# 2023 Fashion and Textile Technology 

## Higher

## Finalised Marking Instructions

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## General marking principles for Higher Fashion and Textile Technology

Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the specific marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.
(a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
(b) If a candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or specific marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
(c) Award marks only where points relate to the question asked. Where candidates give points of knowledge without specifying the context, award marks unless it is clear that they do not relate to the context of the question.
(d) The following command words are used in the question paper:

A Identify
B Select
C Describe
D Explain
E Discuss
F Evaluate
G Analyse.
For each command used, the following provides an example of applying the marking principles. For identify questions, candidates must list a number of relevant items or facts. These must relate to the context of the question and do not need to be in any particular order.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question:

- award 1 mark for each accurate relevant point of knowledge linked to the context of the question.
Example question: Identify two features of smart fabrics that would be desirable in textiles to be used for a hillwalking jacket.
Example answer: Breathability.
( 1 mark for correct identification of a feature of a performance fabric to be used for a hillwalking jacket.)
For select questions, candidates must identify a number of relevant items or facts from a given source. These must relate to the context of the question and do not need to be in any particular order.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question:

- award 1 mark for each accurate item or fact identified from the given source(s), linked to the context of the question.

Example question: Select three key features from the images shown.


Example answer: Key feature: Triangle shapes, from the roof of the bandstand, the roof of the birdcage and on the parasols - triangle shapes could be used to form the sections of a panelled skirt to mimic/represent the shape of the roof for the spring fashion collection.
( 1 mark for accurate relevant point showing the impact on fashion design)
For describe questions, candidates must define or give an account of points which must relate to the question. They do not need to be in any particular order. Candidates may provide a number of straightforward points or a smaller number of developed points, or a combination of these.

Up to the total mark allocation for this question:

- award 1 mark for each accurate relevant point of knowledge linked to the context of the question.

Example question: Describe two benefits to consumers of including fabric content information on the fashion/textile item label.

Example answer: Details of the fibre content might give an indication of how hardwearing the fabric is likely to be. ( 1 mark for correct description of one use of fabric content information.)
For explain questions, candidates must make the relationship between points clear, for example by giving accurate relevant points, showing connections between these and the context of the question. Candidates may provide a number of straightforward explanations or a smaller number of developed explanations, or a combination of these.
Up to the total mark allocation for this question:

- award 1 mark for each accurate relevant point.

Example question: Explain the importance of each of the symbols on the pattern piece shown. Example answer: Place on the straight grain symbol -the arrow should be placed parallel to the selvedge, so this will ensure that the item hangs correctly. (1 mark for accurate relevant point linked to the symbols on the pattern piece.)

For discuss questions, candidates must make the relationship between things clear, for example by giving accurate relevant comments showing connections between these and the subsequent potential impact related to the context of the question.

- award 1 mark for each accurate relevant point linked to the context of the question.

Example question: Discuss the ways these images can influence a spring fashion collection.
Example answer: Key feature: Triangle shapes, from the roof of the bandstand, the roof of the birdcage and on the parasols - triangle shapes used to form the sections of a panelled skirt which will create a structured appearance adding interest to the overall design of the skirt. ( 1 mark for accurate relevant point showing the impact on fashion design.)
For evaluate questions, candidates must make a number of evaluative comments which make a judgement based on the information provided, related to the context of the question.
Up to the mark allocation for this question:

- award 1 mark for each relevant evaluative comment linked to the context of the question.

Example question: Evaluate the suitability of using a knitted fabric for a school sweatshirt.
Example answer: Knitted fabrics have stretch this would be good as the sweatshirt will not restrict movement so will be comfortable to wear for a whole school day. (1 mark for evaluative comment linked to the requirements for a school sweatshirt.)
For analyse questions, candidates must make a number of comments related to the context of the question. Candidates should identify appropriate pieces of information, the relationship between the identified information and their significance when taken together.

Up to the mark allocation for this question:

- award 1 mark for each relevant point of analysis linked to the context of the question.

Example question: Analyse the impact of the properties and characteristics of the textiles and the construction techniques used in the design of this hillwalking jacket.
Example answer for construction technique: taped seams.
Example impact on the item: this is a suitable seam finish as it will prevent water passing through to the inside of the jacket, so keeping the wearer dry. ( 1 mark for an appropriate explanation of a correctly identified construction technique, linked to the requirements for a hillwalking jacket.)

