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## Section A

| Question | Answer | Marks |
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| 1(a) | Fitness for purpose is an important consideration when designing new items <br> of clothing. |  |
| 1(a)(i) | Name two fabrics and the fibres they are made from, which would be suitable <br> for nightwear. <br> Answer could include: <br> Any suitable, e.g. flameproof polyester lawn; cotton winceyette (brushed surface). <br> 1 mark for each correctly named fabric - must have two (or more) words: one (or <br> more) fibre and one name for the fabric construction, e.g. cotton/polyester jersey, <br> cotton/viscose/polyester jersey, cotton/polyester batiste, cotton lawn. <br> (No marks for fibre only, e.g. cotton) | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 1(a)(ii) | Explain three reasons why one of your named fabrics in (a)(i) is suitable <br> nightwear. <br> Answer could include: <br> Fitness for purpose would include points such as: nightwear needs to have comfort <br> and fabrics should be soft next to the skin; absorbent; washable for hygiene <br> purposes; non shrinking, e.g. during washing; safe to wear, e.g. non-flammable; <br> suitable strength for nightwear; elasticity for comfort (could be through elasticity of <br> fibres or fabric construction, e.g. knitted); resilience (ability to spring back into original <br> shape on release of pressure); non-static (if a man-made fibre such as polyester); <br> special finish, e.g. easy-care for non-iron finish or brushes finish for winter wear, as <br> air is trapped in the fluffy/raised surface. <br> Any other appropriate point which relates to the chosen fabric. | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| 1 mark for a brief point, 2 marks for a well explained point. |  |  |
| (if (a)(i) incorrect, give credit here for fibre if suitable for nightwear). |  |  |$\quad$


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| 1 (b) | Assess the environmental issues a fashion designer needs to consider when <br> designing new items of clothing. <br> Answer could include: <br> Fabrics: are they from a sustainable source, e.g. cotton which can be re planted; <br> wool from sheep that are sheared; biodegradable; coloured cotton. <br> Reduce the amount of fabric being used; reduce amount of dye used to colour the <br> fabric (no fading of dye); reduce dye used so less resources/water used. <br> Disposal of textiles: can the product be re-used. <br> Can the fabric be re-cycled: to reduce landfill, e.g. polyester is recycled. <br> Reduction or elimination of pesticides, fertilisers and other chemicals which may <br> harm the environment to reduce harmful effects on environment. <br> Non-use of fossil fuels: fossil fuels running out/harming environment. <br> More digital use so no need for paper templates, etc. <br> Use of transport systems: reduction of air miles/travel costs/fuel/etc. <br> Types of fabric finishes which use chemicals in the process: reduce use of <br> water/chemicals which may cause harm or pollution. <br> Contamination of air/water/noise and whether the fabrics purchased are from <br> manufacturers where these are reduced: reduce use of water/chemicals; reduce <br> greenhouse gases in manufacture of fabrics/clothing. <br> Use of packaging: reduce landfill. <br> Any other relevant points/reasons. <br> 1 mark for each well explained point. | 6 |


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| 1 (c) | Discuss which fabrics and suitable finishes are available when choosing <br> luxury fabrics for designing ladies' evening/party wear. <br> Answer could include: <br> Many different fabrics could be used, e.g. natural (such as cotton satin, silk chiffon, <br> cotton velvet); regenerated (e.g. viscose crepe, acetate taffeta, viscose velvet); <br> synthetic (e.g. polyester satin, nylon organza). Give credit for any suitable fabrics, but <br> need to be luxury/suitable for evening wear. <br> Fabric finishes: | 11 |
| Appearance will be an important consideration - shiny, non-creasing surface; <br> fashionable; achieved by calendering, embossing, glazing, possibly de-lustering. <br> Methods for how these are achieved can be included: textured finishes; anti-static <br> finish for synthetics fabrics to stop static build-up caused by friction of several fabrics; <br> starching finish to make a stiffer drape; napping finish for fabrics such as viscose <br> velvet. <br> Reasons: fire resistant - to reduce risk of fire. <br> Stain resistance: to reduce staining when in use, and may need less washing / less <br> frequent washing. <br> Care issues, e.g. may be dry-clean only or special care may be needed. <br> Cost <br> Special dyes, e.g. contain ultraviolet (UV) dyes so more visible at night/under <br> lights/glow-in-the-dark dyes. <br> Microencapsulation - must be relevant. <br> There are many different finishes so other points could be included. <br> Fabric finishes should relate to the fibre content of the fabrics chosen. <br> Any other relevant points. <br> Well discussed points up to 6 marks. <br> 1 mark for a brief point, 2 marks for a well discussed point. <br> Justification: up to 3 marks. Total for question 1: 25 marks |  |  |


