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General marking principles for National 5 Fashion and Textile Technology

Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed 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 detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (c) Marks for each candidate response must always be assigned in line with these general marking principles and the specific marking instructions for the relevant question.
- (d) For marks to be awarded, responses must relate to the question asked. Where candidates give points of knowledge without specifying the context these should be awarded marks unless it is clear that they do not relate to the context of the question.
- (e) There are four types of question used in this question paper. Each assesses a particular skill, namely:
 - A State/give/name/identify
 - B Describe
 - C Explain
 - D Evaluate.

For each question type, the following generic marking instructions provide an overview of the marking principles and an example of their application for each type.

A **Questions that ask candidates to state/give/name/identify**

Candidates should 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.

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.

For example

Question – Name two fabrics that would be suitable for a winter coat.

Answer – Wool. (1 mark for correct identification of a fabric suitable for a winter coat.)

B Questions that ask candidates to describe

Candidates should 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.

For example

Question – Describe two ways of embellishing a top to be worn for sport.

Answer – Piping in a fabric that is a contrasting colour to the top could be added to the seams. (1 mark for correct description of way of embellishing a sports top.)

C Questions that ask candidates to explain

Candidates should 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.

For example

Question – Explain two benefits of using a multi-sized paper pattern.

Answer – Can ensure a good fit/fewer pattern adaptations will be required/can use a combination of different sized pattern pieces, so useful for people who are not a standard size. (1 mark for accurate relevant point linked to the use of a multi-sized paper pattern.)

D Questions that ask candidates to evaluate

Candidates should make a number of evaluative comments which make a judgement based on the information provided, related to the context of the question. Candidates may provide a number of straightforward observations or a smaller number of developed observations, or a combination of these.

Up to the mark allocation for this question:

- award **1 mark** for each relevant evaluative comment linked to the context of the question
- award a **second mark** for any evaluative comment that is developed.

For example

Question – Evaluate the suitability of 95% cotton/5% elastane fabric for a sports top.

Answer – Cotton is very absorbent, and this fabric will soak up sweat which may occur during exercise. (1 mark for comment) This will keep the sportsperson more comfortable. (a further mark for the development of the comment.)

Marking instructions for each question

Question		Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
1.	(a)	<p>A pregnant woman is going to buy the following trousers.</p> <p>Possible candidate responses could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cotton • linen • bamboo. 	4	<p>Candidates should list a number of relevant facts and provide further justification related to the facts listed.</p> <p>Candidates must identify a Plant based natural fibre that is suitable for the trousers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for each accurate relevant point of knowledge. <p>Candidates should make a number of points that make the issue plain or clear, for example by showing connections between the reason and the context of the question.</p> <p>Candidates must explain and give three reasons for the suitability of the Plant based natural fibre for the trousers.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for each accurate reason, up to a maximum of 3 marks that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is relevant to the Plant based natural fibre • includes a reason appropriate to the trousers. <p>Do not award marks for general comments about the characteristics of the Plant based natural fibre.</p>

Question	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
	<p>Characteristics of cotton excellent – absorbency, breathability, strength good – ease of care, durability fair – warmth poor – crease resistance, elasticity, resistance to mildew, flame resistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will absorb sweat easily, good as pregnant women can get too hot • excellent breathability will make them comfortable to wear if woman gets too hot • excellent strength means can be worn frequently without ripping or can be worn more frequently without damage • good ease of care – don't require much effort which would be good if pregnant woman is tired • good durability – might not buy many pairs so will be worn a lot • fair warmth means the trousers won't be too hot to wear. 		

