On the Structure of the Project Reports

The basic structure, on which the presentation part will be marked, comprises at least the items below:

- 1. An Abstract, describing the work reported in about 100 words;
- 2. an Introduction, describing the problem and its connection to design and to optimum design, while providing references whenever needed;
- 3. the body of the project, with as many sections as needed for each case, including the mathematical modelling work in as much detail as possible, and all pertinent references;
- 4. Conclusions, stating whether the goals of the project were achieved and to what extent. What difficulties were encountered?, etc.;
- 5. References, listing all bibliographic items referred to in the report, using a standard format. Notice that the Lecture Notes use the "(authors' names, year)" reference citation format, while listing the references in alphabetical order, with no numbers. An alternative style consists of a number, with all references listed in order of citation; not in alphabetical order!

N.B.: All references listed in the References section must be cited. By the same token, all cited references must be listed. References to websites, ephemeral by their nature, are not suitable technical items; these should be included as footnotes.