



**Home Economics
Leaving Certificate
Higher Level**

**Past Exam Questions on
Elective 1: Interior Design**

Q1 Part (c) Section C 2013

- 1.(c) It is important to choose the correct flooring for your home or business. It must meet your individual lifestyle/business needs and be flexible and durable enough to withstand the rigours of daily life.
- (i) Explain each of the following:
- solid floors
 - suspended floors. (12)
- (ii) Name and describe one semi-hard flooring and one soft flooring that you would recommend for a family living room. State the main advantage and the main disadvantage of each. (18)

Q1 Part (c) Section C 2012

- 1.(c) Interior design involves determining the structure of a space, the needs of the occupants and the style that best suits both.
- (i) State, giving examples, how each of the following may impact on the interior design of the home:
- function of the room
 - cost
 - environmental awareness. (18)
- (ii) Explain two elements of design and give an example of the application of each in interior design. (12)

Q1 Part (c) Section C 2011

- 1.(c) 'It's very easy to underestimate the value lighting has on our well being and mood.'
(Ireland's Home Interiors & Living Magazine, August 2010)
- (i) Discuss the principles that should be considered when planning a lighting system for a family home. (12)
- (ii) Name and explain three properties of light.
In each case give an example of its application in the home. (18)

Q1 Part (a) Section C 2010

- 1.(a) **An awareness of the elements and principles of design is essential when creating successful visual compositions.**
- (i) Explain **three** principles of design and give an example of the application of each in interior design. (18)
- (ii) Explain how **each** of the factors listed below can influence the interior design of the home:
- aesthetic and comfort factors
 - ergonomics
 - family size and circumstances. (20)
- (iii) Recommend **one** type of fabric suitable for household soft furnishings. Give reasons for your choice. (12)

Q1 Part (c) Section C 2009

- 1.(c) (i) Outline the factors to be considered when choosing furniture for a family living room. In your answer include reference to **two** principles of design. (18)
- (ii) Describe **one** solid wood used in the home and refer to:
- type of wood
 - properties
 - uses. (12)

Q1 Part (c) Section C 2006

1. (c) *Good lighting is an essential part of successful interior design.*
- (i) Describe **three** properties of light. (12)
- (ii) Identify **two** types of contemporary lighting and in each case evaluate its use in interior design. (18)