

T Level Technical Qualification in Onsite Construction

Bricklaying

**Guide standard exemplification material
Threshold competence – Sample 2021**

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Introduction

The sample assessment materials within this document refers to the bricklaying sample occupational specialism assignment. The aim of these materials is to provide centres with examples of knowledge, skills and understanding that attest to minimal threshold competence. The examples provided do not reflect all evidence from the sample assignment as the focus of this material is the quality and standards that need to be achieved rather than the volume of exemplar evidence provided. However, the examples provided are representative of all tasks in the sample assignment. It is important to note that in live assessments a candidate's performance is very likely to exhibit a spikey profile and standard of performance will vary across tasks. Minimal threshold competence will be based on a synoptic mark across all tasks.

The materials in this GEM are separated into the sections as described below. Materials are presented against a number of tasks from the assignment.

Task – This section details the tasks that the candidate has been asked to carry out. What needs to be submitted for marking and any additional evidence required including any photograph/video evidence. Also referenced in this section are the assessment themes the candidates will be marked against when completing the tasks within it. In addition, candidate evidence that has been included or not been included in this GEM has been identified within this section.

In this GEM there is candidate evidence from:

Task 1

Task 2

Task 3

Candidate evidence – This section includes a description of the task and how the task links to the relevant assessment themes. It may also include the candidates work, photographs/videos of the work in production (or completed) and practical observation records of the assessment completed by centre assessors. This will be actual evidence that was captured as part of the assessment and then internally marked by the centre assessor.

Commentary section - This section includes detailed comments to demonstrate how the candidate evidence attests to the standard of minimal threshold competence by directly correlating to the grade descriptors for this occupational area. Centres can compare the evidence against the performance indicators in the marking grid descriptors within the assessor packs, to provide guidance on the knowledge, skills and understanding that needs to be achieved for minimal threshold competence.

It is important to note that the commentary section is **not** part of the evidence or assessment but are evaluative statements on how and why that piece of evidence meets a particular standard.

Grade descriptors

To achieve a pass (threshold competence), a candidate will be able to:

Demonstrate an acceptable performance that meets the requirement of the brief, demonstrates the adequate technical skills and techniques for planning preparing, and carrying out the work to industrial standards including level plumb and gauge, quality of finish and is able to enter the industry to begin to work in the occupational area.

They will be able to interpret information, demonstrate planning and presentation skills, assess risk, and follow safe working methods when applying practical skills to an acceptable standard as recognised by industry.

Demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of the principles and processes required for building complex masonry. They will work safely showing a rudimentary understanding in the selection and use of tools and equipment and demonstrate a basic awareness of setting up and carrying out the work

Attempt some complex tasks and the level of performance mostly meets an acceptable level.

Identify routine causes of masonry faults and have some knowledge in how to rectify them. Work collaboratively within sound working relationships.

Attempt some complex tasks and the level of performance meets an acceptable level.

Communicate with stakeholders building sound working relationships to support the planning and execution of a brief.

Mostly use industrial terminology accurately in both written and verbal contexts.

Task 1 – Prepare and plan for the construction and repair of complex masonry structures

(Assessment themes: Health and Safety, Design and planning, Presentation)

For task 1 candidates need to produce the following pieces of evidence:

- Measurements of location/area
- Method statement
- Bill of quantities
- A materials/tools list
- A risk assessment
- A scaled drawing/design of a decorative panel to a suitable scale (using a maximum of 250 bricks)
- Present the design and scaled drawing of the proposed decorative panel to the client

For illustration, the guided exemplification materials (GEM) for Task 1 contain examples of candidate evidence for the following assessment requirements only:

- Method statement
- A risk assessment
- Materials list
- Assessor observation on candidate presentation design and scaled drawing of the proposed decorative panel to the client

The following task 1 candidate assessment requirements have not been included as example candidate evidence for this version of the guided exemplification materials.

