



**Art  
Leaving Certificate  
Higher Level**

**Past Exam Questions on  
Appreciation – Product Design**

### Q20 Section 3 2013

20. The role of packaging in the sale of soft drinks cannot be underestimated. Discuss this statement with reference to two such products of your choice. Refer to design concept, branding, and the use of art elements such as shape and colour.  
**and**  
What would you consider to be the most important factors when designing packaging for a perfume or aftershave aimed at the teenage market?  
*Illustrate your answer.*

### Q19 Section 3 2011

19. The world of nature has always been a stimulating source of ideas for designers and craftworkers. Discuss this statement with reference to the *illustrations on the accompanying sheet*.  
**and**  
Briefly describe how you would go about developing a design for a craftwork item of your choice based on your study of a riverbank.  
*Illustrate your answer.*

### Q20 Section 3 2011

20. The transformation of recycled materials into innovative products can be a solution for waste disposal. Discuss this statement with reference to any such product. Refer in your answer to materials, design, function, form and finish.  
**and**  
Design and briefly describe a work of art or product that could be made from materials from your school's recycling bin.  
*Illustrate your answer.*

### Q17 Section 3 2010

17. Self-assembly furniture (flat-packs) can provide a convenient, economical and fashionable design solution for living spaces such as apartments.  
Discuss this statement with reference to furnishing and decorating an open-plan living space of your choice. Consider quality, materials, co-ordination and finish in your answer.  
*Illustrate your answer.*

### Q20 Section 3 2010

20. Fashion design is typically concerned with more than just function. However, function must be the core element of design for competitive sports wear.  
Discuss this statement, making detailed comparisons between the requirements for designing fashion and competitive sportswear for teenagers.  
*Illustrate your answer.*

### Q21 Section 3 2008

21. Product design involves a balance between appearance and function. Discuss this statement with reference to any two of the following, referring to form, materials, function and decorative qualities.
- mobile phone
  - electric kettle
  - handbag or sports bag
- and**  
Discuss briefly the influence of fashion trends on your chosen product over time.  
*Illustrate your answer.*

### Q17 Section 3 2007

17. A recent book entitled *100 Everyday Marvels of Design*, celebrates examples of great design. Select any three everyday objects that you think should be recorded in such a book and give reasons for your choices. In your answer discuss suitability of design, function, form, materials and style.  
*Illustrate your answer.*