

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for **question 2** of this question paper.

The commentary provided has responses for both elements of the question: properties and characteristics and construction techniques, however focus should be given to the responses linked to the construction techniques section. This is due to a change in the marking instructions for session 2021 onwards, whereby candidates are now not required to provide a *description* of the construction technique. You will find an example of a suitable response within the candidate evidence document.

Candidate 1

The candidate was awarded **3 marks out of the 10 marks** available because:

Properties and characteristics

Bullet point 1

The candidate has correctly explained how the property (crease resistant) will affect the item and has linked this to the requirement of the staff uniform; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 2

The candidate has correctly identified the property (breathable) however, they have not linked this correctly to their examination to the staff uniform; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 3

The characteristic identified (soft handle) by the candidate is not accurate; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 4

The property identified (strength) by the candidate is not accurate; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 5

The property identified (absorbent) by the candidate is not accurate; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Construction techniques

Bullet point 6

The candidate has identified the correct construction technique, set-in sleeves, however the candidate has not fully explained the function of the sleeve and the explanation provided is not valid; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 7

The patch pockets have been correctly identified by the candidate and they have provided an explanation for the suitability to the medical staff; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 8

The candidate has not correctly identified the zip as a semi concealed zip. The explanation of the construction technique impact to the uniform/wearer is correct, however, as the technique was not accurately identified, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 9

The explanation of the construction of the hem offered by the candidate is correct, however the image does not illustrate the inside of the uniform top and the construction technique needs to be visible; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 10

The candidate has correctly identified topstitching as a construction technique and has explained the purpose in relation to the uniform; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.

Candidate 2

The candidate was awarded **2 marks out of the 10 marks** available because:

Properties and characteristics

Bullet point 1

The property (durable) provided by the candidate is correct for polyester however, the explanation is incorrect; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 2

The explanation of the property (warmth) offered by the candidate is incorrect; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 3

The candidate has correctly explained how the property (absorbency) is used in the item and has linked this to the requirements for the staff uniform; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 4

The characteristic identified (drape) by the candidate is not accurate; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 5

The candidate has correctly explained how the property (crease resistant) will affect the item and has linked this to the requirement of the staff uniform; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.

Construction techniques

Bullet point 6

The identification of the construction technique (princess seam) offered by the candidate is accurate, but the suitability and purpose of the technique has not been provided in detail. The information given does not link to the requirements for the staff uniform; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 7

The candidate has not provided the type of sleeve used on the uniform and has not provided a reason for the function of the sleeve; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 8

The candidate has not provided enough detail on the construction of a patch pocket and the function it has to the uniform; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 9

The candidate has not detailed the type of zip used and there is no link to the staff uniform and the function it provides the wearer; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Candidate 3

The candidate was awarded **7 marks out of the 10 marks** available because:

Properties and characteristics

Bullet point 1

The candidate has correctly explained how the property (absorbency) will affect the item and has linked this to the requirement of the staff uniform; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 2

The candidate has correctly identified the property (durability) and explained how the property will affect the item. The candidate has also linked this information to the requirement of the staff uniform; therefore **1 mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 3

The candidate has correctly identified the property (elasticity) and explained how the property will affect the item. The candidate has also linked this information to the requirement of the staff uniform; therefore **1 mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 4

The candidate has correctly identified the property (crease resistance) and the link between mixing the fabrics. They have explained how the property will affect the item and also linked this information to the requirement of the staff uniform; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 5

The correct information and explanation of the property (warmth) offered by the candidate is incorrect; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Construction techniques

Bullet point 6

The identification of the construction technique (princess seam) offered by the candidate is accurate and they have clearly explained its purpose and impact in detail. The information given links to the requirements for the staff uniform; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 7

The candidate has correctly identified the construction technique (patch pockets). They have explained the purpose and the impact to the medical centre staff; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 8

The candidate has correctly identified the construction technique (yoke) however, the response is not accurate; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 9

The candidate has not detailed the type of zip used and there is no link to the staff uniform and the function it provides the wearer; therefore, **no mark** is awarded.

Bullet point 10

The candidate has correctly identified the construction technique (reverse collar) and has also provided a detailed explanation and function of the collar to the staff; therefore, **1 mark** is awarded.