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Many responses at this level are assessed according to the quality of the work rather than the number of points included. The following level descriptors are intended to be a guide when assessing the quality of a candidate's response.

(low mark range)

The candidate has a basic but possibly confused grasp of the issues.

Few correct examples are given to illustrate points made. This candidate does not have a clear idea of what s/he is writing about

(mid mark range)

The candidate has some knowledge but there will be less clarity of understanding. Some correct examples given to illustrate points made. This candidate knows what s/he is writing about but is confused in part.

(high mark range)

The candidate has a thorough understanding of the issues and has provided relevant examples to support the knowledge shown. This candidate knows what s/he is writing about and provides clear evidence of understanding.

Section A

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance			Mark		
1		Place each of the fibres listed below in the correct box of the table.					
		Nylon Bamboo Mohair Cotton Tencel® Elastane					
		Natural cellulose	Natural protein	Regenerated	Synthetic		
		Bamboo	Mohair	Tencel	Nylon		
		Cotton			Elastane		
		1 mark for each	fibre correctly	placed.			6 marks
2	(a)	What is the diffe	erence betwee	n a fibre and a ya	rn?		
		A fibre is a starting point for yarns / the most basic unit of a yarn or fabric / a fine/small natural or man-made hair-like structure strands of molecules/polymers (1 mark). Yarns are made by twisting/spinning fibres together to give them strength / make them into useable lengths (1 mark).			2 monto		
2	(b)	Explain the difference between a staple yarn and a filament yarn.			2 marks		
3		A filament yarn Staple yarn is h Any 2 appropria	is made from o airy, filament y ate points, 1 ma the fabrics listed	ort fibres (1 mark) continuous fibres (arn is smooth (1 r ark each d below in the core Corduroy, Single	(1 mark) mark) rect box of the ta	ble.	2 marks
			Description o	f fabric			
			<u> </u>		Fabric name		
		A non-woven f	abric often ma	de from wool.	Felt		
		A weft-knitted reverse sides.	fabric with diffe	erent face and	Single Jersey		
		A cut-pile fabri	c length.		Corduroy		
		A soft, thick kn on both sides.			Polar fleece		
		A plain weave form a checked		ith dyed yarns to	Gingham		5 marks
4		Name two resis	st methods of a	pplying colour to	fabric.		
		Tie-dye, batik, r Also accept gel		stes.			
		Any 2 appropria	ite methods, 1	mark each.			2 marks

5	(a)	What is meant by sub-assembly manufacture?	
		A separate line of manufacture for part of a product.	1 mark
5	(b)	Give two advantages of using sub-assembly manufacture Eg to use specialist machinery, to reduce costs, to use specialised skills, for health & safety reasons, saves time in manufacture. Sections of product are quality checked, improves	
		accuracy/quality/consistency. May be related to JIT. Reduces waste. Quick and cheap need explanation—if given as 2 points, allow 1mark only, if only 1 given, 0mark. Do not allow easy unless clearly explained.	
		Any 2 appropriate points, 1 mark each	2 marks