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	<p>Characteristics of Linen Fibres Excellent-absorbency, breathability, durability, strength Fair – ease of care Poor – warmth, crease resistance, elasticity, resistance to mildew, flame resistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will absorb sweat easily, good as pregnant women can get too hot • excellent breathability will make them comfortable to wear if woman gets too hot, or if pregnant during the summer • excellent durability so could be used for more than one pregnancy • excellent durability – might not need to buy many pairs as able to be worn a lot • poor warmth means the trousers won't be too hot to wear. • fair ease of care – will require ironing which would be bad if pregnant woman is tired/doesn't want to stand for long. 		
	<p>Characteristics of bamboo Fibres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • highly absorbent • ease care • smooth • comfortable to wear • have good drape • lightweight • lustre • dyes well 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fibres are fully recyclable and biodegradable • a wide range of colours available for the trousers so the wearer will be able to select from various colours • lustres so the trousers can be worn on a special occasion/will look aesthetically pleasing • excellent drape so trousers will always look nice on the wearer • soft, so trousers will be comfortable to wear • the resistance of the fibre to pilling is excellent so trousers will look smart • fibres are recyclable and biodegradable, so trousers are better for environment • absorbent, will absorb moisture so trousers will be comfortable • washable, so the trousers will maintain a smart appearance • resists mildew, so trousers will not be damaged if it gets put in a bag/put away whilst damp • sheds creases easily so the trousers will look smarter • sheds creases easily so the trousers will require minimal ironing <p>Or any other relevant characteristics.</p>		

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	(b)	<p>Evaluate the suitability of three key properties of knitted fabrics for maternity wear. Evaluative comments must include reference to the trousers.</p> <p>Flexible fabric:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable as the flexibility/'give' of knitted fabric will allow the trousers will move well with the wearer/be comfortable to wear • less suitable for the trousers as it could be bulky, so may be uncomfortable to wear all day. <p>Warmth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable for the trousers as the construction of the fabric will trap air, keeping the wearer warm in cold weather • less suitable for the trousers as knitted fabric may not keep the wind out, so may be less warm to wear leaving the wearer uncomfortable • less suitable for the trousers' as knitted fabric is less likely to be waterproof, so may not be suitable for all weathers, leaving the wearer uncomfortable. 	3	<p>Candidates should make a number of evaluative comments related to the context of the question.</p> <p>Candidates must make evaluative comments on the suitability of knitted fabric for the trousers in the case study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for each relevant evaluative comment linked to the context of the question. <p>Award marks for each response that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifies a relevant property of the fabric • includes an appropriate judgement about the identified fabric property • is specifically linked to the requirements of the trousers. <p>Do not award marks for general comments about properties/characteristics of the fabric.</p>

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	<p>Durable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable for the trousers as it will withstand the wear and tear, necessary as the trousers may be worn frequently • suitable as the trousers will be long lasting, so will not need replaced often/may be more cost effective • less suitable for the trousers as the fabric, may snag and/or ladder so will not maintain its appearance. <p>Crease resistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable for the trousers as sheds creases easily, so trousers will maintain a smart appearance for the wearer to look aesthetically pleasing • suitable for the trousers as sheds creases easily, so trousers will require little/or no ironing, and save the wearer time. 		

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	(c)	<p>Explain two advantages and one disadvantage of buying the trousers online.</p> <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • buying the trousers online, the buyer could end up buying trousers at a price that are less than at retail as seller doesn't have to pay for a shop • buying the trousers online, the buyer may save monies on shipping fees if the seller offers free shipping • buying the trousers online might mean there is more stock and a wider variety of sizes available, meaning you are more likely to get your size than in store • buying the trousers online might mean there is more variety of style available than in stores meaning you can get a style which suit you • buying the trousers online, the buyer can collect locally saving monies on fuel/saving carbon emissions/protecting the environment/reusing/recycling clothing. 	3	<p>Candidates should make three points that make the issue plain or clear by showing connections between their reasoning and the context of the question.</p> <p>Candidates must describe two relevant advantages and one disadvantage of buying the trousers online.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for each accurate relevant description of two advantages and one disadvantage of buying the trousers, up to a maximum of 3 marks.

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	<p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • buying the trousers online, time may be wasted waiting on delivery of the trousers • buying the trousers online may have expensive postage costs • buying the trousers online means you can't feel the fabric/quality of fabric so might not like and have to spend money returning them • buying the trousers on online, trousers may not fit/b unsuitable/be damaged when delivered, so need to be returned • buying the trousers online may result in fraud/identity theft. 		