## Section 1

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|  | Shapes/patterns: <br> - curve <br> - tops and dresses with loose curved lines that flow and are loose fitting <br> - scalloped neckline/hem on tops/skirts/dresses <br> - use of bell sleeves, balloon skirt/dresses <br> - puff sleeves showing volume. <br> - circles <br> - polka dots <br> - motifs <br> - circle shaped skirt, cape, sleeve <br> - use of circle shape for base of a bag <br> - use of sequins/pearls on an item as an embellishment. <br> - lines <br> - trim/braid/piping/binding <br> - striped print on fabric/fringing <br> - parallel rows of topstitching/embroidery/pintucks <br> - fringing on top/skirt hem/yoke of jacket. <br> - triangle <br> - use of handkerchief points at hem of skirt/top/sleeve/collar <br> - panelled skirt (godets) <br> - triangle shaped flap fastening on bag <br> - patch pocket with triangle shaped edge/flap. |  | SHAPES/PATTERN: <br> The curve from the hills could inspire the designer to make a t-shirt with exaggerated puff sleeves made in an organza fabric for the spring collection. The puffs sleeves will create volume in the top and have a similar shape of the hills which will provide an eyecatching feature. |


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|  | - grass <br> - use of green fabrics <br> - use of trims, for example, frayed edges, fringing and tassels <br> - use of pile/brushed fabrics/fringing to look like the texture of grass <br> - use of faux fur trims/pompoms on garments. <br> - trees <br> - appliqued/embroidered shapes of trees on an item <br> - use of tree printed fabrics for a garment <br> - use of long styles to represent the height of the trees, for example long maxi dresses and skirts <br> - feathers on an item to represent the bushiness of the tree branches. <br> - water <br> - use of colours to represent the tones of the water <br> - use of transparent fabrics to mimic the water <br> - use of silky fabrics to represent the calm water <br> - use of ruffles to mimic the water ripples, for example on skirts, dresses and tops. <br> - sky <br> - use of bright blue fabrics <br> - use of smooth fabrics to represent the sky <br> - use of ombre dyed fabrics to take inspiration from the sunset. |  |  |


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|  | - rocks <br> - use of grey fabrics or grey accents with green <br> - use of French knots or other similar embroidery stitches in motifs <br> - use of rock shapes/embossed buttons on an item. <br> - birds <br> - use of faux fur fabrics used as trims on an item <br> - image of the chick printed on the fabric. <br> Or any other valid response. <br> The above points demonstrate how the design features could be applied to a textile item however the expansion of the impact is not stated in these responses as they will be subjective to the candidate's own interpretation. <br> Answers should be discussed to fully link back to the images and be expanded to demonstrate the impact on the item/design feature identified. |  |  |


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| (b) | Possible responses could include: <br> Stable/rigid <br> - suitable as the fabric will keep its shape, so making sure the garments/items from the collection are smart <br> - suitable as will not stretch, so ensuring a good fit for the wearer/has good shape retention so more aesthetically pleasing <br> - suitable as the fabric will withstand wear and tear/be strong/durable so helping ensure the garments/items from the collection will not need replaced often so saving money <br> - suitable as the fabric will not distort, so the garments/items from the collection will withstand agitation in frequent laundering <br> - suitable as woven fabrics may include organic cotton, silk and lyocell which will all give a smart appearance for the collection <br> - less suitable as fabric will not stretch/flex/restrict movement so may be less comfortable to wear <br> - less suitable as fabric may fray easily, so any tears/holes may enlarge quickly which would spoil the appearance/not be value for money. <br> Smooth <br> - suitable as most woven fabrics are smooth feeling which will make the garments/items from the collection comfortable to wear <br> - suitable as most woven fabrics are smooth which will allow the fabric to be printed on and the logo/pattern will stand out/be eye catching <br> - suitable as threads are less likely to get pulled/caught, so keeps the garments/items from the collection looking smart/value for money/do not need replaced often. <br> Cut on the bias <br> - Suitable as when woven fabrics are cut on the bias they provide more stretch/movement to the wearer therefore more comfortable/does not restrict mobility. | 3 | Candidates may provide a number of straightforward evaluations or a smaller number of developed evaluations, or a combination of these. <br> Candidates must make evaluative comments on the suitability of the use of woven fabric for a Spring collection. <br> - award 1 mark for each relevant evaluative comment linked to the context of the question. <br> - award a further mark for any evaluation that is developed. <br> Up to the mark allocation for this question: <br> - award a maximum of 3 marks for valid evaluative comments relating to the identified aspects of woven fabric to be used for making a Spring collection <br> - award a maximum of 2 mark for developed evaluations relating to the same identified aspect of woven fabric to be used for making a Spring collection. <br> Award marks for each response that: <br> - identifies a relevant property or characteristic of woven fabric <br> - includes an appropriate judgement about the identified property or characteristic <br> - is specifically linked and provides an impact to the requirement of the items for the Spring collection. <br> Do not award marks for general comments about properties/characteristics of woven fabric. <br> The Spring Collection must be referenced in the answer. |


