

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each stage within the course assignment component.

Candidate 1

The candidate was awarded **41 marks out of a total of 46 marks** available for the assignment.

Stage 1: design and plan

The candidate was awarded **2 out of 2 marks** for this section.

The candidate correctly identified the first key theme (dancer) and provided a correct explanation, therefore 1 mark is awarded. The candidate correctly identified the second key theme (costume for stage show) and provided a correct explanation, therefore 1 mark is awarded.

Investigation 1

The candidate was awarded **6 out of 6 marks** for this investigation.

Research technique – internet search **(1 mark)**

Explanation – clear explanation of the relevance of this investigation was given **(1 mark)**

Main points taken from the research:

Sequins and sparkly threads – this statement shows good progression **(1 mark)**

- ◆ Fabric choice – this statement shows minimal progression (1 mark)
- ◆ Length of skirt – this statement shows an understanding of progression (1 mark)
- ◆ Flow of skirt – 0 marks awarded as this is a statement with no progression.
- ◆ Fringing – this statement shows an understanding of progression (1 mark)
- ◆ Attractiveness – 0 marks for this statement as it was very open and did not develop any features.

Investigation 2

The candidate was awarded **6 out of 6 marks** for this investigation.

Technique – questionnaire **(1 mark)**

Explanation – minimal response **(1 mark)**

Main points taken from the research:

All nine of the main points in investigation 2 could have been awarded a mark as each statement showed excellent progression, however, only a maximum of four marks can be awarded for this section.

Investigation 3

The candidate was awarded **4 out of 6 marks** for this investigation.

Technique – interview, however no source has been identified **(0 mark)**

Explanation – no explanation provided **(0 mark)**

Main points taken from the research

- ♦ Covered buttons – this statement concludes the benefit of the feature for the chosen item. **(1 mark)**
- ♦ Sequins – this statement concludes the use of this feature for the chosen item. **(1 mark)**
- ♦ Shorter dress – this statement does not tell the reader any more than what the interviewee states. **(0 mark)**
- ♦ Piping – although this statement shows progression, it would be considered minimal. **(1 mark)**
- ♦ Cotton - this statement concludes the fabric choice showing clear progression. **(1 mark)**

Four out of the five main points given in investigation 3 have been awarded a mark as each statement showed some progression.

Present an appropriate solution

The candidate was awarded **3 out of 4 marks** for the solution presented.

The candidate identified most of the details however the item title, length, fabric choice and sequin details were missing.

NB: The candidate could have displayed fabric samples/provided detailed sections of the sequin design, which would have made the solution easier to visualise.

Justification of identified features

The candidate was awarded **12 out of 14 marks** for the solution justifications.

Design features

- ◆ Short Length – valid justification with a link to Investigation 1 and 2 **(1 mark)**
- ◆ V Neck – valid justification with a link to Investigations 1, 2 and 3 **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Tight Fit – valid justification with a link to Investigation 2 **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Sleeveless – this statement presents no evidence or justification and is therefore invalid **(0 mark)**
- ◆ Sequins – valid justification with a link to Investigations 1, 2 and 3 **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Colour – valid justification with a link to Investigations 1 and 2 **(1 mark)**

Properties/characteristics

- ◆ Cotton absorbency – valid justification and linked to investigation 3 **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Cotton durability – valid justification and linked to investigation 3 **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Low warmth – valid justification and linked to investigation 3 **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Low elasticity – valid justification and linked to investigation 3 **(1 mark)**

Construction/finishing technique

- ◆ Buttons – valid justification and linked to Investigations 2 and 3 **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Sequin design – this statement shows a clear link to the investigations but is too similar to the statement in the design features section, therefore **no mark** awarded.
- ◆ Piping – valid justification and linked with investigations 2 and 3 **(1 mark)**
- ◆ Hand stitching – a minimal justification with a link to investigations. This is a minimal response **(1 mark)**.

Stage 3: evaluation

The candidate was awarded **3 out of 3 marks** for the testing section.

Technique with source

The candidate provided a valid technique (sensory test) and identified an appropriate source (10 pupils from the dance school) therefore **1 mark** awarded.

The candidate results were presented clearly, a valid number of testers used to conduct the test and a key was displayed **(2 marks)**.

NB: The testers were asked to assess the quality of the item however, this would be invalid unless as the item was not made.

Evaluation of the solution

The candidate was awarded **3 out of 3 marks** for the evaluation.

Evaluation point 1: the evaluative statement showed a clear fact, judgement, and impact **(1 mark)**.

Evaluation point 2: Although an evaluative comment was given, the statement has not been fully evaluated as the impact is missing therefore **no mark** awarded.

Evaluation point 3: the evaluative statement showed a clear fact, judgement, and impact (**1 mark**).

Evaluation point 4: the evaluative statement showed a clear fact, judgement, and impact (**1 mark**).

Amending the solution

The candidate was awarded **2 out of 2 marks** for the solution amendments.

Colour: the adaptation has been suggested and justified from the test evidence.

Fabric: the adaptation has been suggested and justified from the test evidence.

Candidate 2

The candidate was awarded **37 marks out of a total of 46 marks** available for the assignment.

Stage 1: design and plan

The candidate was awarded **2 out of 2 marks** for this section.

