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General Assessment Information (continued)

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In the lower division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in Technical Drafting
NOCTI written assessments consist of questions to measure an individual’s factual theoretical knowledge.

**Administration Time:** 3 hours  
**Number of Questions:** 201  
**Number of Sessions:** This assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions.

### Areas Covered

- **Basic Drawing Skills:** 12%  
- **Geometric Construction:** 13%  
- **Applied Mathematics:** 17%  
- **Dimensioning Skills:** 18%  
- **Multiview Drawing:** 17%  
- **Threads and Fasteners:** 7%  
- **Manufacturing Processes:** 10%  
- **Design Principles:** 6%
Specific Standards and Competencies Included in this Assessment

Basic Drawing Skills
- Identify and demonstrate appropriate use of drafting tools, materials, and equipment
- Demonstrate knowledge of the use of CAD as a drafting tool
- Drawing standards and conventions
- Utilize appropriate drawing layout and scale
- Complete annotation on drawings
- Complete a title block
- Demonstrate sketching skills and techniques

Geometric Construction
- Identify geometric terms and constructions
- Produce basic geometric constructions
- Construct lines at any given angle
- Construct irregular curved lines
- Construct geometric shapes and plane figures
- Draw lines
- Draw curved elements

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Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

**Applied Mathematics**
- Basic mathematic operations
- Apply methods of measurement
- Calculate distance, area, and volume
- Calculate fractions and decimals
- Demonstrate conversion skills
- Calculate taper/slope
- Demonstrate knowledge of algebraic equations
- Demonstrate knowledge of geometry
- Demonstrate knowledge of trigonometry

**Dimensioning Skills**
- Dimension basic features
- Apply local and general notes
- Interpret abbreviations and symbols
- Demonstrate metric dimensioning
- Demonstrate dual dimensioning
- Demonstrate tabular/charted dimensioning
- Demonstrate baseline dimensioning
- Demonstrate tolerancing practices
- Identify finished surfaces
- Demonstrate geometric dimension and tolerancing (GD&T)
Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

**Multiview Drawing**
- Produce basic orthographic views
- Produce auxiliary views
- Produce section views
- Produce intersections and developments
- Produce schematic drawings
- Produce pictorial drawings
- Produce detail working drawings
- Produce assembly drawings
- Demonstrate drawing revisions
- Produce modified part drawings

**Threads and Fasteners**
- Identify and apply fastener terminology and symbols
- Identify and apply screw thread terminology and symbols
- Produce threaded fastener drawings
- Produce common fasteners and applications
Specific Standards and Competencies (continued)

Manufacturing Processes
• Demonstrate knowledge of machining operations
• Demonstrate knowledge of welding
• Demonstrate knowledge of various manufacturing processes
• Demonstrate knowledge of various materials
• Identify standard shop tools and equipment
• Demonstrate knowledge of mechanical components

Design Principles
• Explain design guidelines (form, function, repetition, etc.)
• Identify steps of the design process/cycle
• Research and design a project
• Use reference materials
Sample Questions

Which of the following is a coordinate system?
A. Baseline  
B. Cartesian  
C. Trigonometric  
D. Datum

A smooth curve created through a set of points is called a
A. straight line  
B. perpendicular bisector  
C. spline  
D. polygon

Use _______ as metric units of measurements for dimensioning a working drawing.
A. centimeters  
B. millimeters  
C. meters  
D. kilometers

Which type of screw thread is the most common in the United States?
A. Whitworth  
B. Unified  
C. Sharp  
D. Worm

A part that is formed by pressing thin material down into a die block is called a
A. stamping  
B. forging  
C. machine part  
D. weldment

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Sample Questions (continued)

The best reason to enlarge the scale is to
A. efficiently use media space
B. fit more parts on a drawing
C. better visualize the part
D. use all space on the paper

What is the minimum number of points needed to define a datum plane?
A. 2 points
B. 3 points
C. 4 points
D. 6 points

As the number of decimal places on a dimension increases, the
A. size increases
B. precision increases
C. size decreases
D. precision decreases

In manufacturing parts, jigs are used to _______ the machining tool.
A. locate the part and limit
B. hold the part and guide
C. clamp the part and hold
D. secure the part and remove it from

The purpose of sketching in the design process is to
A. create scaled drawings
B. present ideas
C. develop a prototype
D. estimate cost
NOCTI performance assessments allow individuals to demonstrate their acquired skills by completing actual jobs using the tools, materials, machines, and equipment related to the technical area.

**Administration Time:** 3 hours and 15 minutes  
**Number of Jobs:** 4

**Areas Covered:**

**30% Visualization**  
Participants will sketch isometric sketches, missing top view, and missing right side view sketches.

**50% Orthographic Drawing**  
Participants will correctly dimension, scale, represent line type, cut plane line, orientation and location, hatch appropriate areas, place views, present features, use lines types and geometric dimensioning, and present drawing information.

**10% Development**  
Participants will accurately develop the pattern in a timely manner.

**10% Assembly- Bill of Material**  
Participants will develop a bill of material correctly and in a timely manner.
Sample Job

Assembly

**Maximum Time:** 15 minutes

**Participant Activity:** The participant will examine the pictorial drawing and develop a bill of material with all appropriate information from the supplied assembly drawing.