



Association of Civil Engineering Departments



# JBM Guidance on Assessment

## A Reminder...

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# **Imperial College Exam Code of Practice (JBM Downloads)**

# Imperial College Exam Code of Practice

- **A student who understands the basics should get the pass mark**
- **First class students should be ‘tested’**
- **40% straightforward stuff, 60% more difficult**
- **No choice**
- **Average student should get 40% of total from straightforward stuff, and 50% from more difficult stuff (whatever that means) – CL8R**

# **Imperial College Exam Code of Practice**

- **For a 3hr exam of an unspecified number of unequally weighted compulsory questions:**
- **Suggestion: a quantitative question should take 15 mins for examiner to score 100%**
- **Suggestion: a descriptive question should take 20 mins for student to score an unspecified mark**
- **Should be carefully set for students to indicate understanding**
- **Encourage annotated drawings**

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- **A mixture of more difficult and straightforward questions may be used to adjust the difficulty**

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- **Outline answers submitted to Mrs Green**



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- **Descriptive parts marked out of 120%**
- **When marking, use different coloured pens**



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## **Useful summary**

- **No choice**
- **Be clear about threshold and further understanding in assessment design**
- **Analytical and descriptive marking are fundamentally different**

# **Dominic Fox College Code of Practice**

## **School of Assessment Observation**

**Marks are earned either by:**

- **Estimating how much above 0% the work is worth based on what it accumulates (difficult to consider threshold)**
- **Estimating how much below 100% the work is worth based on what it is missing (easier to consider threshold)**

# **Dominic Fox College Code of Practice**

## **School of Personal Opinion**

**For every assessment:**

- **40% Pass / Fail threshold LO-based element must be passed**
- **Before accumulating marks in the 'more difficult' category**

**The pass mark is 40%**

**As long as no more than 60% of your  
method statements are unsafe you'll  
get a degree**