Question		Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
2.	(a)	<p>A fashion designer is creating a range of outfits for teenaged party wear. One of the designs in the range is for a skort. Consider the following three aspects of design for a skort.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • style • fabric to be used • embellishment. <p>For each aspect of the skort, describe one feature that would be important in the design of the skort.</p> <p>Explain why each feature you have described is suitable for a skort.</p> <p>Description Possible candidates' responses could include:</p> <p>Style:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • style features representative of a skort, eg style of waistband, facing, wrap, under-wrap • tight fitted, flared, hemline, fastenings, high waisted, low waisted, length of skort. <p>Fabric to be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fabric appropriate for a skort, eg colour/design, fabric composition • type of fabric, texture. <p>Embellishment to be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • embellishments appropriate to be used for a skort, eg: beading sequins/diamanté/appliqué/embroidery/hotfix crystals/tassels <p>Or any other valid response.</p>	6	<p>Candidates should 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.</p> <p>Candidates must describe one design feature relevant to each aspect of a skort suitable for party wear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for an accurate description of a relevant identified design feature for each aspect of a skort suitable for party wear, up to a maximum of 3 marks. <p>Candidates should make the relationship between points clear, for example by giving accurate relevant points, showing connections between these and the context of the question.</p> <p>Candidates must explain the suitability of each design feature described.</p>

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	<p>Explanation Possible candidates' responses could include:</p> <p>Style:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eg the skort will be tight fitted with a fitted under-wrap. the top-wrap will have a gathered frill round the edge of the wrap to create a party wear effect suitable for the range • eg the skort will be high waist with a shaped waistband facing with an invisible zip and hook and eye to fasten at back seam to prevent bulk when worn for party wear • eg the skort will be low waisted, have a 3-piece waistband, gathered frill round the edge of the hem and side seam pockets to allow small items to be secure when worn for party wear. <p>Fabric to be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eg 100% polyester hot pink satin fabric will be used to make the skort. this fabric will make the skort stand out and be suitable for the party wear. satin fabric will help the skort drape well on body • the frill wrap is made from polyester glitter hot pink and silver fabric to add sparkles to the skort. This fabric is soft and will be comfortable to wear/fabric will catch the light and be suitable for the party wear. 		<p>Award 1 mark for an accurate explanation that shows a link between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a relevant design feature described and • the requirements for a skort suitable for party wear, up to a maximum of 3 marks. <p>Award marks for explanations relevant to the suitability of the design feature identified for the skort suitable for party wear.</p> <p>Do not award marks for explanations that simply link to a description of a skort.</p>

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	<p>Embellishment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eg embroidery/applique flowers could be added to the front wrap to add detail to make it look appealing/eye catching for the party wear • eg beadwork/sequins/rhinestones could be added to the skirt at the shaped waistband facing to add extra detail/catch the light when worn which will be suitable to be included in the party wear. <p>Or any other valid response.</p>		

Question	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
(b)	<p>Explain how each of the following influences consumers choice of party clothing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geographical location • environmental issues. <p>Consumer choice of textiles could be influenced by the geographical location as families living in rural/remote areas may have limited access to a variety of shops/choice.</p> <p>Consumer choice of textiles may be influenced by the geographical location as goods can be bought online but may incur an expensive postage cost.</p> <p>Consumer choice of textiles may be influenced by the geographical location as consumers living in the towns/cities will have a wider selection of shops/styles to choose from.</p> <p>Consumer choice of textiles may be influenced by the geographical location as the consumer may not have access to the internet (within their specific location) so this will limit their choice.</p> <p>Consumer choice of textiles may be influenced by their specific location as consumers living on a (farm)/rural area would need different clothes to someone working in the city.</p>	4	<p>Candidates should give a number of accurate relevant points, showing connections between these and the context of the question.</p> <p>Candidates must explain relevant factors that would need to be considered and how geographical location and environmental issues may influence consumers choice of party clothing.</p> <p>Candidates must give two explanations for geographical location and two explanations for environmental issues.</p> <p>Award 1 mark for an accurate explanation that shows a link between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical location and • Environmental issues, up to a maximum of 4 marks.