- Assessor observation of measurements of the site location/work
- Bills of quantities
- Scaled drawing/design of a decorative panel to a suitable scale (using a maximum of 250 bricks)

Candidate Evidence

Task 1 - Method statement

Method statement for construction of the panel (Task 2)

1. Review Health and Safety – follow risk assessment
2. Complete the materials list for the panel
3. Select all required tools and equipment
4. Set up area

PPE, tools and equipment – protect working areas. Materials available for work – clean water and electric points available

5. Set out/mark out the wall to the size indicated on the drawing
6. Load out the work area with the required number of bricks
7. Set out the decorative panel
8. Lay the first course of bricks
9. Cut the bricks and lay them in the panel
10. Check level plumb and gauge
11. Complete the joint finish
12. Carry out final checks and adjustments

– Commentary

The method statement is clear and provides accurate detail on how to complete the given tasks. However, there are minor omissions in the method statement, for example, the candidate did not include correct disposal of waste or finishing off by making sure tools and equipment are clean and stored correctly at the end of the task. The task activities are shown in a logical order, demonstrating the candidate has a good understanding of sequencing. There is little or no reasoning or justification linking the method to the task in the method statement, i.e., why the bricks for the panel are set out prior to laying first course.

Candidate Evidence

Task 1 - Risk assessment

Construction of Panel			
Hazard	Risk	Control	Probability
Setting up mixing equipment	Slips and trips	Tape leads. Follow instructions	Low
Manual Handling	Injury	Avoid lifting weights of more than 20KG/follow manual handling guidance	Low
Congested work area	Trip hazards	Maintain clean and tidy work area	Low
Wet floor surfaces	Slips and trips	Use of barriers and signage	Low
Repair of chimney			
Hazard	Risk	Control	Probability
Working at height	Falls from height	PPE	
Hazardous waste	Injury	Identify types of waste and correct method of disposal	Low

Commentary

The candidate demonstrates good technical knowledge of the types of risks and hazards associated with bricklaying, having identified the majority of hazards and associated risks for each of the required tasks. However, the candidate did not include hazardous material as a separate risk/hazard. The candidate demonstrates some understanding of controls and mitigation required for the given tasks but lacks some relevant detail, for example working at height does not detail appropriate access equipment as a control. The probability of each of the hazards/risks occurring has been attempted but with some minor omissions i.e., in not detailing appropriate access equipment when working at heights.

Candidate evidence

Task 1 - Materials list: Decorative panel

Equipment/Materials	Quantity
Spirit level	1
Tape measure	1
Brick trowel	1
Steel square	1
Line and pins	1
Lump Hammer	1
Bolster	1
Gauge rod	1
Brick Hammer	1
Bucket	1
Shovel	1
Facing bricks	220
Contrasting bricks	30
PPE	
Protective clothing	
Steel toe capped boots	
Safety Goggles	
Gloves	
Dust mask	

Commentary

The candidate shows good knowledge and understanding identifying the basic resources, components and PPE and quantities to carry out the tasks. However some items of equipment are not included or lacking detail, including the absence of mortar materials and protective coverings, such as dust sheets, also the size of the level is not detailed. The candidate has identified quantities accurately and relevant to the tasks. The candidate demonstrates a good understanding of health and safety and has listed the PPE required to carry out the tasks safely.

Candidate evidence

Task 1 - Presentation of the design and scaled drawing of the proposed decorative panel to the client

Practical Observation Form

Assessment ID	Qualification number
8711-308	8711-35
Candidate name	Candidate number
Candidate A	CG12345
Centre name	Assessment theme
City & Guilds	Presentation

Complete the table below referring to the relevant marking grid, found in the assessment pack. Do not allocate marks at this stage.

Task	Notes – <i>detailed, accurate and differentiating notes which identify areas of strength and weakness are necessary to distinguish between different qualities of performance and to facilitate accurate allocation of marks once all evidence has been submitted.</i>
Presentation	<p>The candidate provides the design and scaled drawing at the beginning of the presentation.</p> <p>The candidate was fluid for much of the presentation, with one or two lapses and moments taken to regather thoughts. Initially eye contact and general interaction was lacking in the introductory statements, but this improved quickly with good interaction later.</p> <p>The candidate was able to provide an accurate description of the design and decorative features of the panel with good justifications for their choices, however there were minor lapses in explaining rationale for the joint finishes chosen.</p> <p>Overall, the presentation provided an accurate representation of the design provided.</p> <p>Terminology was used correctly although not extensively.</p>

