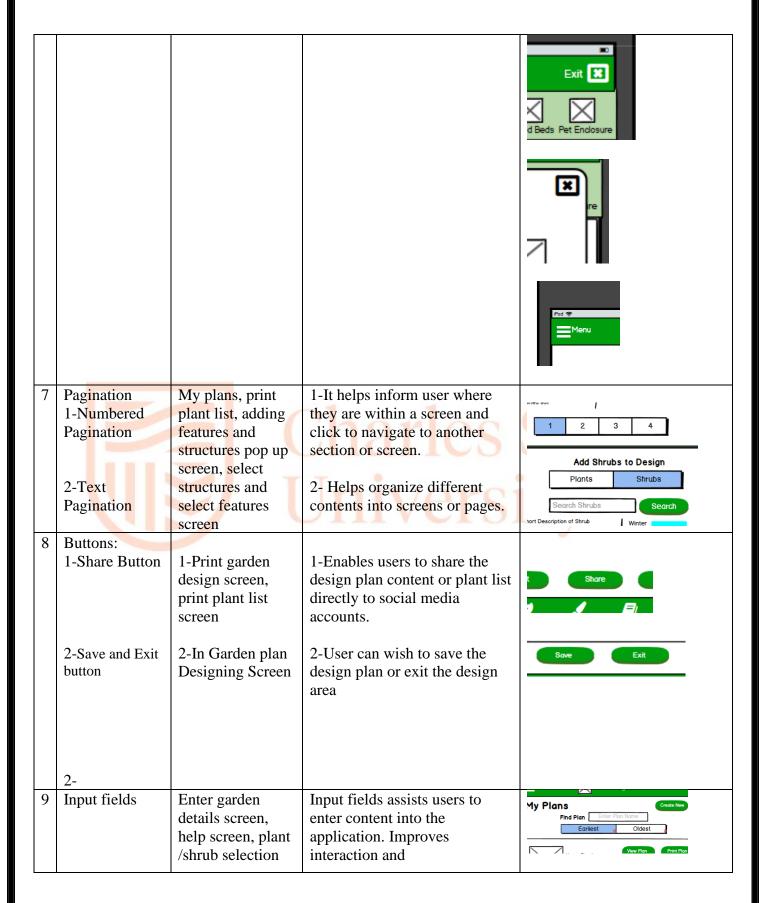
Include all screen components for each page; (10 marks)

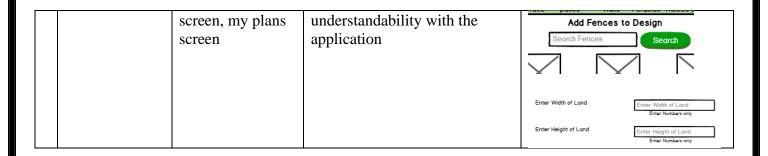
d. Include all navigation components; (10 marks)

#	Type of Interface	Where it is used?	How does it help the users?	Evidence/ Sections of screens
	Component	useu.		
1	Progress loader	After user clicks the "let's start designing" button in Enter garden design details screen.	It helps users inform that the application is completing or loading an action in the background.	States  States  Garden Design  Loading The New Garden Design Plan









#### Question 2 (40 marks)

You are also required to test your proposed design to check for usability. You are to:

- a. Design the usability testing for this proposed system. Your usability test design should include:
- 1. The goal of your usability tests; (5 marks)

#	Goals
1	Successful task completion: Create a scenario where users are able to complete specified tasks
	successfully.
2	To notice how satisfying the application is to other participants.
3	Speed of performance- To notice how long does it take to perform a specific task.
4	Time to learn- How long does it take for a user to learn the specific task.
5	Subjective Satisfaction: Identifying changes essential to improve user performance and fulfilment

#### 2. What tests you will conduct; (5 marks)

#	Tests to be conducted	Reasons
Test 1	Remote Evaluation usability testing.	Due to covid-19 its hard to find participants and create a formal lab for testing. Instead remote evaluation testing method is used which is moderated (I will observe the user interaction with the app in real time).  - Observer(me) can watch video conference or session from my own location  - Users can work in their own familiar environment  - This testing method is Cost-Effective.

