

Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each stage of the assignment.

Candidate 1

Stage 1: design and plan

Themes

The candidate was awarded **2 out of 2 marks** because they identified two key themes of the brief 'Decorative' and 'Met Gala'.

Investigations

The candidate was awarded **9 out of 15 marks**.

Investigation 1

The candidate used a valid research technique 'internet search' (**1 mark**).

Main points taken from the research:

The candidate summarised and listed a number of items they could make, but they did not choose one or give a definite answer therefore, **0 marks** were awarded.

The candidate listed a wide range of colours but did not show a clear choice or direction for which colours would be used in the item therefore, **0 marks** were awarded.

The candidate listed several 'decorative features' but did not indicate which ones would be used or how they would support their final decision therefore, **0 marks** awarded.

The candidate listed fabrics taken from their investigation findings but did not specify which ones would be used (**0 marks**).

The candidate provided a range of patterns that could be used but the choice was too broad to be conclusive (**0 marks**).

Investigation 2

The candidate used a valid research technique, questionnaires and source; 'teenagers who like the Met Gala' (**1 mark**).

Main points taken from the research:

The candidate's statement regarding the theme does not contribute to or support the development of the item (**0 marks**).

The candidate's statement regarding the brand does not clearly support any further item development (**0 marks**).

The candidate's statement regarding celebrities does not clearly support any further item development (**0 marks**).

The candidate's statement regarding style is vague and does not clearly support any further item development (**0 marks**).

The candidate's statement regarding colour (blue) does not clearly support any further item development (**0 marks**).

The candidate's statement regarding accessories was based on accurate facts gathered from the questionnaire; however, nothing was carried forward to support the development of the item. Therefore, **0 marks** were awarded.

However, the statement linked to 'decorative features' and 'fabrics' was awarded **2 marks** because these were factually correct and progressive.

Investigation 3

The candidate used a valid research technique 'interview' and source 'Fashion Textiles teacher' (**1 mark**).

Main points taken from the research:

The following statements were progressive and gained marks as shown below:

- '3D flowers' (**1 mark**)
- 'colour' (**1 mark**)
- 'fur' (**1 mark**)
- 'sequins' (**1 mark**)

Please note: 'Silk satin' would also have been awarded a mark if the maximum number of marks had not already been achieved.

The following statements were not awarded marks for the reasons outlined below:

- 'sewing pattern' – this was only a statement and is not progressive (**0 marks**)
- 'ombre effect' – this is not linked to the investigation (**0 marks**)
- 'concealed zip' – this is a summary point and not factually correct (**0 marks**)

Presentation of an appropriate solution

The candidate was awarded **13 out of 18 marks**.

The solution

The candidate was awarded **3 out of 4 marks** for their solution page because it included most of the necessary details to allow the solution to be clearly visualised. However, the candidate did not provide the sizing for the flowers, the colour of the fur or the colour of the lining therefore no further marks could be awarded.

Design features

The candidate was awarded **10 out of 14 marks**.

- **1 mark** was awarded for '3D flowers'. No further marks were awarded because the justification was not linked to the research.
- **1 mark** was awarded for 'sequins' and **1 mark** for their justification 'most popular design feature' in investigation 2.

Properties and characteristics

- **1 mark** was awarded for 'drapes' and **1 mark** was awarded for their justification which is linked to investigation 3.
- **1 mark** was awarded for 'lustre'. However, there is no evidence within the investigation 3 interview to suggest that the chosen fabric would look expensive therefore, **0 marks** were awarded.

Construction techniques

- **1 mark** was awarded for 'Concealed Zip' with evidence linked to investigation 3.
- **1 mark** was awarded for 'Lining'. The dress looking 'more expensive' and 'the lining will add a nice feature' was not a finding from investigation 3 therefore, no further marks were awarded.
- **0 marks** were awarded for 'Princess Seam' as there is no supporting evidence for this feature in any of the investigations, making the justification invalid.
- **1 mark** was awarded 'Halter neck', however, there is no supporting evidence in any of the investigations to suggest that this would be a good choice therefore, no further marks were awarded.

Stage 2: testing and evaluation

Testing

The candidate was awarded **3 out of 3 marks** because they performed a valid test 'Sensory Test' and 'teenagers' and provided a clear set of results with an accurate key.

Key points

The candidate was awarded **0 marks out of 4 marks** for this section as the statements accompanying each piece of evidence did not reflect the required wording associated with the key scale.

Evaluation

The candidate was awarded **0 out of 3 marks** because each evaluation was based on an opinion rather than a fact therefore, no solid consequence and only one a summary statement was given.