Section B

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Mark
6	(a)	Designers and manufacturers of textile products have a	
		responsibility to consider environmental and ethical issues. Discuss this statement with reference to the manufacture and	
		processing of fibres and fabrics used in textile products.	
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		The question is about the manufacture and processing of fibres	
		and fabrics – it is not about product manufacture, use or disposal,	
		health and safety issues, design of products, choice of materials. Nor should it be a debate about what manufacturers should do.	
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		The following <u>underlined issues</u> may be included in an answer:	
		Fibre source:	
		Area 1(a) Environmental issues: Land and habitats are destroyed	
		to plant cotton crops; they are treated with vast amounts of	
		pesticides and fertilizers which can pollute waterways and surrounding land; vast quantities of water are needed which can	
		impact on the environment if rivers are diverted to water crops, eg	
		Aral Sea disaster.	
		Synthetic fibres are derived from fossil fuels which are non-	
		renewable and rapidly running out. Some regenerated fibres, eg	
		lyocells, have been developed in order to have minimum impact on the environment.	
		the environment.	
		Area 1(b) Impact on lives: Valuable land space could be used for	
		food crops; use of <u>pesticides and fertilizers</u> can poison drinking	
		water. Surrounding land, where workers live, may also be affected by fertilisers and pesticides. The pesticides and fertilizers used on	
		cotton crops can have disastrous effects on the health of farmers	
		and other workers if they breathe in the spray, or if it comes into	
		contact with their body; people who live where rivers and seas	
		have dried up may lose access to food, eg fish, some may lose	
		their livelihoods because they can no longer fish. Growing cotton uses vast amounts of water. In many countries where cotton is	
		grown, there is <u>not enough water</u> for the people who live there to	
		drink. The <u>depletion of fossil fuels</u> will cause problems for the future	
		and is wasteful of a valuable resource.	
		Processing of fibres and fabrics:	
		Processing of fibres and fabrics: Area 2(a) Environmental issues Cleaning and preparation of	
		cotton requires chemicals, eg bleach, enzymes, pumice which can	
		damage eco-systems if not disposed of properly; dyeing of cotton	
		uses large quantities of water and produces toxic waste which	
		must be treated before disposal. Chemicals used to apply <u>finishes</u>	
		must be disposed of correctly as they can poison ground water.	
		Continued	

6 (a) Area 2(b) Impact on lives: Chemicals used can impact on health of workers if H&S procedures are not in place; using certain machinery can be dangerous if there are no safeguards - in the UK, laws protect the health and safety of workers and prevent them from being exploited by unscrupulous employers. When textile products are made in other countries, especially less economically developed ones (LEDCs), those laws don't apply, workers should be paid fairly for the work they do.

Energy use:

Area 3(a) Environmental issues: fibres are often grown / manufactured a long way away from where they are processed into fabric so travel a long way to the factory. Fuel from non-renewable sources is needed for the planes, boats and lorries which deliver it, and more CO2 fumes and carbon emissions will be released into the atmosphere causing global warming. There is damage to road systems and need for repair work; electrical energy is used to power the machines and heat water for the processing of fibres and fabrics using non-renewable energy sources.

Area 3(b) Moral issues: Oil is rapidly running out so will cause problems for future generations, <u>rationed energy supplies</u> in some areas where fabrics are manufactured, use of nuclear reactors to generate electricity can affect people's health if there are <u>radiation</u> leaks

The **6** areas and associated issues listed above are the main ones relating to fibre and fabric manufacture, but candidates may well discuss other equally valid problems within those areas. Before awarding extra marks, check that other issues raised are actually different to the ones which may have already been credited. In order to qualify for the top mark band, candidates must explain what the problems are with some precision, eg *CO2 from exhaust emissions causes global warming*, not *lorries give off poisonous gases*.

Candidates may suggest ways of improving the situations described.

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6 (a) Marks awarded as follows:

 Very basic information with limited number of points which may not relate to both areas of concern. Explanation is confused with many inaccuracies and may cover a very narrow range of issues. Understanding is simplistic and understated. May be a generalised response with no specific explanation of the issues involved.

0 - 3 marks

Some relevant information about a narrow range of issues.
 Points will be largely accurate but there will be some confusion, especially at the lower end of the mark range. Response will relate to 3 or more areas but may be repetitive and will lack detail.

4 - 6 marks

• Sound information covering a range of environmental **and** moral issues and which is mostly accurate. Response will possibly cover a wide range of issues but lack detail of some. There may be a number of issues (5+) taken from at least 3 areas superficially or may cover a few (3+) taken from at least 3 areas in some detail.

7 – 9 marks

 Sound and accurate information covering a range of environmental and moral issues although they may not be in equal measures. At least 7 issues taken from 4 or more areas will be covered - the candidate will be informed and information will be accurate, explained in detail and up-to-date.

10 – 12 marks

6 (b) Analyse the ways in which consumers can reduce environmental impact by the way in which they buy, use and care for textile products.