Test 2	Summative Usability Testing	This testing is used because we need to measure the satisfaction, effectiveness and efficiency of the complete application.  -The measures then can be used to establish a usability benchmark  -With summative usability testing we can reach our usability goals because we need to validate a number of subjective and objective features like time take to complete specific task, time spent on specific task, error rates when performing a task, and user satisfaction.
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Scenario/Problem Statement for Test 2-Summative Usability Testing

Goal/Output	Complete a Garden design plan from creating, adding vegetation and saving design plan.
Inputs Participants Name- Sonia, Age- 29, Rajiv, 27, Ramika, 24, sandeed, 24, Neha, 27	
Assumptions Application is opened.	
Time on task	Time taken for the participants to finish the task successfully.
Steps	1-Click Next
	2-Enter WIDTH and HEIGHT of land
	3-Select Features
	4-Select structures
	5-click let's start designing
	6-Enpty Design Plan is Loaded
	7-Add required features to the empty design plan
7-Add required structures to design plan	
8-place the features in any position as required,	
9-change the size of the feature by clicking on x symbol and dragging down. Or by	
dragging right to increase its length or by dragging down to increase its height.	
	10- place the structure in any position as required,
	11- change the size of the feature by clicking on x symbol and dragging down. Or by dragging right to increase its length or by dragging down to increase its height.
	12-Similarly add other features and structures until garden plan expectations are met.
13.click on save to save the design plan to my plan list.	
14. view the plan in my plans list	
Success	Design plan is successfully completed and saved to my plans.
Criteria Criteria	

Task Level	Evaluate or ask questions of how the participants felt about the overall application
Satisfaction	experience

#### 3. How you will conduct those tests; (5 marks)

#	How Test 1 is conducted?	How Test 2 is conducted?
1	This test is conducted on Zoom app.	This test is conducted with 5 in-person participants
		in a controlled environment.
2	Used the remote request screen-sharing option	The participants are provided with the tasks to be
	in zoom app to let the user interact with the	completed.
	prototype.	
3	Before user or participant starts interacts with	Defined abort-criteria (example-maximum time) for
	the application, I have read the task to be	each task to the participants
	performed loudly.	
4	Used the chat window to communicate and ask	Task completion time is tracked with time tracker
	question at the end of the session	and Interview guidelines, questionaries' are setup for
		participants.
5	Google form survey is provided to the user at	Pre- test questionnaires and post-test questionnaire
	the end of session. The results can then be very	are provided to the users after the test 2 session tasks
	conducive for the future analysis.	is ended.

## 4. How you will record and analyze the data from the tests. (5 marks)

#	How Test 1 results are recorded?	How Test 2 results are recorded?
1	Zoom app video/audio recording is performed.	Observing the 5 participants in-person one by one when interacting with the application.
2	Used both Concrete and Conceptual methods to know how carefully the methods reveals real performance on application interface.	Noted down the user's reactions when interacting with a particular element or completing a task
3	Observing the participant when interacting with the application.	Listening to users when interacting with a particular element or completing a task
4	Listening to user when interacting with a particular element or completing a task	Behavioral and attitudinal data is collected about what participant say and do.
5	Google form survey was completed by the participant at the end of session.	Pre- test questionnaires and post-test questionnaire data is collected by asking questions to the participant at the end of session.  Debriefing with Participants is done at the end of test
	How Test 1 results are analyzed?	2 session.  How Test 1 results are analyzed?

1	Tabularized the qualitative data and quantitative data in Microsoft excel.	Data is tabularized from Pre- test questionnaires results, post-test questionnaires, Behavioral, attitudinal data and notes which was created by observing and listening to the user.
2	The excel file is saved as csv file and imported into tableau software for performing data analysis and to get better insights of what can be improved.	Statistical analysis is performed with collected dependent variables and independent variables.
3	Analyzed the information in tableau focusing on the most-important problems revealed in the test 1 and trying to determine frequency of each task done by the user and where user made mistakes.	Statistical method such as Chi-Square testing is used to examine the statistical significance of the stated results.  (this is used because we can meet our time taken to complete task and user satisfaction usability goals.
4	Remote user was provided a survey at the end of session, the answers to these are yes or no. percentage of yes or no is calculated in the excel.	The results after chi-square testing, is reported with confidence intervals.

#### Summary of test data

The table below displays a summary of the test data.