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| (c) | Possible responses could include: <br> - lyocell will absorb any perspiration away from the wearers body in the warmer Spring days meaning the wearer is more comfortable <br> - lyocell is very breathable so will keep the wearer feeling comfortable/cool <br> - lyocell is very strong so will not rip or tear easily when worn <br> - it is an eco-friendly fabric, which is better for the environment/sustainability <br> - lyocell can blend well with other fabrics, for example cotton and polyester to enhance its properties/more suitable for the wearer/item <br> - lyocell does not have high elasticity which may make the items uncomfortable to wear/move around in <br> - lyocell can be more expensive which would increase the cost of the items in the collection <br> - blending lyocell with other fabrics may prevent it from being biodegradable/less eco-friendly <br> - lyocell may shrink when exposed to high temperatures eg when washing or tumble drying so will not keep a good appearance/ value for money <br> - lyocell has poor/bad warmth therefore the wearer will not be comfortable in cooler temperatures <br> - lyocell is durable so will withstand wear and tear therefore will last longer/keep a good appearance/value for money. <br> Or any other valid response. | 2 | Candidates may provide a number of straightforward points or a smaller number of developed points, or a combination of these. <br> Candidates must describe two features of the suitability of using lyocell for the Spring collection. <br> Award 1 mark for each accurate described feature of lyocell relevant to the requirements of the collection. <br> Award marks to responses that refer to properties/characteristics specific to lyocell. <br> Do not award marks for general comments on properties/characteristics that would be found in other fabrics. <br> Lyocell must be referenced in the answer. |







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|  | Construction technique Impact <br> • shaped patch pocket $\bullet$ <br>  <br>  <br> suitable as pocket is functional <br> on the pj's to store any items in <br> before bed <br> suitable as provides a design <br> feature so makes the pj’s more <br> aesthetically pleasing <br>  -suitable as pocket is functional <br> but not too large so does not <br> spoil the smartness of the <br> pyjamas.Construction technique Impact <br> $\bullet$ buttons/buttonholes -suitable as will keep the wearer <br> warm at night by keeping the <br> shirt of the pj's closed <br>  <br>  <br> -suitable as will allow the wearer <br> top put on/remove the PJ top <br> easily <br> suitable as the PJ's will be more <br> comfortable for the wearer <br> when sleeping <br> less suitable as buttons may be <br> lost, so spoil the appearance of <br> the pyjamas.Construction technique Impact <br> $\bullet$ machined hem  <br> (sleeves, top, pocket <br> and shorts) • gives a non-bulky, professional <br> finish so the pyjamas look good <br> value for money. |  |  |