<u>Demanding less packaging of products</u> which can be wasteful of paper, card, plastics, printing inks, and the <u>energy used</u> to produce and transport the packaging.

Buying fewer products as they are often not fully used - changes of fashion and buying of new products can waste valuable resources. Looking for products made from environmentally friendly/organic fibres such as lyocells. Shop online to save travelling to shops, buy locally made products when available to reduce carbon footprint. Buy better quality, longer lasting products to reduce impact of manufacturing. Buy from shops which promote sustainability.

Washing products <u>only</u> when they are <u>dirty</u> and using less detergent; <u>the use of detergents</u> and dry cleaning fluids and <u>effluent from these can poison waterways</u>. Only wash when there is a <u>full load</u> and wash at a <u>lower temperature</u>; <u>energy and water</u> are used to wash products – these are valuable resources. <u>Dry clothes outside</u> if possible to avoid using energy on tumble-drying. <u>Do not iron clothes</u> unless essential to save energy.

<u>Look after products</u> so that they last longer and do not have to be

<u>Look after products</u> so that they last longer and do not have to be replaced.

Re-use or re-cycle unwanted products; disposal of discarded textile products is often to <u>landfill sites</u>. Fabrics and components can take many <u>years to decompose</u> with the consequent methane production, and <u>leeching of heavy metals</u> from components such as zips.

Marks awarded as follows:

 Simplistic points, many of which will be irrelevant. There will be a lack of understanding with few examples and confused and inaccurate information.

0-2 marks

- Candidate shows mainly accurate understanding of the issues involved and will offer suggestions from 5 or more of the areas underlined. There will be some examples to illustrate points made but there will be elements of confusion, especially at the lower end of the mark range. Some points will be explained.
 - 3 5 marks
- Clear and relevant advice from 7 or more of the underlined areas. Information will be accurate with examples to support points made. Most points will be explained.

6 – 8 marks

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	5 – 6 marks	6 marks
The wa This is Protec Allows cosy (Adds w Waddi Approp	a cosy has a layer of polyester wadding between the main and the inner lining. Explain the reasons for this. adding traps air (1 mark) an insulator so keeps tea hot (1 mark) ts hands from heat of tea pot (1 mark) for quilting / adds depth to the quilted areas / pads out the 1 mark) veight/structure/shape/stability/bulk (1 mark) ng is lightweight (1 mark) oriate reference to polyester being non-absorbent (1 mark). Ids strength.	
	points, 1 mark each.	3 marks

7	(c)	The three symbols shown below appear on the care label attached to the tea cosy.	
		Give the meaning of each symbol and explain the reasons why this care is recommended for the tea cosy.	
		The cosy must be hand washed because the shape, structure and delicate parts could be spoiled with agitation. It must not be bleached because it is coloured. It must not be tumbled dry because the friction could damage the shape and structure, or delicate parts.	
		Marks awarded as follows	
		 Minimal explanation which does not clearly relate to qualities of materials or structure of the product. The candidate will tend to explain what the symbols mean and there may be elements of misunderstanding and confusion. 0 – 2 marks 	
		 Detailed explanation of what the symbols mean together with clear explanation of how the advice relates to the qualities of the materials used and the structure of the cosy. Information will be accurate and clearly presented. 	
		3 – 5 marks	5 marks
7	(d)	Identify three different areas where quality control will be important when manufacturing the tea cosy. Explain what care will be needed in order to ensure a high quality finished product.	
		This is about making the tea cosy, it is not about the design, fabric or component choice, making or printing the fabric.	
		Eg, Cutting of shapes to ensure an even finished product and that all pieces fit together as intended; Accurate stitching to ensure even shapes, no holes in edges of	
		shapes, correct sizing; Correct placement of appliqué for eye to ensure attractive	
		appearance and both sides of head are even; Accuracy when applying binding to lower edge to ensure it is	
		even both sides and doesn't come off in places; Accuracy when stitching quilted wings and tail to ensure stitching matches shape and is correct distance from edges; ensure even thickness of wadding.	
		Strong stitching for hanging loop to ensure it does not fall out with use.	
		Eye firmly attached so it will not fall off.	
		3 different areas identified, 1 mark each Explanation of care needed 1 mark each	6 marks
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Section C