The candidate correctly identified the first key theme (embellishment) and provided a correct explanation (**1 mark**). The candidate correctly identified the second key theme (suitable for a pet) and provided a correct explanation (**1 mark**).

Investigation 1

The candidate was awarded **6 out of 6 marks** for this investigation

Technique – internet search presented in the form of a mood board (**1 mark**)

Explanation – a clear explanation of the relevance of this investigation was given (**1 mark**)

Main points taken from the research:

Pyjamas – this statement shows good progression (**1 mark**)

Personalised – this statement shows a minimal amount of progression (**1 mark**)

Pink – this statement shows an understanding of progression (**1 mark**)

Fluffy – this statement shows a good level of progression and forward thinking (**1 mark**)

Investigation 2

The candidate was awarded **6 out of 6 marks** for this investigation.

Technique – questionnaire with dog owners (**1 mark**)

Explanation – a clear explanation of the relevance of this investigation was given (**1 mark**)

Main points taken from the research

- ♦ Onesie – there is a reference to PJs/Onesies in both question 1 and 13 which shows progression (**1 mark**)
- ♦ Polka dot – this statement shows good progression (**1 mark**)
- ♦ Personalised – **no mark** was awarded for this statement as it is a summary and does not indicate how this idea can be developed further
- ♦ Pastel – this statement shows good progression (**1 mark**)
- ♦ Principals of design – **no mark** was awarded for this statement as it is a summary and does not indicate how this factor will be developed
- ♦ Fastenings – this statement shows good progression (**1 mark**)
- ♦ Warm – **no mark** was awarded for this statement as it shows no real progression.

- ♦ Hood – this statement shows good progression into the next investigation **(1 mark)**

NB: The candidate provided five valid statements however, **4 marks** is the maximum number that can be awarded.

Investigation 3

The candidate was awarded **5 out of 6 marks** for this investigation.

Technique – interview with a valid source **(1 mark)**

Explanation – a clear explanation for the investigation was given **(1 mark)**

Main points taken from the research

- ♦ Snap fasteners – this statement concludes the benefit of the feature for the chosen item and verifies its use **(1 mark)**
- ♦ Pom Poms – this statement concludes the use of this feature for the chosen item and supports the development **(1 mark)**
- ♦ Fleece – this statement concludes the use of this feature for the chosen item and supports the development **(1 mark)**
- ♦ Poppers – the statement about poppers is too similar to that of the snap fasteners therefore **0 marks** awarded.

The solution

This solution page is very detailed and allows for the design to be fully visualised **(4 marks)**.

Justification of identified features

Design features

- ♦ Pink Polka Dots – this statement shows a clear link to investigations 1 and 2 developed however, the feature has not been justified so **no mark** was awarded.
- ♦ Pom Pom Toggles – this statement does not show a positive response to the questionnaire or interview as the rating was very low in investigation 2.
- ♦ Personalised Embroidery – valid justification with a link to investigation 2 **(1 mark)**
- ♦ Ears on hood – **no mark** was awarded as this statement is factually incorrect.
- ♦ Diamantes – **no mark** was awarded as this statement is a straight lift from investigation 3 and does not fully justify its use.
- ♦ Heart Sequin Applique – valid justification with a link to investigation 3 **(1 mark)**.

Properties and Characteristics

- ♦ **Polyester Fleece** – valid justification and linked to investigation 2 **(1 mark)**
- ♦ **100% Cotton knit fabric** – this statement shows no reference to any of the investigations **(no mark)**
- ♦ **Ribbed Cuff** – this statement is factually incorrect as it was not stated in the interview **(no mark)**
- ♦ **100% Polyester** – this statement is factually incorrect as it was not stated in the interview **(no mark)**.

Construction / finishing techniques

The candidate was awarded **7 out of 14 for the solution justifications**.

Detachable Hood – valid justification with links to Investigation 2 **(1 mark)**

Overlocker – valid justification with links to Investigation 3 **(1 mark)**

Poppers – valid justification and linked to Investigations 3 **(1 mark)**

Buttonhole - valid justification and linked to Investigation 3 **(1 mark)**

Stage 3: evaluation

The candidate was awarded **3 out of 3 marks** for the testing section.

The candidate provided a valid technique (sensory test) and identified an appropriate source (five dog owners) therefore **1 mark** was awarded. The candidate results were presented clearly, a valid number of testers used to conduct the test and a key was displayed **(2 marks)**.

Evaluation of the solution

The candidate was awarded **3 out of 3 marks** for the evaluation.

Evaluation point 1: An evaluative statement has been given showing a clear fact, judgement, and impact. **(1 mark)**

Evaluation point 2: An evaluative statement has been given showing a clear fact, judgement, and impact. **(1 mark)**

Evaluation point 3: An evaluative statement has been given showing a clear fact, judgement, and impact **(1 mark)**

Evaluation point 4: An evaluative statement has been given showing a clear fact, judgement, and impact **(1 mark)**

Evaluation point 5: An evaluative statement has been given showing a clear fact, judgement, and impact **(1 mark)**

NB: The candidate has given five valid evaluation points however, only **3 marks** are available.

Amending the solution

The candidate was awarded **1 out of 2 marks** for the solution amendments.

Embellishment: the suggested adaption is a repeat of the evaluation point and therefore **no mark** was awarded.

Diamante cuff: the adaptation has been suggested and justified from the test evidence **(1 mark)**