WASSCE / WAEC WOODWORK SYLLABUS

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

The examination shall consist of three papers, Papers 1, 2 and 3; all of which must be taken. Papers 1 and 2 shall be composite and shall be taken at one sitting.

PAPER 1: shall comprise 40 multiple choice objective questions to be answered in 40 minutes for 40 marks.

PAPER 2 shall be a short structured essay and design paper of two sections, Sections A and B to be taken in 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Section A: shall comprise short structured questions in three parts, Parts I, II and III to be answered as follows: to be answered in 40 minutes for 20 marks.

Part I shall be for candidates in Ghana only.

Part II shall be for candidates in Nigeria/Sierra Leone/ The Gambia only.

Part III shall consist of two questions out of which all candidates will be required to answer any one.

Section B: shall comprise compulsory questions on design and drawing questions, to be answered by all candidates in 1 hour 40 minutes for 40 marks.

Paper 3: shall be a practical test of 3 hours carrying 100 marks. Candidates will be required to make a test piece for which the appropriate drawings will be supplied.

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

A continuous assessment score for the subject shall include marks for assessment of finished projects by the candidates. The products must be left undestroyed for at least six months after the release of results. It is recommended that at least three specific projects be produced during the course by each candidate.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

THEORY AND DESIGN

S/NO.	TOPIC	CONTENT	NOTES

1.	General Workshop Safety	(a)) Personal safety precautions. (b) General Workshop safety regulations. (c)) Safety devices and appliances. (d) Hand tool safety. (e)) Machine safety: (i) General machine shop safety; (ii) Safety precautions in	Types and uses Safety precautions in carrying, storing, and handling hand tools.

		power tools and machines; (iii) Safety in machines operations; (iv) Prevention of mechanical faults. (f) First aid.	Materials and administration.
2.	Hand tools	(a) Types (b) Classification: geometrical, holding and supporting, impelling and percussion, cutting, boring, abrading and scraping tools.	To include identification, description and sketching.
3.	Special Purpose Hand tools.	Types and uses: • Planes: spokeshaves rebate Plane, Plough plane, block plane, shoulder plane etc. • Saws: bow saw, pad/ keyhole saw, coping saw, fret saw. • Boring bit: expansion bit, forstner bit, countersink bit, auger bit, etc. • Shapers: scrapers, rasps, surforms, etc.	To include identification, description and sketching.
4.	Portable Power tools.	(a) Types: Power drill, jig saw, spray gun, screw driver, sanders, router, power circular saw, etc. (b) Uses.	To include identification, description, care and safe use.
5.	Woodworking machines.	(a) Types: Circular saw, crosscut saw, thicknesser, surface planer, mortiser, lathe, grinding wheel, drilling machine, etc. (b) Uses. (c) Safety Precautions.	To include identification, description, care and safe use. To include the use of guards, fences, push sticks, push

			blocks, gauges etc.
6.	Maintenance	(a) Types: corrective, routine, predictive and preventive. (b) Reasons for maintenance (c) Maintenance of hand tools. (d) Maintenance of machines.	To include maintenance activities, materials and tools. To include oiling, sharpening, repairing, storing etc. To include cleaning, oiling, servicing, replacing parts etc.
7.	West African Timbers in common use.	(a) Timber growth and structure. (b) Common West African Timbers e.g. Iroko (Odum), abura, mahogany, obeche (Wawa), African walnut, afara, ebony, danta, emery, shedua, mansonia, cedar, afromosia (kokrodua), avodire, kusia. (c) Characteristics.	Structure to include classification, e.g. soft/hardwoods. Parts and their functions Surface, working and mechanical qualities, similarities and differences.
		(d) Uses	Specific uses.
8.	Timber Conversion	(a) Explanation. (b) Conversion methods: (i) plain/through and through/live sawing; (ii)Tangential/back/flat/ rake sawing (iii)Quarter/radial/rift sawing; (c)) Common market sizes: log, plank, scantling, board, batten, strip/lath,	 Characteristics, advantages and disadvantages of each method. Including, identification description and uses.
9.	Timber seasoning	(a) Explanation.	

		(b) Reasons for seasoning (c)) Methods of seasoning: Natural/open air , artificial/kiln, water and chemical seasoning. (d) Determination of moisture content: (i) moisture meter method;	Advantages and disadvantages of each method. Advantages and disadvantages of each method. Calculation of percentage moisture content.
10.	Timber defects	(a) Explanation of timber defect. (b) Types of defects (i) natural growth defects; (ii) felling defects; (iii) conversion defects; (iv) seasoning defects; (v) defects caused by Organisms.	Causes, prevention, remedies, description and sketching.
11.	Timber preservation	(a)) Reasons for preserving timber. (b) Common timber preservatives (c)) Properties of a good timber preservative (d) Methods of applying timber preservatives: brushing, dipping,	To include specific uses. Advantages and disadvantages of each method.
12.	Manufactured boards	(i) types; (ii) structure; (iii) characteristics (iv) uses.	To include description and uses. Advantages and disadvantages of each type.
13.	Timber Preparation	(a)) Selection of tools and machines (b) Operational sequence:	To include practical preparation of stock.

