

TEXTILES AND CLOTHING DESIGN

SUBJECT 9193

PAPER 03

General Comments

Most centres presented their work neatly packed and well labelled. There were, however, some centres that packed the Independent Studies together with the Coursework. Please be advised that these two papers are totally different and have different examiners. If packed together, there is a risk of one of the papers getting misrouted, misplaced and eventually lost.

Choice of Topic

A lot of candidates chose appropriate topics but had problems in defining the parameters. They also did not state the reasons for their choices.

Planning

Most candidates stated their aims and objectives clearly but there were some whose objectives were completely not smart. Some candidates had clear lists of activities and there were some who had no plans and failed to state what they wanted to do in the research. It is important that candidates state, in their plan of action, how they would gather information. The plan should be sequential.

Theoretical Research

This is the Literature Review and candidates are expected to have read around their topics. Most candidates acknowledged sources very well. There were, however, some candidates whose work was below standard. They could not summarise texts, did not have subheadings and failed to produce at least two pages of the chapter.

Methodology

A good number of centres approached this section well. They described at least three methods of collecting data very well. Some candidates, unfortunately, failed to state how, where, when and with whom the investigations would be carried out.

Collation of data

Most candidates were able to present their data in a variety of ways. Candidates are expected to present their data in at least three ways. The presented data should have titles, keys, clarity, accuracy, accessibility and relevance. The data presented should be separate from conclusions.

Analysis/Conclusions

Most candidates were challenged by this section. They had problems in presenting an accurate summary and interpretation of evidence based on presented data. Most of their summaries were assumptions. Recommendations were presented but not all of them were viable and meaningful.

Evaluations

Candidates are expected to refer back to aims and objectives to see if they have been fulfilled. Most candidates were challenged by this section. Candidates are also expected to assess the success of methodology used, identifying strengths, weaknesses, with suggestions for improvement and benefits to the researcher for carrying out the work. Most candidates failed to give convincing information in this section.

Presentation

The presentation of all the work was neat, but some candidates forgot to present the Bibliography. Some had no page numbers on the context.