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| 2(a) | When mixing pigments explain what is meant by: | $\mathbf{2}$ |
| 2(a)(i) | secondary colours <br> You may include a diagram in your answer. <br> Answer could include: <br> Secondary colours: <br> (colour wheel may be given) <br> Colours mixed by one primary (red, yellow or blue) and a different primary colour <br> (red, yellow or blue) mixed together. Examples are: orange (mixed by equal parts of <br> red and yellow); green (equal parts of blue and yellow); purple (mixed by equal parts <br> of red and blue). <br> 1 mark for a brief explanation of just the colours of orange, green and purple listed. <br> 2 marks for the above colours listed, as well as how they are mixed from the primary <br> colours. | 2 |
| 2(a)(ii) | tertiary colours <br> You may include a diagram in your answer. <br> Answer could include: <br> Definition of tertiary colours: one primary and one secondary colour mixed together; <br> or two secondary colours mixed together. For example: red mixed with orange will <br> give reddish orange; red and purple will give reddish purple. <br> 1 mark for a brief explanation of just the colours listed. <br> 2 marks for the above colours listed, as well as how they are mixed from the primary <br> colours. | 2 |


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| 2(b) | Assess the choices available to the manufacturer of applying colour to fabric. <br> Answer could include: <br> Printing and dyeing are the main ways, with many variations within this: <br> Printing: digital, screen, roller, block, stencil, spraying/painting/sublimation printing. <br>  <br>  <br> Dyeing: dip dyeing, tie and dye, batik (wax on fabric, then dye), silk painting, use of <br> different resists (e.g. wax, gutta, paste). <br> Fibres, yarns or fabrics can be dyed; when is the best time to add colour. <br> If fibres and yarns are dyed, they can then be woven/knitted/felted to give many <br> colour variations. <br> Readymade garments can be dyed. <br> Reasons given for choosing a particular method/time when dye/colour is added - <br> give credit for good quality analysis. <br> Must mention dyeing/printing, i.e. methods of adding colour. <br> Any other relevant points. <br> 1 mark for a brief explanation. <br> 2 marks for a detailed assessment of each point. |  |


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| 2(c) | Discuss whether the choice of a coloured fabric influences a fashion designer <br> in the design of new textile products. <br> Answer could include: <br> Coloured fabric can relate to dyed or printed fabric, or any other method used to <br> colour fabric. <br> Answer will relate to the use of the coloured fabric, e.g. two or more coloured fabrics <br> together on one item. <br> Fabric trends and what is available from fabric manufacturers each season. <br> Type of fabric, e.g. velvet can look different coloured according to light; shot fabric <br> (different coloured warp/weft). <br> Colour often focal point of garment. <br> Occasion <br> Age of wearer <br> Season <br> Silhouette shape of figure. <br> Meaning of colours/cultural differences. <br> Whether to use a printed fabric and dyed fabric together. <br> Some fibres/fabrics are printed/dyed more readily than others so this may influence a <br> fashion designer, e.g. if someone prefers to design for silk fabrics. <br> Plain colours could be purchased/used and decorative work applied on top, <br> e.g. machine embroidery. <br> Plain fabrics purchased and overprinted/resist printed. <br> Some colours are classic and always used, e.g. black. <br> Total for question 2: 25 marks |  |
| Types of dyes used, e.g. natural (one-off production) or synthetic maybe used in <br> batch production. <br> Any other relevant points. <br> 1 mark for a brief point. <br> 2 marks for a well-discussed point. |  |  |

