



**GCSE**

## **Design and Technology: Textiles Technology**

Unit **A575**: Sustainability and technical aspects of designing and making  
General Certificate of Secondary Education

**Mark Scheme for June 2015**

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| Annotation  | Meaning  |
|---|--|
| <b>BP</b>   | <b>Blank Page</b> – this annotation must be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response. |
| <b>L1</b>   | Level 1  |
| <b>L2</b>   | Level 2  |
| <b>L3</b>   | Level 3  |
| <b>SEEN</b>   | Noted but no credit given  |
|  | Tick   |

| Question |  | Answer/Indicative content                    | Mark | Guidance |
|----------|--|--|------|----------|
| 1        |  | C: Factory poor working conditions           | 1    |          |
| 2        |  | C: Natural                                   | 1    |          |
| 3        |  | A: Worldwide                                 | 1    |          |
| 4        |  | B: People & their measurements               | 1    |          |
| 5        |  | D: Making a different product                | 1    |          |
| 6        |  | Corrosive                                    | 1    |          |
| 7        |  | Refuse                                       | 1    |          |
| 8        |  | Product disassembly/ disassembly             | 1    |          |
| 9        |  | Planned obsolescence/ built in /obsolescence | 1    |          |
| 10       |  | Coal/ oil /gas/fossil fuels                  | 1    |          |
| 11       |  | False  | 1    |          |
| 12       |  | True   | 1    |          |
| 13       |  | True   | 1    |          |
| 14       |  | True   | 1    |          |
| 15       |  | False  | 1    |          |

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| 16       | a | i  | <p>Name <b>three</b> natural fibres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wool/ mohair/ cashmere/ angora</li> <li>• Silk</li> <li>• Cotton</li> <li>• Bamboo</li> <li>• Hemp</li> <li>• Linen/ Flax /Jute</li> <li>• Ramie</li> <li>• Sisal</li> <li>• Coir</li> </ul>   | 3    | 3x1   |
| 16       | a | ii | <p><b>Three</b> advantages to environment of natural fibres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable / no fossil fuels used</li> <li>• Can be regrown / renewable / will not run out</li> <li>• Can be produced 100% organically</li> <li>• No need to use chemicals / pesticides / less toxic</li> <li>• Comes from natural sources animals or plants</li> <li>• Biodegradable / rots down</li> <li>• Less carbon emissions / CO<sub>2</sub> into atmosphere / pollution / greenhouse gases / global warming</li> <li>• CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed by plants / O<sub>2</sub> released</li> </ul> | 3    | 3x1<br>Accept one word answers<br>No repeats  |
| 16       | b |    | <p>Points to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lined / fabric inside / lining</li> <li>• Hood</li> <li>• Pockets</li> <li>• Sleeves / cuffs</li> <li>• Made longer</li> <li>• Attachment for gloves / gloves</li> <li>• Adjustable collar / drawstring / scarf / modified neckline</li> <li>• Safety / visibility / reflective / Use of smart materials</li> <li>• Waterproof / wind proof</li> <li>• Named fastenings all the way down the front eg. Zip, buttons</li> </ul>  | 4    | <p>Maximum FOUR marks.<br/>4x1</p> <p><b>Do credit sketches if no notes.</b></p> <p><b>Do not credit reference to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• colour / decoration</li> <li>• techniques</li> <li>• named materials</li> </ul> |

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| 16       | c* | <p><b>Points to consider:</b><br/><b>Moral &amp; cultural</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attitudes to fashion / eco-friendly / fast fashion trends</li> <li>• Size- negative attitudes to the larger figure</li> <li>• Use of vintage / recycled clothing / minimising waste</li> <li>• Need for a product / lifestyle choice</li> <li>• Political attitudes influenced by moral ideas</li> <li>• Animal welfare issues: use of leather, fur</li> <li>• Changes in trends- music/fashion/culture</li> <li>• Attitudes to health / fitness/ disability /age</li> <li>• Leisure time pursuits</li> <li>• Economic - climate / costs / availability of resources/ credit crunch/ lifestyle changes</li> <li>• Fair-trade issues: working conditions, pay education community, fair price goods</li> <li>• Religion: symbolism of colour, inappropriate slogans, revealing clothing</li> </ul> | 6    | <p><b>Full marks may be awarded for giving full details of moral or cultural or a mixture of both.</b></p> <p><b>Level 3 (5-6 marks)</b><br/>Thorough explanation, showing some understanding of the way and moral and cultural issues affect the design of fashion products. There will be three or more clearly identified and explained points. Specialist terms will be used appropriately and correctly. The information will be presented in a structured format. The candidate will demonstrate the accurate use of spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p> <p><b>Level 2 (3-4 marks)</b><br/>Adequate explanation, showing some understanding of the way moral and cultural issues affect the design of fashion products. There will be some use of specialist terms, although these may not always be used appropriately. The information will be presented for the most part in a structured format. There may be occasional errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation</p> <p><b>Level 1 (1-2 marks)</b><br/>Basic explanation, showing some understanding of the way moral and cultural issues affect the design of fashion products. Can provide a description of some of the areas of possible influence. There will be little or no use of specialist terms.<br/>Answers may be ambiguous or disorganised or 'list like'. Errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling may be intrusive.</p> <p><b>0= no response worthy of credit.</b></p> |

