

DCG & Technical Graphics Queries.

Questions:

What pages of the Student Assignment needs to be scanned?

Answer:

The sheets containing the originals sketches for Output 3 and Output 8 must be scanned in pdf format. Any other Word or Publisher documents that contain any freehand sketches or handwriting will have to be scanned. *“Original, non scanned, sketches should be presented for Outputs 3 and 8. This not only helps to support the authenticity of the work but also provides candidates with an opportunity to use a wider variety of drawing media than would be possible with electronically scanned images.” (SEC, Chief Examiner’s Report, DCG, LC 2009, p. 59)*

Questions:

I am concerned that some of the pupils doing the higher level will be out of their depth when doing the terminal examination, but are working very well on the Student Assignment. What is your view on students doing the Ordinary level paper even though they will be handing up a Higher level project?

Answer:

This was mentioned in the DCG Chief Examiners Report, *“The candidates’ choice of level needs to be carefully considered prior to starting the Student Assignment. This will avoid having to change level at the final examination stage and will maximise the benefit in terms of marks, to the candidate”*. It was something that T4 also covered during professional development sessions and is an issue that students should think long and hard about. If a student submits the Student Assignment at Higher Level it will then be corrected at Higher Level, however if they then sit the Ordinary level paper in June, it will be corrected at Ordinary level. The result issued to the students will be an Ordinary Level Result, the lowest level of the two components. If you need further clarification or advice on this matter you should contact the S.E.C, as T4/PDST are not in a position to comment further on examination material as it is outside the remit of the support service.