Participant	Task Completion	Errors	Time on Task	Satisfaction*
1	1(Success)	3	232 sec	3.58
2	1(Success)	5	289 sec	4.76
3	1(Success)	3	169 sec	3.21
4	0(Failed)	10	191 sec	2.91
5	1(Success)	2	168 sec	4.59

b. Justify your usability tests with reference to the principles of usability testing (10 Marks);

#	Justification on Test 1	Justification on Test 2?
1	Help and Documentation: The remote user	Match between system and real world- This is
	when starts interacting with the application,	interlinked with user satisfaction. When the

	user might be stuck at some point. So, for this	application or task are made in a user language or
	reason help icon in the footer menu might	real-world way, then the satisfaction rate might
	provide some assistance to resolve the	improve.
	problem.	•
2	Recognition over recall: Observing how the	Flexibility and efficiency of use: The participants
	remote user uses the app is a helpful way of	attitude and behavior while interacting with the app
	finding what things user can recognize easily	can traced by the good design and flexibility and
	and recall.	efficiency of use.
3	User control and freedom: this principle helped	Aesthetic and minimalist design: the design is made
	to find how the user has freedom and control	minimalistic and simple. Only relevant information
	over the interface and interaction with the	and interface elements are included in the
	application. Notes were taken down when the	application.
	remote user started interacting with the	
	application form beginning to end.	
4	Visibility of the system: With this principle in	Recognition rather than recall: this principle is
	mind, the test 1 also has data recorded. The	linked with the time taken to complete a task.
	data consists of notes, and images where the	Because, if user recognition and recall is quick in
	user call to action is quick or slow, and images	the application then then time taken to completed a
	of screen where the action was slow and quick.	task will be low.
5	Error Prevention: Errors can occur in any	Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from
	usability testing. This test 1 also has gather the	errors: when the user is stuck at some stage or
	data where user make few mistakes. The	cannot move forward, this principle can be
	screen shots have been taken of the particular	conducive. Participants interaction was high and
	page and re consideration of another design	only 3 were stuck in designing and selecting the
	decision was done for those screens.	features and structures screen.

c. Explain how your usability tests will lead to improvements in the interface (10 marks).

#	<b>Expected improvements from Test 1?</b>	Expected improvements from Test 2?
1	User control and freedom: One of the notes	Match between system and real world- when the
	taken while observing user was that, it took	users were interacting with the prototype, the click to
	some time to add the features and structures to	action speed was low in 4 participants. Then based on
	the design plan. This selection was separately	the statistical analysis, it was a minor issue. The color
	included in another page.	of the application was brown.
	Improvement- the selection screen has	Improvement- changed the color from to green. This
	changed as pop up. When user clicks on the	color also matches with the real-world nature and lets
	button a shadowed window pop ups and then	user think that user is really in the garden. It also
	user can select the features or structures.	helps improve user satisfaction
2	Help and Documentation: The remote user did	Flexibility and efficiency of use: The participants did
	was stuck to find the help and documentation,	have the option to close or navigate through each of
	which was included in the guides section of	the structure or feature. This might create confusion
	footer.	and users may exit the application.

	Improvement- help icon is included in the	Improvement- Feature and structure are displayed on
	footer menu. This also improves usability,	top and left side of design playground. This improves
2	flexibility and efficiency.	user satisfaction and task completion rate.
3	Consistency and standard: buttons were of	Error prevention: 3 users made minor errors while
	blue color. This also made the performance of user or click to action a slow.	using the application. 2 of them exited the application
		directly.
	Improvement- Changed all the buttons from	Improvement-Exit button with warning is include,
	blue to green.	where user can confirm to exit the design playground
4	Decembra over modelle Heartwee not modby	or the application.
4	Recognition over recall: User was not really	Help users recognize, diagnose, and recover from
	able to recall the previous selected feature or structure and also the created plans	errors: only 1 user had selected the help icon in the footer menu when user got stuck.
	Improvement- User can now easily recognize	Improvement- Guides are included the footer menu,
	the features which are included to the left side	where user can learn about the garden design,
	of the screen and structures to the right side of	application and various things. then there are less
	the screen.	chances of error causing.
	Also, the created plants are included in my	chances of error caasing.
	plan screen. The icon is integrated in footer	
	menu.	
5	Error Prevention: In the initial stages, user had	Recognition rather than recall: Few changes were
	the freedom to enter land details and select	made in the design playground where users can easily
	vegetation. But the remote user only selected	remember the plans, and interface elements.
	features and did not select the structures. Then	Improvement-It also makes the application highly
	user directly has done few clicks on let's start	effective and efficient
	designing button to start the design plan.	TIOPOITTI
	Improvement-validation is done when the	VEISIIV
	user did not select the features or structures. If	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	added then tick mark is shown otherwise red	
	cross mark is show. And user cannot move or	
	navigate forward until features and structures	
	are selected and tick marked.	