## Section B

## Answer two questions.

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| 3(a) | Discuss some of the factors to be considered when designing clothing using <br> creative techniques. <br> Answer could include: <br> What type of fabrics to use; availability; non fraying. <br> What fabrics trends are predicted in clothing; what is in fashion. <br> What colours to use; trends; cultural differences; religious differences. <br> What sort of texture to achieve. <br> Availability of components to match colour of fabric. <br> Which software is being used (if any); what sort of garment is being designed; <br> the age group of the wearer. <br> The climate where items will be worn. <br> Environmental issues (must be relevant). <br> Where the creative technique will be placed on the garment. <br> Types of machines available to produce the creative technique (if being produced by <br> machine). <br> Whether to design a particular style, e.g. historical, or based on a specific culture or <br> other style. <br> Which creative technique to use, e.g. applique, Computer-Assisted Manufacturing <br> (CAM) embroidery. <br> How the techniques will be manufactured, e.g. by hand, using an embroidery <br> machine. <br> How time consuming the creative techniques is. <br> How much the creative techniques will cost to manufacture. <br> What occasion the items will be designed for; use of products. <br> Care labelling; care of products. <br> Examples should not include fabric manipulation. <br> Any other relevant examples. <br> 1 mark for a brief point. <br> 2 marks for a well-discussed point. |  |


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| 3(b) | Assess a range of different ways to manipulate fabrics in order to produce <br> interesting design features and surface textures for clothing. <br> Answer could include: <br> By machine or by hand. <br> Shirring the fabric by using shirring (thread) elastic, which will produce a gathered <br> effect on the surface. <br> Gathering the fabric, evenly or unevenly, similar effect to shirring; smocking. <br> Fabric layers, adding one or more layers to produce texture such as in applique. | 13 |
|  | Tucks, darts, pleats. <br> Use of textures fabrics, possibly in sections, to produce a varied textured surface. <br> Decorate/embellish a fabric by hand and then add this to a background fabric. <br> Decorate a fabric by machine (e.g. free machining, automatic patterns) then use it to <br> apply to another fabric. <br> Add padding to the fabric to produce a quilted effect, e.g. trapunto quilting or shadow <br> quilting; chemical lace; Devoré; shibori <br> Folding the fabric: pleating, e.g. even knife pleats or even tucks, which will produce a <br> thicker layered surface. <br> Removing threads from sections of the fabric to produce a distressed effect. <br> Removing areas of fabrics to produce holes and adding other fabrics to fill the holes. <br> Weaving effects (must be relevant). <br> Any other relevant examples. <br> 1 mark for a brief point. <br> 2 marks for a well-discussed point. <br> Total for question 3: 25 marks |  |


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| 4(a) | Compare the performance characteristics of staple fibre yarns with filament <br> yarns. <br> Answer could include: <br> Staple fibre yarns: produced from shorter fibres, e.g. wool, cotton, flax, manufactured <br> fibres (viscose, nylon, polyester, acrylic) which have been broken/cut into shorter <br> lengths; absorbency, e.g. staple fibres absorb better than filament fibres. | 12 |
|  | Ply yarns: more than one strand of yarn are twisted together; ply yarns tend to be <br> stronger than single yarns. <br> Filament yarns: produced by wet spinning; dry spinning; could be bi-component, e.g. <br> silk, nylon, polyester. | Filament yarns can be mono-filament or multi filament, flat filament or textured <br> filament. <br> Usually strong, although this will depend on the fibres used to produce the yarns <br> Performance characteristics include: <br> Strength of the yarn. |
| The aesthetic effect of the yarn, e.g. whether it is shiny (more common with filament <br> yarns) or a matt finish (staple yarns). <br> Special effect of the yarn, e.g. whether the yarn is bouclé (bobbly) or has flecks of <br> colour added (slub). <br> Durability - whether the yarn wears into holes easily: this may depend on how <br> loosely or tightly the yarn has been twisted: whether S or Z twist; whether the yarn is <br> a ply or not. <br> Elasticity of the yarn, e.g. wool has natural elasticity whereas manufactured fibres <br> can have texture added, which can include a crimp, to make the yarns more elastic. <br> Feel/handle of the yarn, e.g. whether there is a soft feel (e.g. loose twist with a soft <br> fibre used such as lambswool or silk noil) or rough feel (e.g. coarser wool staple <br> fibres, loosely twisted as used in a tweed type fabric) or rougher/more hard surface, <br> as produced by a polyester fibre mixed with a metallic thread. <br> Feel/handle will also change according to how much twist has been used to produce <br> the yarn. <br> Any other appropriate point. <br> Up to 8 marks for knowledge and 4 marks for understanding and comparison. |  |  |