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Assessor A	15/12/2020

Commentary

The candidate demonstrates a good understanding on how to deliver a presentation with a fluid presentation and sound interaction and body language most of the time. However, there was some minor lapses of concentration during the introductory statement. The candidate provided an adequate description of the design of the decorative panel and panel features. Although there were some omissions in the rationale of choices relating to joint finishes. The presentation provided an accurate representation of the chosen design and the candidate used terminology and language correctly in the presentation

Task 2 – Construct complex masonry structures

(Assessment theme: Health and Safety, Construct complex masonry structures)

For task 2 candidates need to produce the following pieces of evidence:

- Construct a sample decorative panel according to the client's specifications

For illustration, the guided exemplification materials (GEM) for Task 2 contain examples of candidate evidence for the following assessment requirements:

Assessor observation of completed decorative sample panel

Photographic/video evidence required:

- Video evidence of first course laid. Video sequences to show beginning, middle and end of work on first course - *Illustrated in Task 2 photographic/video evidence section below (video 1 TC)*
- Video evidence of setting out/measuring/markings out - *Illustrated in Task 2 photographic/video evidence section below (video 2 TC)*
- Photographic evidence of the plumb, level, line, and gauge work - *Illustrated in Task 2 photographic/video evidence section below (photos 1-19)*
- Video evidence of work in completion at start, at stages and close to completion of decorative panel - *Illustrated in Task 2 photographic/video evidence section below (video 3 TC)*
- Photographic evidence of the completed panel from the side/front elevation - *Illustrated in Task 2 photographic/video evidence section below (photos 20 – 25)*
- Photographic evidence of work area/housekeeping/waste disposal managements at middle and completion of task - *Illustrated in Task 2 photographic/video evidence section below (photos 26 -31)*

Candidate evidence

Task 2 – Construct complex masonry structures

Practical Observation form

Assessment ID	Qualification number
8711-305	8711-35
Candidate name	Candidate number
Candidate A	GG12345
Centre name	Assessment theme
City & Guilds	Construct complex masonry structures

Complete the table below referring to the relevant marking grid, found in the assessment pack. Do not allocate mark at this stage.

Task	<i>Notes – detailed, accurate and differentiating notes which identify areas of strength and weakness are necessary to distinguish between different qualities of performance and to facilitate accurate allocation of marks once all evidence has been submitted.</i>
Construct complex masonry structures – Decorative Panel	<p>The candidate selected the correct tools for the tasks and followed a logical process to lay out and position the resources in the correct position allowing for efficient working. One minor omission, a lump hammer was left in the store, which had to be retrieved later.</p> <p>The candidate set out the panel accurately on the floor to the correct size as per the drawing.</p> <p>Decorative features were properly marked out on the floor to ensure that the cuts could be accurately marked and cut. Accurate cutting bar one small lapse on the ledge brick, but this has not affected the overall finish.</p> <p>The plumb points are maintained within +/- 4mm, the work levelled within +/- 5 mm and line, gauge and range were consistently good with only minimal variation in joint thickness across the panel. Checked frequently.</p> <p>The candidate carried out checks during the construction process to ensure that the work was produced to a good standard, is stable and has only minor errors on ledge and slight mortar smudging on dentil course which has not affected the overall finish.</p> <p>The candidate used appropriate techniques and tool use throughout the task.</p> <p>Area was kept tidy and clean, and waste was disposed correctly and regularly bar one delay following cutting, where some debris had formed.</p> <p>Overall a sound representation of the specification.</p>

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Assessor A	15/12/2020

Photographic/video evidence Task 2

Video 1 TC: Video evidence of first course laid. Video sequences to show beginning, middle and end of work on first course

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Alx3sne-m16pgpwJoqfRzallel4MuA?e=pdwuCE>

0:00 – 2:00	Beginning of first course: Bedding bricks, levelling bricks, transferring level, gauging
2:00 – 3:14	Middle of first course: Laying front elevation of first course to line
3:15 – 4:01	End of first course: Completing rear elevation of first course bedding bricks to line

Note: Video details first course laid, the accuracy of initial construction and the tolerance of levelling and gauging in first course (level and gauging further illustrated in photographs across completed construction).

