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		Q1	6		
C-1	MQF 1: Identify the competencies required within different sectors of the fashion industry.	1a	2	Award 0.5 mark for each correctly identified competence.	<p>i. Candidates should be able to identify the following TWO competencies in the manufacture sector of the fashion industry: Critical thinking, Communication.</p> <p>ii. Candidates should recognise the following TWO competencies in the retail sector: Business awareness, customer care skills.</p>
	MQF 2: Describe the competencies in a specific sector of the fashion industry.	1b	2	Award 1 mark for each correctly described competence in the design sector.	<p>Candidates should describe TWO competencies in the design sector of the fashion industry from the following:</p> <p>communication, creativity, technological, time management, drawing, visualisation, teamwork, accuracy.</p> <p>An example of a good description Design: The art of creating artwork, beauty, and utility for clothes and their associated items is known as design. You should be creative and imaginative to work as a designer. You must also be skilled at sketching and able to explain your thoughts in drawings.</p> <p>Accept any other valid descriptions.</p>

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	MQF 3: Compare and contrast the different sectors found in the fashion industry.	1c	2	Award 1 mark for correctly comparing one similarity and 1 mark for one rightly contrasted difference between the design and manufacture sectors.	<p>Candidates should compare and contrast ONE similarity and ONE difference between the design and the manufacture sector.</p> <p>Example of a correct answer:</p> <p>Similarities: Both sectors require communication. Communication is important in the design and manufacture sectors. It helps workers to present their ideas and transfer the needed information to their colleagues, avoiding misunderstanding. Communication can involve face-to-face talks, emails, chat messaging, and video calling. Nonverbal communication, such as eye contact, body language, and tone of voice, is equally crucial in the job.</p> <p>Differences: Designers should have drawing and/or creativity skills in creating clothes collections. Somebody who works in manufacture does not need drawing and/or creativity skills.</p> <p>Accept any other valid comparison and contrast between these two industries.</p>

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		Q2	4		
K-4	MQF 1: Label different sewing techniques used in fashion.	2a	1	Award 0.2 marks for each correctly labelled sewing technique.	Candidates are expected to label the following answers: i. Herringbone stitch ii. Snaps iii. French Seam iv. Temporary stitch v. Overlocked
	MQF 2: Classify different sewing techniques used in fashion into different categories.	2b	1	Award 0.2 marks for each correctly ticked category.	Candidates are expected to classify the sewing techniques used in fashion into different categories: i. Hems ii. Fasteners iii. Seams iv. Stitches v. Neatening
	MQF 3: State the use of different sewing techniques used in fashion.	2c	2	Award 0.5 marks for each correct use of the sewing technique.	Candidates should state the use of any FOUR sewing techniques from Question 2a. Example of a correct statement: Snaps are a pair of interlocking discs made of metal or plastic often used to attach garments and for similar reasons in place of traditional buttons. Accept any other valid answers.

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K-5		Q3	4		
	MQF 1: List purposes of textile used in everyday life.	3a	1	Award 0.25 marks for each correctly listed purpose of textile use.	Candidates should list the following FOUR uses of textiles: Leisure activities, interiors, manufacturing, clothing. Accept any other valid answers.
	MQF 2: State the various use of textiles in different living spaces.	3b	1	Award 1 mark for each correctly stated use of textiles.	Candidates are expected to state ONE example of how textiles are used in the following living spaces: Kitchen and dining room – Tablecloth; Bedroom – Bedding; Living room – Pillows; Bathroom – Bath mat; Accept any other valid answers.
	MQF 3: Outline the use of textiles outside the home.	3c	2	Award 0.5 mark for each correct outline of the use of textiles outside the home.	Candidates should outline uses of textiles outside home from the following FOUR . Example of a correct outline: Healthcare: Medical textiles are used for emergency, clinical, surgical, or hygienic purposes in the healthcare sector. Medical materials are the most widely utilised new textile types. Because of their benefits, they have a far larger market share than other medicinal materials. Accept any other valid outlines.

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		Q4	4		
K-6	MQF 1: Classify the different types of fibres into natural and manufactured.	4a	1	Award 0.25 marks for each correctly classified fibre.	Candidates should classify the following fibres according to their category: Natural fibres– Bamboo, Silk. Manufactured fibres – Viscose, Polyester.
	MQF 2: Name the source of different types of natural fibres.	4b	1	Award 0.5 marks for each correctly named source.	Candidates should name the following sources of textiles: Bamboo – Pulp of bamboo grass Silk – Silkworm Accept any other valid answer.
	MQF 3: Describe smart textiles and their benefits.	4c	2	Award 1 mark for a correct description of smart textiles and another 0.5 marks for each benefit described.	Candidates should describe smart textiles and TWO of their benefits. An example of a good description: Smart textiles are textiles that can respond to and adapt to external stimuli. The source of the inspiration and reaction might be electrical, thermal, chemical, or magnetic. Example of a good description of a smart textile benefit: Health monitoring and aided healing: Smart textiles can improve athletes’ performance by collecting data during athletes’ workouts, monitoring their vital signs providing real time data and early detection of health issues. Accept any other valid answer.