Qu	Part	Marking Guidance	Mark
8	(a)	Discuss the requirements that a parent or carer would have when	
		buying a school skirt for a primary school child.	
		The following issues are likely to be important in the majority of	
		cases:	
		Ease of care: Primary school children are likely to get their school	
		clothes dirty very easily and uniform garments will need regular	
		washing, so machine washable, quick-drying no iron fabrics will be	
		important. Strength and abrasion resistance: knocks and tumbles are part	
		of everyday life in the playground so tough hardwearing fabrics are	
		needed. This quality will also allow for the garments to stand up to	
		wear over a period of time and repeated washing of the garments.	
		Value for money: the garments will be outgrown quickly and are likely to be spoiled by everyday wear and tear. It can be expensive	
		if they need to be replaced regularly, especially for parents with a	
		limited income or a number of children to buy for. Styles should	
		allow for growth, eg elasticated waistband.	
		Comfort and practicality : the style of the garments should allow for free movement and ease of care. Pockets may be impractical	
		for the youngest children but a necessity for older ones, colour may	
		need to meet school guidelines and also not be so light that it soils	
		and stains easily.	
		Marks awarded as follows:	
		Basic information with limited explanation for the advice offered.	
		The points will be the most obvious and information generalised	
		rather than specific. There may be inaccuracies and confusion.	
		0 – 2 marks	
		Candidate offers a wide range of different points and explains	
		the reasons for the advice given, especially at the top end of the	
		mark range. Information will be realistic and related to the primary school child.	
		3 – 5 marks	5 marks

Skirt A is made from a twill weave fabric. (b)

Skirt B is made from weft knitted fabric.

The fibre content of both fabrics is 65% polyester and 35% viscose. Critically evaluate how far the school skirts shown meet the requirements you have identified in (a). Make reference to the styles, fibres and fabrics.

The candidate should refer to the fibre content, fabric structure, fabric finish, style and features of the 2 skirts in relation to the points made in (a) and for school skirts for primary children. The following points are likely to be included:

Style of the skirts: Skirt A has pleats which allow for movement, a partially elasticated waist to allow for growth/adjustable fit. A mock belt adds some style but could be removed to reduce costs. There is a zip in the side seam which may allow for a closer fit but which could be dispensed with as it may cause difficulties for a young child, and would reduce the cost of manufacture. **Skirt B** has a limited number of pleats at the front of the skirt only, allowing for movement but reduced cost of manufacture and possibly easier to care for. Elasticated waistband. Mock pockets add style but also to the cost of manufacture.

Top-stitching on yokes adds style detail and strengthens seams.

Fabrics used: Both are made from a polyester and viscose blend in which polyester is the majority fibre. **Polyester** is a strong. lightweight fibre which is resistant to abrasion so will withstand wear and tear, counteracting the weakness in the viscose fibre. It can be washed easily without shrinking, and dries quickly because it is non-absorbent. Because it does not crease easily, it will counteract this tendency in the viscose and means that the fabric will require little ironing. This ability to wash and dry the skirt quickly will be important in a child's garment. It is thermoplastic so pleats can be heat-set. As the polyester fibre is in the majority, its qualities will dominate the blend.

Viscose gives absorbency and softness to the fabric. But it creases and shrinks badly, and is weaker when wet. These properties will be offset by the polyester content of the fabric. The polyester/viscose is relatively inexpensive allowing for replacement of the skirt when outgrown or spoiled. The dark colour of both skirts does not easily show dirt and stains and fits in with many school uniform policies. The polyester and viscose fibre content of both skirts may lead to pilling which spoils the appearance and makes the skirt quickly look worn, and the blend will be highly flammable. Skirt A has a **Teflon finish** which helps reduce staining. Skirt A has a **twill weave** which adds strength and stability to the fabric. **Skirt B** is made from a weft knitted fabric which gives flexibility and reduces creasing, but may lose some shape over a period of time.