Video 2 TC: Video evidence of setting out/measuring/markings out

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Alx3sne-m16pgp0GoLt69HdnUGiAXA?e=tx0BK4>

0:00 – 3:15	Diagonal basketweave panel surround Setting out/measuring/markings out panel surround on floor
3:16 – 3:31	Diagonal basketweave panel Series of stills showing measuring/markings out of diagonal bond in panel
3:32 – 3:52	Wall length Setting out/measuring/markings out wall length for construction of first course

Note: Video details accuracy in the setting out/measuring and marking of panel (as described in Task 2 practical observation form).

Photographic evidence of the plumb, level, line, and gauge work

Photographs 1 - 4 showing plumb work and tolerances on decorative panel

Photograph 1



Photograph 2



Photographs 1 and 2 showing plumb being checked, at intervals through task (during construction).

Photographs 3 and 4 showing plumb tolerances on the decorative panel

Photograph 3



Photograph 4



Appendix 1 Photographs 3 and 4 showing plumb points are maintained across required areas to within tolerance of +/- 4mm

Photographs 5 - 9 showing Level work and tolerances on decorative panel

Photograph 5



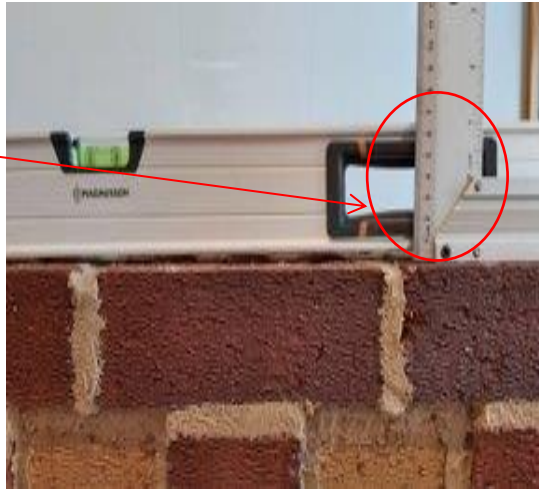
Appendix 2 Photograph 5 showing level work conducted by candidate
Appendix 3

Photographs 6 and 7 showing level tolerance

Photograph 6



Photograph 7



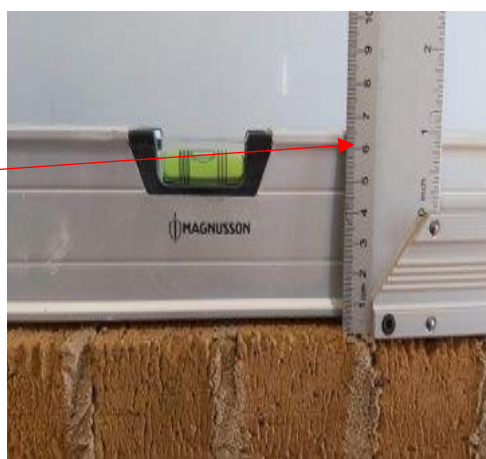
Photographs 6 and 7 showing tolerance within +/- 5mm

Photographs 8 and 9 showing the work is levelled through the courses and the top of the wall

Photograph 8



Photograph 9



Photographs 8 and 9 showing tolerances finished to within +/- 5mm tolerance

Photographs 10 – 13 showing line work

Photograph 10 – showing line work



Photograph 10 shows lining in rear elevation: showing consistency

Photograph 11



Photograph 11 shows
lining dentil course:
showing consistency

Photograph 12



Photograph 12 shows
lining in top of decorative
panel (basketweave):
showing consistency

Photograph 13



Photograph13 shows
lining in brick on edge:
showing consistency

Photographs 14 – 18 showing gauge work and tolerances

Photograph 14 showing candidate checking gauge work as they work



Photographs 15 and 16 showing walling remained slightly below gauge throughout the full height of the walling

Photograph 15



Photograph 16



Photographs 17 - 19 showing final gauge

Photograph 17



Photograph 18



Photograph 19



Photographs 17 – 19 showing final gauge work with final gauge height of wall 1,237mm against a given measurement of 1,237mm within the 5mm tolerance and there is consistency for most of the time in the joint thickness over the construction