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|  | Construction technique Impact <br> elasticated <br> waistband/casing suitable as this will ensure the <br> shorts fit snugly, keeping the <br> wearer warm/comfortable <br> - drawstring cord throughout the night <br> the cord can be adjusted on the <br> Pj shorts to suit the wearers size <br> so they will be comfortable/will <br> fit securely.Construction technique Impact <br> $\bullet$topstitching (pocket, <br> collar, button stand) suitable as the topstitching will <br> create an additional design <br> feature/higher quality finish <br> making the pj's more <br> aesthetically pleasing.Construction technique Impact <br> $\bullet$ eyelets $\bullet$suitable as they strengthen the <br> raw fabric edges/reinforce the <br> fastening holes, so the <br> drawstring is functional and <br> durable on the pj's for use at <br> night.Construction technique Impact <br> $\bullet$ piped seam $\bullet$suitable as this finishes the raw <br> fabric edges/adds an intricate <br> design, so the pyjamas look <br> smarter/have eye catching <br> feature/look more expensive. |  |  |




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|  | Principle | Explanation |  |  |
|  | - aesthetic | - the fabric should be smooth/comfortable for the elderly person to wear so that they are happy to wear it and feel comfortable in the clothing <br> - consideration of the final design/appearance of the elderly persons clothing so the design appeals to consumers and they feel confident wearing it <br> - consider the elderly persons clothing linked to colours/shape/texture/line and proportion so the design appeals to them. |  |  |
|  | - safety | - components of the clothing should not be sharp so that the elderly person does not injure themselves when wearing the clothing/dressing themselves <br> - ensure trimming/fastenings are securely attached to ensure that the elderly person is not at risk of harm from the clothing. |  |  |
|  | - hygiene | - consider how the clothing is to be washed/cared for so the items are easy to keep clean/not time consuming for the elderly person <br> - all fabrics/components should be machine washable it is likely to get dirty due to spills, so will need washed frequently/to maintains their appearance/to avoid the additional cost of dry cleaning/keep hygienic <br> - consider the requirement to wash the elderly peoples clothing at a high temperature to ensure all bacteria are destroyed. |  |  |


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| (b) | Suitable: <br> - suitable as volumes can be made quickly therefore the clothing costs may be reduced for elderly people/have limited income <br> - suitable as large volumes can be made quickly therefore the clothing can be provided very quickly to the elderly person to buy <br> - suitable as multiple sizes can be made therefore providing clothing for a wide range of elderly people of different sizes /more choice <br> - suitable as automated cutting layouts can minimise waste when cutting out the clothing therefore keeping costs down for the clothing for the elderly person <br> - suitable as unskilled labour may be used to carry out some clothing operations so staffing costs are lower which will keep costs of the clothing lower for the elderly person. <br> Less suitable: <br> - unsuitable as breakdown of automated systems may cause long delays in production so reducing sales for the brand and increasing clothing costs/availability of items for the elderly person <br> - unsuitable as automated systems require a large initial investment so may not be cost effective in producing the range which increase clothing costs for the elderly person <br> - unsuitable as mistakes may be repeated on multiple clothing items therefore may be wasteful or lead to lost profits which increase clothing costs for the elderly person <br> - unsuitable as set numbers of each size of clothing item may be produced therefore there may not be enough of a particular size and too many of others to suit all elderly people. <br> - unsuitable as the items cannot be adjusted to meet the elderly persons specific requirements therefore will not meet their needs. <br> Or any other valid response. | 3 | Candidates should make a number of evaluative comments that make a judgement based on the information provided, related to the context of the question. <br> Candidates may provide a number of straightforward evaluations, or a smaller number of developed evaluations, or a combination of these. <br> Candidates must make evaluative comments on the suitability of mass production for an elderly clothing range. <br> - award 1 mark for each relevant evaluative comment linked to the context of the question <br> - award a further mark for an evaluation that is developed. <br> Up to the mark allocation for this question. <br> - award a maximum of 3 marks for valid evaluative comments relating to the identified aspects of mass production to be used for making the range <br> - award a maximum of 2 marks for developed evaluations relating to the same identified aspect of mass production to be used for making the range. <br> Award marks for each response that: <br> - identifies a relevant aspect of mass production <br> - includes an appropriate judgement about the identified aspect <br> - is specifically linked and provides and impact to the requirements for the clothing range for elderly people. <br> Marks should not be awarded for general comments about mass production. <br> The elderly person must be referenced in the answer. |