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	<p>Consumers choice of textiles could be influenced by how the textiles are laundered/consumers may choose to buy clothes that can be washed at low temperatures therefore help to save energy/be more environmentally friendly.</p> <p>Consumers choice of textiles may be influenced by how the textiles are ironed/choose to buy textiles that require no ironing, this will save energy/be more environmentally friendly.</p> <p>Consumers choice of textiles may be influenced by the type of fabrics the textile is made from/choose not to buy textiles made from synthetic fibres as these are less environmentally friendly.</p> <p>Consumers choice of textiles may be influenced by the type of dyes used on fabrics/choose to buy textiles only made with natural dyes as these are more environmentally friendly.</p> <p>Consumers may choose to buy textiles from second hand shops; this is more environmentally friendly as the textiles are reused/takes a sustainable approach.</p> <p>Consumers may choose to buy organic/fair trade/recycled textiles as this is seen to be more ethical/better for the environment.</p>		

Question		Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
3.	(a)	<p>A Fashion and Textile pupil is using a commercial paper pattern to make a Prom dress.</p> <p>Identify each of the following pattern markings that would be found on the paper pattern for the Prom dress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • button and buttonhole • lengthen or shorten • notches • multi-size cutting line. 	4	<p>Up to the total mark allocation for this question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for each accurate relevant point of knowledge <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • question: Identify each of the following pattern markings that would be found on the paper pattern for the Prom dress • answer: Button and buttonhole. (1 mark for correct identification of a pattern marking)
	(b)	<p>The pupil is using 100% viscose fabric to make the prom dress. Evaluate the suitability of three properties of this fabric. Evaluative comments must include reference to the Prom dress.</p> <p>Durable – fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable as the prom dress will withstand • wear and tear when dancing • durability is only fair but prom dress won't be worn frequently • less suitable as only washable with care. <p>Resistant to mildew – fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable as will withstand being stored for long periods of time so prom dress will remain smart. 	3	<p>Candidates should make a number of evaluative comments related to the context of the question.</p> <p>Candidates must make evaluative comments on the suitability of the given fabric for the item in the case study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for each relevant evaluative comment linked to the context of the question. <p>Award marks for each response that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifies a relevant property of 100% viscose • includes an appropriate judgement about the identified fabric property • is specifically linked to the requirements of the prom dress. <p>Do not award marks for general comments about properties/characteristics of 100% polyester.</p>

Question	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
	<p>Crease resistant – fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable as sheds creases, so prom dress will look smart • suitable as sheds creases, so prom dress will require little ironing. <p>Elasticity – poor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not stretch, suitable as prom dress will retain its shape well • less suitable as there will be no movement in the fabric, so prom dress may be less comfortable to wear <p>Absorbency – excellent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • less suitable as prom dress will soak up any spillage and stain easily • suitable as will absorb perspiration, so will be comfortable to wear in a hot room <p>Breathability – excellent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will make dress comfortable to wear as perspiration is wicked/drawn away from skin. <p>Warmth – fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • means prom dress won't be too hot and wearer will be comfortable. 		

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	(c)	(i) Name a type of seam that encloses the raw edges to prevent fraying. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overlapped/cover stitched seam • lapped seam • welt seam • French seam • flat felled seam • Hong Kong seam • bound seam. 	1	Candidates must name a type of seam that encloses the raw edges to prevent fraying that would be used to make a Prom dress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for an accurate relevant point of knowledge.
		(ii) Describe why each of the following would be used in the construction of a Prom dress. <p>Lining</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lining keeps prom dress in shape • lining in the prom dress prevent seating/bagging • lining in the prom dress gives support/strength/body to fabric • lining adds warmth to prom dress • lining in the prom dress adds design/background colour if used with transparent fabric • lining improves drape of prom dress • lining improves comfort in wear of prom dress • lining neatens/finishes inside of prom dress • lining in the prom dress acts as a barrier/protects wearer from irritating fabric 	2	Candidates should make a number of points that make the issue plain or clear, for example by showing connections between the reason and the context of the question. <p>Candidates must describe why each of the following would be used in the construction of a Prom dress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lining • interfacing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • award 1 mark for each accurate explanation, up to a maximum of 2 marks that: <p>Is relevant to the lining and interfacing.</p> <p>Includes an explanation appropriate to the prom dress.</p> <p>Do not award marks for general comments about the lining/interfacing.</p>

Question			Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
			<p>Interfacing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interfacing stiffens parts of prom dress • interfacing gives shape to prom dress • interfacing makes parts of the prom dress more hardwearing • interfacing prevents parts of prom dress stretching/sagging • interfacing gives body to parts of prom dress. 		

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