Video 3 TC: Video evidence of work in completion at start, at stages and close to completion of decorative panel

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Alx3sne-m16pgp0fgFGal9pcCW2RQw?e=USErVP>

- 0:00 – 2:10 Laying bricks to line on rear elevation
- 2:11 – 5:27 Bedding bricks in the diagonal basketweave panel maintaining 45-degree angle and bond
- 5:28 – 6:39 Commencing dentil course plumbing, gauging, levelling
- 6:40 – 8:16 Laying brick on edge to line measuring to maintain joint size – close to panel completion

Note: Video details tolerances met to support photographic evidence and errors which include incorrectly cut brick, mortar smudge on dentil and error on edge of panel.

For reference, errors detailed as photographs 20 -21 below to support video evidence.

Photographs 20 and 21– detailing cutting error of brick to panel edge

Photograph 20



Photograph 21



Photographs 20 and 21 showing accurate cutting bar one small lapse on the ledge, but this has not affected the overall finish.

Photograph 22 showing mortar smudge

Photograph 22



Photograph 22 showing slight mortar smudging on dentil course

Photographic evidence of the completed panel from the side/front elevation

Photograph 23
Side elevation

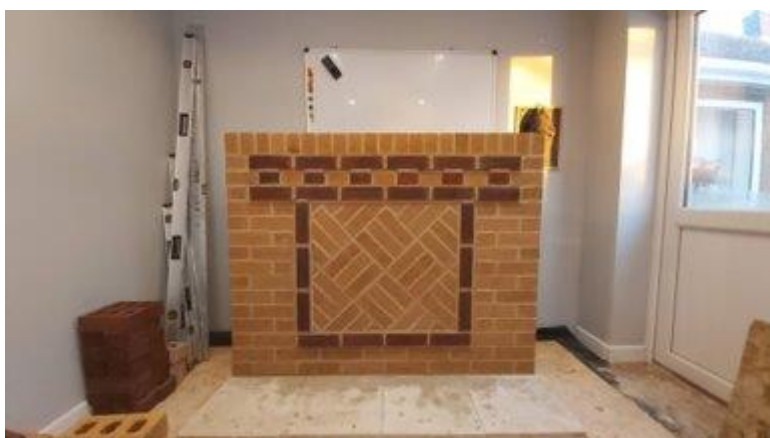


Photograph 24
Side/front elevation



Photographs 23 and 24 showing side elevation of panel completed to a good standard with only minor errors (detailed in Video 3 TC)

Photograph 25
Front elevation



Photograph 25 showing front elevation of panel completed to a good standard with only minor errors (detailed in Video 3 TC)

Photographic evidence of work area/housekeeping/waste disposal managements at middle and completion of task

Photographs 26 – 31 showing work area/housekeeping/ waste disposal on completion of panel

Photograph 26 – work area at start of task (clean)



Photograph 27 – work area at middle of task (clean)



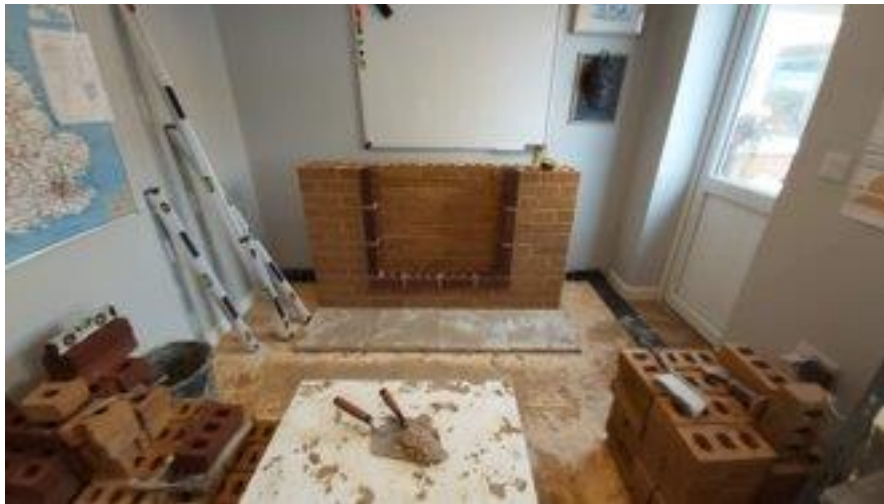
Photograph 28 - Waste bricks placed in rubble bags