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|  | Shrink resistant <br> - chemicals are applied to the clothing fabric so that it maintains its size once it has been laundered. <br> This will make sure: <br> - that the clothing item still fits the elderly person after it has been washed ensuring it is good value for money <br> - that the carer or elderly person can buy the correct size with confidence so they feel comfortable wearing the item/garment. <br> Crease resistant <br> - chemicals are applied to the clothing fabric so that the fabric will not crease easily during wear and after laundering. <br> This will make sure that: <br> - the clothing sheds creases so the clothing range for the elderly person will look smarter when worn <br> - ironing time is reduced therefore saving time/energy which is more convenient for the elderly person or their carer. <br> Or any other valid response. |  |  |


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| 4. | (a) | Possible responses could include: <br> - market research is carried out to check what theatre performers likes/dislike/specifications are in terms of costumes <br> - market research will allow the costume designer to look at trends and competitors and take this knowledge forward to generate appropriate ideas for the costumes <br> - market research will allow the costume designer to produce mood boards to focus on the design brief and generate costume ideas <br> - market research will help the costume designer to learn about the specifications of theatre costumes, potentially preventing costly errors later on in production. <br> Or any other valid response. | 2 | Candidates may provide a number of straightforward points or a smaller number of developed points, or a combination of these. <br> Candidates must describe the benefits of a designer carrying out market research during the development process. <br> Award 1 mark for each accurate described feature of market research relevant to the requirements of the costumes. <br> Award marks to responses that refer to points specific to market research. <br> Do not award marks for general comments on product development that would be take place during other stages. <br> The response should make reference to the costumes. |




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|  | Identification | Explanation |  |  |
|  | - celebrity icons, for example Elvis Presley, David Bowie, Mick Jagger, Farrah Fawcett, Cher, Elton John | - the jumpsuit style shown in this image has taken inspiration from musical artists of the past performing on stage, in jumpsuit outfits. |  |  |
|  | - 1990's fashion <br> - scooped necklines <br> - sleeveless styles. | - the scooped neckline is influenced by styles of the nineties where sleeveless, round neck tank tops were worn. |  |  |
|  | - fashion designers, including, Elsa Schiaparelli, Pauline Trigère, Halston, Oscar de la Renta and Yves Saint Laurent | - famous designers popularised the jumpsuit style after transforming it from workwear, eg the 'boiler suit', in to a key fashion pieces for evening wear. |  |  |
|  | - films, for example Tom Cruise in Top Gun and Charlie's Angels. | - films, such as Tom Cruise wearing a boiler suit in Top Gun and sequinned jumpsuits featured in Charlie's Angels, popularised this style. |  |  |
|  | Or any other valid response. |  |  |  |


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| (c) | Possible responses could include: $\qquad$ <br> - lengthen/shorten lines can be adjusted to allow the performer to lengthen or shorten the rise of the trousers <br> - so that they fit the theatre performer well <br> - so that they are comfortable for the theatre performer to wear throughout the production. <br> - arrow should be placed on the straight grain of the fabric/parallel to the selvedge to ensure that: <br> - the costume hangs correctly and looks aesthetically pleasing <br> - the fabric does not twist when the costume is stitched together <br> - any stretch required in the fabric of the costume is in the correct direction <br> - fabric can be stretched/eased at a seam so the costume will be more comfortable. <br> - notches/balance marks should be cut outwards from the edge of the pattern piece and matched with another similar notch/balance mark on an adjoining pattern piece. These should be placed together to ensure that: <br> - the correct pieces of the costume are put together <br> - the leg pieces of the costume are matched correctly. | 4 | Candidates must explain the importance of each of the symbols on the pattern piece. <br> Award 1 mark for each explanation that: <br> - is relevant to the pattern symbol <br> - includes an appropriate link to making a costume. <br> Explanations should be relevant for the pattern symbol and to the use of the pattern to make a costume. <br> Do not award marks for responses that are simply descriptions of the pattern symbols. <br> The response should make reference to the costumes/performer/theatre production. |


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|  |  | Expected response <br> indicates the position of a dart. Markings should be transferred <br> on to the fabric to ensure the dart is: <br> $-\quad$ in the correct position on the costume <br> $-\quad$ is the correct length and shape so the costume is the <br> correct fit/shape for the performer <br> $-\quad$ is symmetrical so that the costume hangs correctly. <br> Or any other valid response. |  |  |

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]

