

Commentary on candidate evidence

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

Candidate 1

Stage 1: design and plan

Themes

The candidate was awarded **2 marks out of 2 marks** because they identified and fully explained the two key themes of the brief 'Scottish product' and 'Child's textile item'.

Investigations

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

Investigation 1

The candidate used a valid research technique (internet search) and source (three websites) but these were not linked to the pictures therefore **0 marks** were awarded.

Main points taken from the research:

- The candidate identified the correct type of material (tartan) and moved the item forward by stating they will make a tartan item (**1 mark**).
- The candidate incorrectly stated '11 of my images have bright colours' (**0 marks**).
- **1 mark** was awarded for stating 'Tweed is made from wool' and providing evidence of this (picture of the Harris tweed label). The candidate took this forward by asking follow up questions in the interview.
- **1 mark** was awarded for providing four images of tartan kilts.

Investigation 2

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** because they used a valid research technique (questionnaire) and source (20 parents).

Main points taken from the research:

- **1 mark** was awarded for identifying dungarees as the most popular choice among parents and moving this forward by selecting dungarees as the item they want to make.
- **0 marks** were awarded for stating 'use tartan...to appeal to my target market' as this was already established in the investigation.
- **1 mark** was awarded for identifying cotton as the preferred choice of material among parents and moving this forward by stating they intend to use cotton but will check with the expert to ensure it's suitable.
- **1 mark** was awarded for '9 out of 20 parents said they didn't want any embellishments' and deciding to keep the item 'plain'.

Investigation 3

The candidate was awarded **1 mark** because they used a valid research technique (interview) and source (expert).

Main points taken from the research:

- cotton carried forward (**1 mark**).
- considering the use of buttons does not move the item forward, therefore **0 marks** awarded.
- considering the use of a seam does not move the item forward, therefore **0 marks** awarded.
- Item was not moved forward as the candidate only considered using one of the techniques with no indication of which one selected (**0 marks**).

Presentation of an appropriate solution

The candidate was awarded **10 marks out of 16 marks**.

The solution

The candidate was awarded **1 mark out of 2 marks** because the solution provided cannot be clearly visualised. They have not clarified details such as: what colour the buttons on side will be, what colour/pattern will be used on the bias bound hem, placement of the buttonholes, or if the patch pocket is lined.

Design features

- 'Dungarees' is not a design feature (**0 marks**).
- **1 mark** was awarded for 'Tartan' as this is linked to investigations 1 and 2. However, the justification is incorrect because Harris Tweed is not a tartan (**0 marks**).
- **1 mark** was awarded for 'Red' as this is linked to investigations 1 and 2. A further **1 mark** was awarded for the justification 'parents said it was an excellent choice'.

Properties and characteristics

- **1 mark** was awarded for 'cotton breathable' as this is linked (minimally) to investigation 3. **0 marks** were awarded for the justification as this has not been explained in investigation 3.
- **1 mark** was awarded for 'cotton hypoallergenic' as this is linked to investigation 3. **0 marks** were awarded for the justification as this is not linked to the information in investigation 3.

Construction techniques

- **1 mark** was awarded for 'Buttons' because this is linked to investigation 3. **1 mark** was awarded for the justification because the candidate correctly stated the expert 'would recommend using buttons'.
- **1 mark** was awarded for 'fully felled seams' because this is linked to investigation 3.
- **1 mark** was awarded for the justification because the expert did say 'strong and durable'.

Stage 2: evaluation

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

Testing

The candidate was awarded **0 marks out of 4 marks** because although they performed a valid test (sensory test/teenagers) and presented the results clearly, they did not provide points of information, only a statement of results.

Please note: the marking instructions for session 2025-26 have been updated and under the revised criteria, this response would have been awarded 2 marks.

Evaluation

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

- '7/10 people in my test said the fabric choice was excellent' is incorrect because there were only six responses (**0 marks**).
- '6/10 parents said it was an excellent choice' (Fact), 'This is good' (Judgement) and 'it makes dressing they're child easier' (Impact) **1 mark** awarded.
- 'Red was a good colour choice' is incorrect because the dungarees are black (**0 marks**).
- '6/10 parents said it was a good choice' is correct (Fact), 'This is good' (Judgement) however there was insufficient detail relating to the impact therefore **0 marks** awarded.