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| 16       | d | i  | <p>Identify <b>two</b> reasons for packaging textile products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protection / not damaged or broken / safety</li> <li>• Keep clean / cleanliness / keep shape</li> <li>• Identification – security / tagging / stock control / bar code</li> <li>• Product information / labelling</li> <li>• Ease of transportation / storage / space /folded</li> <li>• Marketing policy / branding</li> <li>• Advertising / display / aesthetics</li> </ul> | 2    | <p>2x1<br/><b>Do not credit repeats</b></p>   |
| 16       | d | ii | <p>Give <b>two</b> examples of packaging materials that are harmful to the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coated paper</li> <li>• Inks / toxic paints</li> <li>• Plastic: bag / covering / label / tape / coat hangers</li> <li>• Bubble wrap / cellophane / polythene</li> <li>• Polystyrene / Styrofoam</li> </ul>  | 2    | 2x1   |
| 17       | a |    | <p><b>Any correct four:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lightweight</li> <li>• Stain proof / moth resistant / mildew resistant</li> <li>• Easy to care for / machine washable / dries quickly</li> <li>• Crease resistant</li> <li>• Pill resistant / strong / durable / hardwearing</li> <li>• Soft / comfortable / non irritant</li> <li>• Good colour retention / dyes well</li> <li>• Warm / insulating</li> <li>• Stretchy / flexible</li> </ul>                    | 4    | <p>4x1<br/>Marks must relate to performance characteristics not manufacturing or appearance.</p> <p><b>Do not accept breathable, light, fire resistant, non-flammable or absorbent.</b></p> |

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| 17       | b |    | <p><b>Product Research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying market / consumers / need</li> <li>Investigating existing products</li> <li>Inspiration / mood board / trends</li> <li>Prices / materials available</li> <li>Opportunities for sales / gap in the market</li> </ul> <p><b>Product planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial ideas / designs / what it would look like</li> <li>Fibres / materials to be used</li> <li>Components to be used</li> <li>Time planning / order of manufacture</li> <li>Manufacturing details / Planning for manufacture</li> <li>Costing</li> <li>Prototype details / making / processes / sizes</li> </ul> <p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <p><b>Evaluate:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product against specification / plan / design</li> <li>Product tests</li> <li>Identify improvements/ modifications</li> <li>Processes used</li> <li>Testing / trialling</li> <li>Product questionnaire</li> <li>Materials &amp; components used</li> <li>Against the needs of the user</li> <li>Personal opinion of product</li> </ul> | 6    | <p>3x 2</p> <p><b>One</b> point well explained or <b>Two</b> separate points in each section of the <b>three</b> stages.</p> <p><b>Do not credit repeats.</b></p> |
| 17       | c | i  | <b>Pattern grading</b>   | 1    |   |
| 17       | c | ii | <b>Pattern Lay</b>   | 1    |   |

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|          |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrangement of pieces onto fabric</li> <li>Least / economical waste</li> <li>Match checks / stripes / patterns</li> <li>Follow specific symbols</li> </ul>  |      |   |
| 17       | d | <b>Three</b> pieces of equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tracing wheel</li> <li>Iron</li> <li>Over locker</li> </ul>   | 3    | 3x1<br>Only acceptable answers.   |
| 18       | a | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appealing to boys &amp; girls –named / shown suitable colour</li> <li>Decorative design – pattern, motif, logo</li> <li>Easy to carry – handle / loop / attaches into another bag / clips onto a belt / long neck cord.</li> <li>Measurements / dimensions of case / cover</li> <li>Fabric or fibre named – eg denim, PVC, fleece, neoprene, linen, polycotton</li> <li>Details of construction methods / fastenings.- eg seams, hems, finishing methods, Velcro, magnetic clip, press studs</li> <li>Decorative techniques –</li> <li>e.g. printing, appliqué, patchwork, embroidery, tie dye, batik, quilting,</li> </ul> | 6    | <b>One</b> mark from each up to a maximum of six marks<br>6x1<br><br><b>Do credit sketches if no notes.</b><br><br>Do not accept leather, plastic or rubber.  |
| 18       | b | <b>Nanotechnology:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very fine fibres / tiny fibres / small fibres</li> <li>Fibres finer than a strand of human hair</li> <li>Molecular / atomic technology / particles</li> <li>Engineered by man</li> <li>V. lightweight, smooth &amp; fine</li> <li>Strong / breathable / waterproof fibres</li> <li>Spun &amp; collected in non-woven felt like sheets</li> <li>Added as a base to other fibres/ thread</li> <li>Self-cleaning fabrics</li> </ul>   | 3    | Marks to be awarded for correct identification / explanation of what Nanotechnology is.<br><br><b>Examples of uses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Military applications- lightweight / bullet proof</li> <li>Hospital uses- spray onto body, seamless skin covering</li> </ul> |