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| 4(b) | Discuss how a manufacturer would choose and estimate the quantities of all <br> materials and components needed for the design task of a jacket. <br> Answer could include: <br> Manufacturer would need to look in detail at the specification of the task to analyse <br> all the material needed. <br> Components needed, e.g. thread, fastenings ( zip, buttons, hooks and eyes, press <br> studs). <br> Materials needed, e.g. fabric, lining. <br> Whether the fabric is standard and readily available, or if it is a special fabric which <br> has to be specially printed - this will affect the cost of the final item and also the time <br> needed to plan and make the item; width of fabric; type of fabric. <br> Amount of materials/components needed for each individual item. <br> Colour matching - making sure the colours of the components correspond/match <br> with the fabrics to be used. <br> Manufacturer would be given a specific cost of the item and would have to keep <br> closely to that cost so that they can still make a profit after all costs had been <br> deducted, e.g. machine rather than hand embroidery; time taken to make item. <br> Manufacturer would make up one item to work out the exact materials needed and <br> afterwards the final cost. <br> A lay plan could be worked out to see how the waste fabric can be reduced, as this <br> would affect the final cost of the item. <br> Any other appropriate point. <br> 1 mark for identification. <br> 1 mark for expansion of this point. <br> Total for question 4: 25 marks |  |


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| $5(a)$ | Explain how a designer would decide on initial ideas for designs of textile <br> items to be used as home accessories. <br> Answer could include: <br> Research theme - whether a new topic/theme is to be chosen or an established <br> theme developed. <br> Where the home accessories are to be used. <br> Trends <br> Safety (e.g. child's room). <br> What sort of home accessories are to be designed. <br> Are the home accessories part of a range/collection. <br> What the colour schemes/trends are for the season being designed for. <br> Whether there are fabric trends for a particular fashion season. <br> What sort of fabrics to use. <br> The fabric finishes needed on the home accessories. <br> The costs of the final items. <br> Any other appropriate point. <br> 1 mark for a brief point. <br> 2 marks for a well-discussed point. |  |


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| $5(b)$ | Discuss what would influence a designer when choosing fabrics for cushions. <br> Answer could include: <br> Fabric specification should include: <br> Fitness for purpose. <br> Fibres used, e.g. natural or manufactured/synthetics. <br> Fibre properties, e.g. strength, washability, durability, comfort.. <br> Where the cushions are to be used, e.g. decorative cushions with colour or heavier <br> use such as one for regular use as in a child's room. <br> Safety points, e.g. flammability of the fabric and whether special finishes are needed. <br> What sort of aesthetic qualities are needed, e.g. shiny fabric (such as cotton chintz). <br> Dyeing/printing qualities on the fabrics chosen for use. <br> How easy the fabrics are to work with, e.g. can zip be inserted; piping; is it suitable <br> for buttonholes or any other design feature <br> Environmental points, e.g. are the fabrics from a sustainable source, Fair Trade <br> origin. <br> Which fabric finishes should be included and whether the fabrics chosen are suitable <br> for these finishes. <br> The cost of the fabrics. <br> Aftercare properties, e.g. shrinkage, stain resistance.. <br> Care labelling. <br> Any other appropriate point. <br> 1 mark for a brief point. <br> 2 marks for a well-discussed point. |  |


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| 5(c) | Compare how decorated cushions would be made using two different manufacturing methods. <br> Answer could include: <br> One-off production: possible for a small maker/business when the decorated cushions are made to order. <br> Individual cushions designed to order for specific customers. <br> Fabric/other materials ordered. <br> Individual cushions are cut out by hand (shears/scissors). <br> Cushions are decorated (using chosen method) by skilled worker. <br> Cushion assembled: fastenings/seams/quality control/finishing/pressing/packaging. one worker likely to make up the whole decorated cushion <br> More time may be taken for all stages. <br> Batch production: likely to be as small business which makes up specific numbers of decorated cushions, e.g. fifty to several hundred. <br> Cushions are designed: sub assembly, e.g. decorative panel. <br> Planning of materials/components/work areas/staffing/machines. <br> Materials/components are ordered. <br> Cushions are cut out in multiples. <br> Decorative sections produced first. <br> Cushions assembled: fastenings/seams/quality control/finishing/pressing/packaging. <br> Workers would be allocated a specific task on the cushions, e.g. stitching seams. <br> Specific time would be allocated to individual processes. <br> If only information is given for one type of production method, up to max of 4 marks. <br> If 2 types of production method given, up to 8 marks. <br> Comparison points between both methods, up to max of 4 marks. <br> Any other relevant points. <br> 1 mark for a brief point. <br> 2 marks for well compared point. Total for question 5: 25 marks | 12 |