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8 (b) Marks awarded as follows:

 Little understanding, simplistic statements only, candidate typically concentrates on limited fibre qualities/style features without reference to intended use. The skirts may be described rather than analysed. There may be confused and inaccurate information with little real evaluation or reference to requirements identified.

0-3 marks

 Candidate shows understanding of the contribution made by the fibres but points will tend to emphasize the positive aspects. The interaction between the fibres in the blend will not be fully explained, especially at the lower end of the mark range. There will be some references to style and the requirements identified. At the top end of the mark range, there will be some evaluation of the 2 skirts. There may be minor confusion but most points will be accurate.

4 - 7 marks

 Candidate shows sophisticated understanding of the contribution made by both fibres in the blend and clear understanding of the interaction between the fibres.
 Comments on style features will be perceptive. There will be clear references to the requirements identified and a thorough evaluation of the 2 skirts in relation to these points. Information will be accurate and relevant.

8 – 10 marks

3 – 5 marks	
Clearly presented and explained design which meets all of the criteria and will be appropriate for intended market. There will be an attempt to show some originality. 6 – 8 marks	8 marks
8 (d) What is meant by the term risk assessment?	
A study of the procedures, equipment and materials used (1 mark) To assess health and safety issues which need to be addressed (1 mark) Students should indicate that it is a study/awareness of what could go wrong, and how it might be put right/dealt with.	2 marks

8 (e) Identify three different health and safety risks related to the manufacture of the skirts shown on the insert sheet. Explain what precautions might be taken to minimise the risks.

Some of the risks are given in the table below, but there may well be others which should be given credit if appropriate.

Area of manufacture (1 mark)	Risk (1 mark)	Precaution (1 mark)
Handling rolls of fabric	Damage to feet	Steel toe shoes
Cutting fabrics	Laceration	Chain mail gloves
Cutting fabrics	Cutting cables leading to electrocution	Cables come from ceiling
Stitching garments together	Laceration from needles, hair or clothing caught in machine	Guards on machines, emergency stop buttons, hair tied back, wearing of overall.
Pressing garments	Burns from steam or hot equipment	Use of computerised pressing equipment or resistant gloves
Stitching garments	Back injury	Ergonomically designed chairs, adjustable chairs to allow for different heights of workers.
Cutting / stitching	Inhalation of fibres	Use of face masks
Stitching garments	Broken needles or other sharp objects left in skirt	Use of metal detectors
Using machines	Electrocution	Regular checks on equipment by qualified electrician, cables kept well away from action of machine.
Sewing buttons to belt	Damage to eyes if button snaps	Use of visor/goggles
Sewing garments	Damage to eye if needle breaks	Use of protective glasses/goggles
Using noisy machinery	Damage to hearing	Use of ear defenders

Any 3 different areas, 3 marks each

8 (f) The skirts are sold at a budget price in a supermarket.

Evaluate this popular method of retailing clothing products.

Advantages include: convenient one-stop shopping, available online, recognised brand so some assurance of quality, value for money, many supermarkets are using recognised designers for their own ranges, willingness of many supermarkets to refund money if needed, increased profits for retailer, attracts a wide range of shoppers.

Drawbacks include: possible reduction in quality, often limited range of styles, low prices often signal unethical manufacture, child might be bullied/young people may be embarrassed at wearing 'supermarket' brand, loss of specialist shops on high street, encourages throw-away attitudes.

Marks awarded as follows:

 Limited range of points, probably mostly related to cost issues and school uniform. There may be confused and inaccurate information with little real evaluation of the retail method.

0 - 2 marks

 A number of relevant points but response will tend to concentrate on school uniform or other aspects, or only the advantages. There may be minor lack of clarity in parts but most points will be relevant. There will be reference to the method of retailing.

3 – 4 marks

 Candidate shows sophisticated understanding of the issues involved and will go beyond the retailing of school uniforms.
 There will be good evaluation of this method of retailing with some perceptive comments made.

5 – 6 marks