

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Stage 1: design and plan

Themes

The candidate was awarded **2 out of 2 marks** because they identified two themes (upcycled components and music festival).

Please note: at National 5 candidates are not required to provide an explanation for their choice of theme.

Investigations

Investigation 1

The candidate was awarded **3 out of 5 marks** for this investigation.

1 mark was awarded for the research technique (multiple websites) and for clearly linking each photograph to each website.

Points of information

- ◆ The candidate has correctly identified denim as the most common fabric in the pictures and has taken this forward by saying they will make a denim item (**1 mark**).
- ◆ The candidate has correctly identified shorts as the most common item in the pictures and has taken this forward by saying they will make a pair of shorts (**1 mark**).
- ◆ **0 marks** awarded for the list of neckline choices as it is not clear which will be taken forward.
- ◆ **0 marks** awarded as candidate's response is too vague and they have not given any indication as to how it could be taken forward.

Investigation 2

The candidate was awarded **4 out of 5 marks** for this investigation.

1 mark was awarded for the research technique (questionnaire/survey of people who attend music festivals).

Points of information

- ◆ The candidate has correctly identified shorter length as the most popular choice and has taken this forward by saying they will make a short pair of shorts (**1 mark**).

- ◆ The candidate has correctly identified a cropped top as the most popular choice and has taken this forward by saying they will make a cropped top as part of their design **(1 mark)**.
- ◆ The candidate has correctly identified a mid-rise waistline as the most popular choice and has taken this forward by saying they will make a mid-rise waistline on their shorts **(1 mark)**.
- ◆ The candidate incorrectly identified 14 out of 20 (in this question it was 14 out of 22) as the most popular choice therefore 0 marks awarded.

Investigation 3

The candidate was awarded **4 out of 5 marks** for this investigation.

1 mark was awarded for the research technique (interview with relevant expert). Please note candidates are no longer required to name the expert.

Points of information

- ◆ The candidate has already said that the item will be a pair of jeans cut down to shorts and so the item hasn't been moved forward, therefore 0 marks awarded.
- ◆ The candidate has correctly identified using an overlapped seam as the expert's recommendation and has taken this forward by saying they will use an overlapped seam on their top **(1 mark)**.
The candidate has correctly identified using elastane as the expert's recommendation and has taken this forward by saying they will use elastane to create a tight-fitting top **(1 mark)**.
- ◆ The candidate has correctly identified using an embroidery machine as the expert's recommendation and has taken this forward by saying they will use an embroidery machine to create flowers on their shorts **(1 mark)**.

The solution

The candidate was awarded **11 out of 16 marks**.

The solution can clearly be visualised, and all features required to make the item can be identified **(2 marks)**. Although it was noted that the candidate stated mid-rise neckline not waistline, it is clear from the diagram that they meant waistline. There is also no fastening for the halter top, but it was decided that the top could be put on over the head and a fastening might not be needed.

Features justifications

The candidate was awarded **9 marks**.

Design features

- ◆ **1 mark** awarded for feature (embroidered flowers) and for correctly linking this to investigations 1 and 2.

- ◆ **1 mark** awarded for the justification as the candidate has correctly linked this to the festival research in investigation 1 and teenage preference in investigation 2.
- ◆ **1 mark** awarded for feature (white) as this has been correctly linked to investigations 1 and 2.
- ◆ **1 mark** awarded for the justification as this has been correctly linked to investigation 1 (people to wear at festivals). The next part (7/16 in survey) is incorrect – had this been the only justification it would have been awarded 0 marks.
- ◆ 0 marks awarded for feature as the candidate has already been awarded a mark for colour (the same mark cannot be awarded twice in the same section).

Properties and characteristics

- ◆ **1 mark** awarded for (cotton is breathable) as this is linked to investigation 3.
- ◆ **0 marks** awarded for the justification linked to cotton as this information is about keeping the wearer cool and did not come from the expert.
- ◆ **0 marks** awarded for polyester as information is not in any of the investigations.
- ◆ **0 marks** awarded for the justification link to cotton as this information is not in any of the investigations.
- ◆ **0 marks** awarded for elastane as this information is not in any of the investigations.
- ◆ **0 marks** awarded for the justification link to cotton as this information is not in any of the investigations (expert only says tighter fit).

Construction and finishing techniques

- ◆ **1 mark** awarded as zip and button are correctly linked to investigation 1.
- ◆ The justification linked to cotton was awarded **1 mark** as it has been correctly linked to the market research in investigation 1 and the expert opinion in investigation 3.
- ◆ **1 mark** awarded as an overlapped seam is correctly linked to expert recommendations in investigation 3.
- ◆ **1 mark** awarded for the justification as it was linked to the expert opinion in investigation 3.

Stage 2: evaluation

The candidate was awarded **5 out of 7 marks**.

Testing

The candidate was awarded **4 out of 4 marks** because they performed a valid test with a clear scale and questions.

Point of information

- ◆ The candidate has given correct information (10 out of 10) and a comment to base the evaluation on (I have met the target markets preference...) **(1 mark)**.
- ◆ The candidate has given correct information (9 out of 10) and a comment to base the evaluation on (liked the feature of reusing jeans) **(1 mark)**.
- ◆ The candidate has given correct information (6 out of 10 liked it but 4 out of 10 didn't) and a comment to base the evaluation on (I haven't fully appealed to the length of shorts) **(1 mark)**.
- ◆ The candidate has given correct information (9 out of 10) and a comment to base the evaluation on is included (target market is happy with the fit of the top) **(1 mark)**.

Evaluation

The candidate was awarded **1 out of 3 marks**.

- ◆ The brief is not to design an outfit for a festival therefore the candidate has been unsuccessful in meeting the brief. They have provided a fact (7/10) and a judgement (shows I have been successful) but the impact (colour they would wear to a festival) wasn't asked in the testing so the candidate cannot assume that they would wear it, therefore, 0 marks awarded.
- ◆ The candidate has provided a fact (majority) and a judgement (this is a good result) but there is no impact, therefore, 0 marks awarded.
- ◆ The candidate has provided a fact (majority) and a judgement (this is a good result) but there is no impact because they did not ask if the tester would wear it to a festival.
- ◆ The candidate has provided a fact (9/10 liked it), a judgement (I think this shows) and an impact (met the upcycled element of the design brief), therefore, **1 mark** awarded. Please note this would be considered a very minimal response.