FASHION AND TEXTILES

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Key messages

Candidates should make sure to read the questions carefully before writing their response. Candidates should take care to understand the difference between Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacture.

General comments

Most responses were neatly presented and easy to read. Candidates should avoid writing in the margins and in the space for the next question. If a candidate wishes to change or add to their answer the spare pages at the end of the paper should be used and any additions should be clearly marked with the question number. Candidates answered all the questions required and items in *Section B* requiring longer answers were generally well answered. There is no need to write out the question in the answer.

Comments on specific questions

Section A

Question 1

This question was generally well answered. The majority of candidates attempted all parts of the question.

(a) (i) This question was answered well.

(ii) Most candidates answered this question well. Some responses incorrectly described the feel of denim as rough.

(iii) Most candidates answered this question correctly, with answers such as twill weave or woven.

(iv) Few candidates obtained two marks for this question. Many responses described how to weave the weft well but needed to then to explain how each row of weaving moves forward one warp thread.

(b) This question was very well answered.

(c) The most popular responses described washing and ironing. Some candidates answered incorrectly that cotton denim could not be tumble dried. All candidates demonstrated an understanding of the meaning of the bleach symbol.

(d) Most candidates labelled A and B correctly. Few candidates successfully identified the yoke. Candidates needed to identify a patch pocket to achieve a mark for D.

(e) (i) This question was answered very well.

(ii) The majority of candidates achieved marks for folding in the pocket edges and stitching the pocket onto the jeans. The best answers also explained how to make the facing for the top of the pocket correctly.

(f) Most answers referred to water pollution or the possibility of poisoning wildlife. Some answers referred to air pollution, which was incorrect.

(g) (i) Some candidates answered this question well, although many answers incorrectly described Computer Aided Design instead of Computer Aided Manufacture.

(ii) This question was generally well answered. Some candidates did not read the question and referred to recycling by the consumer.

(iii) This question was answered very well.

(h) This question was generally answered well. Some candidates wrote responses which were not related to garments.

(i) This question was answered very well.

Section B

Question 2

This was not a popular choice of question.

(a) (i) Most candidates gained one mark for identifying that polyester fibre is made from petrochemical materials.

(ii) This question was answered well.

(iii) Most candidates successfully identified two synthetic fibres.

(b) Responses to this question mainly focused on the advantages of the knitted construction.

(c) Answers demonstrated a good knowledge of both types of knitting and generally provided comparisons between them.

Question 3

This was the least popular question.

(a) (i) All responses showed an understanding of how to work satin stitch.

(ii) Many candidates produced designs which showed appropriate use of satin stitch and another named embroidery stitch.

(b) Responses to this question tended to focus on which fabrics would not be suitable for hand embroidery. In general responses demonstrated a good understanding of some of the qualities they would look for in fabric for hand embroidery.

(c) This question was generally well answered. Most candidates correctly referred to the features of the iron rather than the need for a guarantee.

Question 4

This question was popular, and candidates answered all question parts.

(a) This question was very well answered.

(b) (i) Most candidates demonstrated understanding that the hem should be folded and stitched. The best responses also but included measuring the size of the hem or finishing the raw edges of the hem.

(ii) This question was answered well.

(iii) Answers showed a good understanding of both hand and machine stitched hems and the reasons why each is used.

(c)   There were some excellent answers to this question with candidates showing an ability to apply their knowledge in a design context.

Question 5

This question was popular, and most questions were answered well.

(a) (i)   Few candidates identified the collar as a flat collar or Peter Pan collar. The most common incorrect answer was shirt collar.

(ii)   Most candidates gained three or four marks for this question. Few candidates put all the processes in the correct order. For example, the side seams cannot be stitched before the bodice is attached to the skirt.

(iii)   This question was answered well.

(b)   This was not answered well. Many responses wrote about methods of embellishment instead of components.

(c)   Few candidates demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the instructions in a pattern to get full marks. The majority of candidates achieved a mark for knowing that the garment could only be successful if the instructions are followed correctly.

Question 6

This was a well-answered and popular question.

(a) (i)   Most candidates answered this question very well. A few answers incorrectly described how to tie dye.

(ii)   The majority of candidates answered this question correctly with tie dye.

(iii)   This question was answered well.

(b)   Most candidates showed an understanding of how to reduce the negative impact of fashion on the environment. The best responses also explained how consumers can help by buying less and not following fashion trends.

(c)   This question was generally answered well.