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		Q5	6		
C-3	MQF 1: Identify the impact of the fashion industry on the environment.	5a	2	Award 0.5 marks for each correctly identified fashion industry's impact on the environment.	Candidates should identify the FOUR environmental impacts caused by the fashion industry. Unsustainability, carbon footprint, illness, and animal cruelty.
	MQF 2: Describe the impact of the fashion industry on the environment.	5b	2	Award 1 mark for each correctly described fashion industry's impact on the environment.	Candidates should describe ONE of the following impacts of textiles on the environment and transportation. i. Environment: Animal cruelty; unsustainability ii. Transportation: Carbon foot; illness. Example of a correct description: Transportation: The transportation of textiles create the 5 th largest impact on climate change. The use of air, sea and land transportation has a negative impact as textiles are in great demand and many natural resources are used, such as fuel and energy. The pollution that that transportation creates has an impact on the health of the world's population. Accept other valid answers.

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	MQF 3: Explain ways to minimise the negative impact of the fashion industry on the environment.	5c	2	Award 1 mark for each correctly explained way to minimise the fashion industry's negative environmental impact.	Candidates should explain TWO ways to minimise the negative environmental impact of the fashion industry. Example of a correct explanation: Consumers' closets overflow with things they rarely use. A good practice is to start reducing the consumption. In this way, less clothes are bought and money spent on clothes could be spent on other things, such as creating handmade accessories. Accept any other valid comparable answer.
		Q6	4		
K-9	MQF 1: List the basic forms of care for textile items.	6a	1	Award 0.5 marks for each correctly listed basic form of care for textile items.	Candidates should list any TWO of the following basic form of care for textile items: Daily; Seasonal; Occasional maintenance; Storage.
	MQF 2: State the meaning of different care label symbols.	6b	1	Award 0.2 marks for each correct meaning of the care label symbols.	Candidates should state the meaning of the following care label symbols: i. Iron symbol ii. Dry clean symbol iii. Dry symbol iv. Bleach symbol v. Wash symbol Example of a good statement: Wash symbol: Care should be taken to follow the temperature of the water indicated on the care label. Accept other valid answers.

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	MQF 3: Describe the care of textile item in relation to its care label.	6c	2	Award 0.4 marks for a good description of each symbol of the care label of the skirt given.	Candidates should describe how to care for a cotton skirt according to its care label. Example of a good description: The icon which shows a tub of water instructs how to wash a cotton skirt care label recommends to wash in water temperature of 30 C. Accept any other valid descriptions.
		Q7	6		
C-4	MQF 1: Identify the different fabric properties for specific clothing requirements	7a	2	Award 0.5 marks for each correctly identified fabric property for each specific clothing requirement.	Candidates should identify TWO different fabric properties for the given clothing. Sport and Leisure clothing: Any two: Comfort, maintenance, protection. Interiors: Any two: Maintenance, aesthetics, durability.
	MQF 2: Explain particular fabric finishes applied to different fabrics.	7b	2	Award 1 mark for each correctly explained fabric finish applied to different fabrics.	Candidates should explain the fabric finishes given. Example of a good explanation: Brushing finish to cotton. Brushing the surface of cotton fabric creates a warm and soft feeling. It enhances absorbency and makes it suitable for winter clothing. It also gives a pleasant touch or feel to the fabric. Accept any other valid explanation.

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	MQF 3: Justify the different fabric finishes for specific clothing requirements.	7c	2	Award 1 mark for each correct justification of fabric finish to the specific clothing requirement.	<p>Candidates should provide a valid justification for a fabric finish to the given clothing.</p> <p><i>Nurse Uniform (Uniforms)</i> – Crease resistance finish. Nurse uniforms can be made of natural or manufactured fibres. When a crease resistance finish is applied it makes it easy to launder as little or no ironing is required.</p> <p>Accept any other valid answer.</p>
		Q8	4		
K-10	MQF 1: Label various creative textiles techniques.	8a	1	Award 0.25 marks for each correctly labelled creative textile technique.	<p>Candidates should name the following FOUR textile techniques:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Printing ii. Knitting iii. Hand embroidery iv. Batik
	MQF 2: State the materials and tools required for a textile technique.	8b	1	Award 0.25 marks for each correct answer.	<p>Candidates should state any FOUR of the following tie-dye materials and/or tools:</p> <p>Stainless steel bucket/saucepan, hob, kettle, old metal spoon, jug, iron and ironing board, rubber gloves, thongs, stirrer.</p> <p>Accept any other valid answers.</p>

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	MQF 3: Outline the process involved for a given creative textile technique, keeping in mind Health and Safety procedures.	8c	2	Award 2 marks for the correct outline. Marks should only be awarded if the process is correctly outlined and Health and Safety procedures are considered.	<p>Candidates should describe the process involved in hand embroidery while keeping health and safety measures in mind.</p> <p>Hand Embroidery:</p> <p>Follow any Health and Safety procedures when using needles, scissors and iron.</p> <p>Gather all the necessary tools and equipment needed for hand embroidery. Put on the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE's), like apron/lab coat. Hoop the Fabric. Trace your design on the fabric. Begin embroidery. Select the stitches you wish to choose for the different parts of the design. Finish your stitch on the back side of the cloth. When you complete, remove the fabric from the hoop and use it as you like.</p>