Photograph 29 – small omission to clean area: debris built up in middle of task



Photograph 30 - work area at middle of task



**Photograph 31 - work area at completion of task
(Waste mortar collected in bucket)**



Photographs 26-31 showing area was kept tidy and clean through the task and waste was disposed correctly and regularly bar one small omission where debris (photograph 29) built up at middle stage of task

Commentary

The candidate demonstrates a good understanding of the preparation required to complete the task, correctly selecting and setting up the tools, equipment and resources required to carry out and complete the construction of the decorative panel. With only one omission with lump hammer retrieved later in task. The candidate demonstrated good knowledge of setting and marking out accurately and to the drawing requirements. The candidate demonstrated good knowledge of techniques required to construct complex masonry structures with only minor errors made including slight damage to the ledge when cutting. Plumb, level and gauge were all within tolerance with only minor inconsistencies in joint thickness. The candidate worked cleanly and safely throughout the task and the completed appearance and the finish was of a sound quality with only minor defects including a slight mortar smudge. However this did not affect the overall appearance of the panel. The candidate produced a sound quality finish that meets the requirements of the specification.

Task 3 – Renovate and repair masonry structures

(Assessment themes: health and Safety, Repair of masonry structures)

For task 3 candidates need to produce the following pieces of evidence:

- Carry out repairs to an existing chimney including replacing the pot, flaunching, remove and replace a damaged brick and re pointing an area of the chimney to match the original style to the agreed specification.

For illustration, the guided exemplification materials (GEM) for Task 3 contain examples of candidate evidence for the following assessment requirements

Assessor observations of completed renovation/repair to include:

- Inspection and removal as part of preparation
- Chimney pot fitted and flaunching
- Repaired brickwork

Photographic/Video evidence required:

- Photographic evidence of inspect and removal of materials for preparation or repair – *Illustrated in Task 3 photographic/video evidence section below (photos 32 - 39)*
- Photographic evidence of removal and replacement of corbelling and new clay fitted to the existing chimney - *Illustrated in Task 3 photographic/video evidence section below (photos 40 - 42)*
- Photographic evidence of the top of stack flaunching in cement mortar - *Illustrated in Task 3 photographic/video evidence section below (photos 43 - 44)*
- Video evidence of gauging coloured mortar - *Illustrated in Task 3 photographic/video evidence section below (video 3 TC)*
- Photographic evidence of the face of the stack once jointed - *Illustrated in Task 3 photographic/video evidence section below (photos 46 – 47)*
- Photographic evidence of the finished repair from top and side elevation - *Illustrated in Task 3 photographic/video evidence section below (photos 48 - 50)*

Candidate evidence

Task 3 - Repair of masonry structures

Practical Observation Form

Assessment ID	Qualification number
8711-305	8711-35
Candidate name	Candidate number
Candidate A	CG12345
Centre name	Assessment theme
City & Guilds	Repair of masonry structures

Complete the table below referring to the relevant marking grid, found in the assessment pack. Do not allocate marks at this stage.

Assessment theme	Notes – detailed, accurate and differentiating notes which identify areas of strength and weakness are necessary to distinguish between different qualities of performance and to facilitate accurate allocation of marks once all evidence has been submitted.
Repair of masonry structures - Chimney	Preparation The candidate inspected the damage before starting work selecting all the necessary tools and PPE required. Existing material was brushed down in the majority and removed correctly with thought given to the integrity of the existing structure. Repair Mortar for the jointing was correctly gauged and mixed to a regular consistency, texture correct but there was a slight colour variation to the existing structure. The candidate applied the joints to the face of the chimney to a good standard but there were minor inaccuracies where the perpendicular joints were not completed prior to all the bed joints, leaving two joints with inconsistent edges. The candidate applied the flaunching to the top of the stack to sufficient fall, but there were a few trowel marks that the candidate noticed, which were rectified before completion. Damaged brick in stack replaced correctly. Repair work was completed correctly with only minor errors that hasn't affected the final finish. All work areas kept clean, working safely throughout and waste removed and disposed of in line with legislation. Specification requirements have been met.