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|          |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silver technology</li> </ul>  |      |  |
| 18       | c* | <p>Points relating to benefits of manufacturing in quantity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulk buying materials</li> <li>• Bought in components</li> <li>• Skill of staff- workers can specialise but can find job repetitive and boring</li> <li>• Quality control</li> <li>• Lower costs- production can be relatively inexpensive</li> <li>• Produces cheap products</li> <li>• Use of automated machinery</li> <li>• CAD/CAM uses</li> <li>• Reference to mass JIT and continuous production.</li> </ul> | 6    | <p><b>6x1</b></p> <p><b>Level 3 (5-6 marks)</b><br/>Thorough discussion, showing clear understanding of the benefits of manufacturing in quantity. There will be three or more clearly identified and explained points. Specialist terms will be used appropriately and correctly. The information will be presented in a structured format. The candidate will demonstrate the accurate use of spelling, punctuation and grammar.</p> <p><b>Level 2 (3-4 marks)</b><br/>Adequate discussion, showing understanding of the benefits of manufacturing in quantity. There will be some use of specialist terms, although these may not always be used appropriately. The information will be presented for the most part in a structured format. There may be occasional errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation</p> <p><b>Level 1 (1-2 marks)</b><br/>Basic discussion, showing some understanding of the benefits of manufacturing in quantity. Can provide a description of some of the areas of possible influence. There will be little or no use of specialist terms.</p> <p>Answers may be ambiguous or disorganised or 'list like'. Errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling may be intrusive.</p> <p><b>0= no response worthy of credit.</b></p> |

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| 19       | a | <p>Any correct <b>two</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darts</li> <li>• Pleats (box, inverted, knife)</li> <li>• Tucks</li> <li>• Elastic</li> <li>• Drawstring</li> <li>• Smocking</li> </ul>  | 2    | <p>2x1</p> <p>If specific pleats named and no alternative answer credit each named pleat.</p>  |
| 19       | b | <p>Gathering fabric:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lengthen stitch</li> <li>• Change machine foot</li> <li>• Loosen top tension</li> <li>• Straight stitch / on right side of fabric</li> <li>• Stitch on seam line, then again inside seam allowance / two rows of stitching</li> <li>• Pull up thread to create gathers</li> <li>• Do not reverse stitch / secure ends / do leave long threads</li> <li>• Secure round a pin / knot</li> <li>• 'Stroke' gathers / even out gathers</li> </ul> | 4    | <p>Any <b>four</b> in a correct working order.<br/>4x1</p> <p><b>Credit diagrams and or notes.</b></p>   |
| 19       | c | <p><b>Three</b> advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warmth</li> <li>• Comfort</li> <li>• Durability / hard wearing / strong</li> <li>• Keeps shape / added shape</li> <li>• Decorative finish / looks good / enhances appearance / aesthetically pleasing / unique</li> </ul>   | 3    | <p>3x1</p> <p><b>Do not accept thicker or more weight.</b></p>   |
| 19       | d | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut fabric to size</li> <li>• Switch on machine / check machine is working / thread machine</li> <li>• Change / remove foot / presser foot / walking foot / quilting foot / attach flat quilting bed to machine /</li> <li>• Check / choose stitch setting / increase stitch length</li> </ul>  | 6    | <p><b>Six</b> marks any correct six:</p> <p>Marks can be awarded for sketches or notes.</p> <p>Marks can be awarded for any correct stages identified.</p> |

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|          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three layers: top fabric / wadding / base fabric</li><li>• Pin / tack layers together</li><li>• Outline the design- tailors chalk / pencil</li><li>• Sew/ stitch together / lower feed teeth for free machine quilting</li><li>• Tie off loose threads / reverse stitch</li><li>• Trim / cut to size /neaten / add binding / overlock edges</li></ul> |      |          |

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