		(i) hand preparation; (ii) machine preparation.	
14.	Woodwork joints	Classification: (i) widening joints: simple butt, dowel, tongued and grooved, loose tongue, rebated butt etc. (ii) angle joints: mortise and tenon, dowelled butt, dovetails, housing, halving etc. (iii) framing joints: mortise and tenon, bridle, plain mitre, dowelled butt, halving etc.	To include identification, description, sketching, construction, specific use etc.
15.	Wood finishes and finishing.	Wood finishes: (i) types: fillers, stains, paints, varnishes, lacquers, polishes etc. (ii) application of finishes: - surface preparation; - tools; - methods: brushing, spraying, dipping, etc.	To include: (i) properties, characteristics and uses of each. To include: (i) stages and tools for each method. (ii) Safety precautions.
16.	Wood abrasives	(a)) Meaning (b) Grades: coarse, medium and fine. (c)) Selection and uses.	 Identification, selection and uses. To include specific application of each grade.
17.	Wood adhesives	Types: (a)) protein: animal, casein (b) synthetic resins: urea, phenol and melamine formaldehydes, epoxyl resins, polyvinyl acetate (PVA). (c) contact/rubber based	To include characteristics, uses, preparation and application and safety precaution during application.
18.	Wood fittings and fasteners	(a) Fittings: e.g. hinges, locks, handles, bolts, catches, etc.	To include identification, description, sketching, uses, application, fixing etc.

		(b) Fasteners: Nails, screws, bolts and nuts, corrugated fasteners etc.	To include identification, description, sketching, uses, application, fixing etc.
19.	Non-wood materials	Types: Glass, plastics, rubber, ceramics, metal, leather, etc.	To include identification, description, characteristics, uses and other types of each.
20.	Veneers and Veneering	(a)) Veneers: Types Production. (b) Veneering: (i) Methods: hammer, press. (ii) Tools: veneer hammer, pressing iron, cramps, caul, etc.	To include identification, description and uses. To include the processes for each method. To include identification, description, sketching and uses.
21.	Wood shaping and bending.	(a)) Shaping: Rounding, moulding, bevelling, chamfering, tapering, carving, etc. (b) Bending: Solid, laminated	To include identification, description, sketching, processes, techniques, tools and machines, properties of wood suitable for each.
22.	Design and Drawing	(a)) Concept of design; (b) Design fundamentals and processes; (c) Free hand sketching; (e)) Working drawings; (f) Cutting list and bill of materials; (g) Basic draftsmanship skills.	Working drawings in the First and Third Angle orthographic projections. Indication of cutting correct sectional representation of the materials are assential.
23.	Project Design and Construction.	(a) Identification and analysis of given design problems. (b) Designing to solve the problems. (c) Estimating the cost of the design. (d) Constructing to meet the design specification.	Design problems should arise from customer needs, market survey, situation analysis, etc. To include evaluating the product to meet design purpose and specification.

24.	Upholstery	(a) Upholstery work. (b) Hand tools and machines: needles, pair of scissors, hammer, webbing stretcher, sewing machine, buttoning machine. (c)) Materials e.g. for framing, stuffing/padding, covering, decorating. (d) Processes and techniques: framing, padding, covering, finishing, decoration, etc.	To include description, types and parts. Identification, description, sketching, care and uses. To be applied in constructing upholstery project.
25.	Wood turning	(a) The wood lathe: Parts and accessories. (b) Turning tools: chisels, gouges, calipers, etc. (c) Turning operations: face plate turning, turning between centres and boring. (d) Suitable wood for turning: abura, ebony, mahogany, etc. (e)) Projects: vase, bowl, candle	Identification, description, sketching, care, uses and safe use. To include identification and specific use. To include description and actual turning.
26.	Wood carving and sculpture	(a)) Carving: incise and relief. (b) Sculpture: Production of simple ornaments.	To include description, identification, application and processes.

		(c) Tools e.g. chisels, gouges, knives, files, etc.	To include identification, sketching and uses.
27.	Surface Decoration	Types: inlaying, veneering, marquetry, lamination, laminated plastics, mouldings, etc.	Identification, description, processes, techniques and application.
28.	Mass Production	(a)) Concept and principles. (b) Processes: Market survey, design, production, quality assurance, sales/marketing, management, procurement, cost estimation, tooling up for production.	To include mass production terms, e.g. templates, fixtures, trial run, departments, section, prototype, quality control, etc. Basic knowledge of the concepts required.
	FOR CANDIDATES IN NIGERIA/ SIERRA LEONE/THE GAMBIA ONLY		
29.	Entrepreneurship in Woodworking.	(a) Types of business organisation e.g. sole proprietorship, partnership, cooperatives etc. (b) Business opportunities in Woodworking: e.g. merchandizing, spray painting, upholstery work, wood turning. (c) Business plans: format and content. (d) Sources of fund e.g. gifts, personal savings, loans, inheritance, cooperatives etc.	To include characteristic advantages and disadvantages. To include sample plans. To include benefits and the risks.

SUGGESTED READING LIST

1. Woodwork in Theory and Practice – John A. Walton, Australian Publishing Company.
2. Woodwork Design and Practice – David M. Shaw – Hodder and Stoughton
3. Woodwork by G. N Green
4. Basic Principles of Woodwork Design and Drawing – Emmanuel A. Nnenji Aranke woods
5. Practical Upholstery – C. Howes F.A. M.U Evans Brothers Limited, London.
6. General Certificate Woodwork by H. E. King
7. Fundamentals of Woodworking by Nurudeen et all
8. Woodwork by G. W. Brazier and H. A. Harris
9. Advance Woodworking and Furniture Making by J. Fierre and G. Hutchings
10. Woodwork for Senior Secondary School by CESAC
11. Woodwork for Senior Secondary School by J. N. K. Sackey, G. Manu and R. Y. Baafi
12. Woodwork Made Simple by Tom Pettit
13. Woodwork Technology by John Strefford Guy McMurdo
14. Woodwork by E. J. Wunter
15. Woodwork Technology by J. K. N. Sackey
16. Woodworker's Pocket Book by Charles H. Hayford
17. Collins complete woodworker's Manual by Jackson Albert and Day David