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Assessor A	15/12/2020

Photographic/video evidence for task 3

Photographic evidence of inspect and removal of materials for preparation or repair

Photographs 32 and 33 showing candidate inspecting chimney

Photograph 32



Photograph 33



Photographs 34 and 35 showing removal of cracked chimney pot, existing flaunching and brickwork

Photograph 34



Photograph 35



Photographs 34 and 35 showing most materials removed, sound brush and cleaning work made in preparation for repair

Photographs 36 and 39 showing candidate inspect and removal of materials for preparation or repair

Photographs 36 and 37 showing candidate inspecting chipped brickwork

Photograph 36



Photograph 37



Photographs 38 and 39 showing removal of materials for preparation or repair - chipped brick

Photograph 38
Removal of brick



Photograph 39
Removal of mortar



Photographs 38 and 39 showing most materials removed, sound brush and cleaning work made in preparation for repair

Photographic evidence of removal and replacement of corbelling and new clay fitted to the existing chimney

Photographs 40 – 42 showing replacement corbelling and new clay pot fitted

Photograph 40

New clay chimney pot fitted



Photograph 41

Levelling new clay chimney pot



Photograph 42

Two courses of brickwork rebuilt on chimney stack



Photographs 40-42 showing replacement corbelling and clay pot fitted correctly

Photographic evidence of the top of stack flaunched in cement mortar

Photographs 43 – 44 showing flaunching work to top stack

Photograph 43 showing top of stack flaunched in cement mortar



Photograph 43 showing flaunching to the top of the stack is to sufficient fall, but there are trowel marks

Photograph 44 showing rectification of error of trowel marks



Photograph 44 showing rectification to trowel marks before completion

Video 4 TC: Video evidence of gauging coloured mortar

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Alx3sne-m16pgpx1eTTVbpqpbcmYg?e=ZP21Rb>

0:00 – 2:44 Gauging and mixing lime and sand at a ratio of 1:5

2:45 – 5:14 Adding water to sand/lime mix (measured quantities) and mixing to workable consistency

5:15 – 8:59 Gauging colour additive, adding and mixing to ensure consistency and colour

Note: Video details mortar for the jointing correctly gauged and mixed to a regular consistency, texture correct but a slight colour variation to the existing structure.

For reference, gauging colour error also detailed as photograph below to support video evidence.

Photograph 45 – showing mortar consistency and texture correct but slight colour variation to existing mortar

Photograph 45



Photographic evidence of the face of the stack once jointed

Photographs 46 – 47 showing completed stack once jointed

Photograph 46 showing face of stack jointed



Photograph 46 shows face repointed but two perpendicular joints were not completed prior to all the bed joints, leaving two joints with inconsistent edges.

Photograph 47 – showing close up of 2 perpendicular joint error



Photograph 48 – showing completed face of stack once jointed



Photograph 48 showing face of stack completed to a good standard bar minor error in 2 perpendicular joints, correctly replaced brick and slight colour mismatch of old and new mortar

Photographic evidence of the finished repair from top and side elevation

Photographs 49 – 50 showing completed repair of chimney



Photographs 49 and 50 showing completed repair work – finished to a good standard with minor errors as detailed in the colour of mortar and jointing.

Commentary

The candidate demonstrated good knowledge and understanding in preparation of the repair work, correctly pre inspecting the damage and selecting the correct tools and materials required to complete the task. The candidate used correct techniques to prepare the chimney for repair with good skills shown in brushing and cleaning the majority of the structure prior to repair. Mortar was gauged correctly but the colour blend was slightly different from the existing structure. Repairs were carried out to an acceptable finish with only minor inaccuracy, slight error in two perpendicular joints causing inconsistent edging and the trowel marks to the flaunching, which was rectified before completion, neither affected the overall finish of the repaired work. The work was completed to an acceptable standard, meeting the specification requirements. Working area regularly cleaned and waste disposed of correctly with safe working maintained throughout the task.

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