

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**HOME ECONOMICS** **HEC3/PM**  
**Unit 3 Textiles Product Assessment and Analysis Task**

**Prior Research Information**

Research time: 15 March to 21 May 2007

**Instructions to candidates**

- You may begin your research from 15 March 2007.
- Research **one** topic only.
- You must write your name on all parts of your research.
- You will have **two 3-hour examination sessions** to write your response to a task based on your research.
- Your response, including any relevant research material, should be written in the 12-page answer book provided.
- The examination sessions are timetabled for Tuesday 22 May 2007pm (Session 1) and Wednesday 23 May 2007am (Session 2).
- You may use the research material you have collected.
- You may **not** add to your research material after Session 1 has started.
- You may use all or part of Session 1 to order your research before you begin writing your response to the Task.
- You will not have access to your research material or answer book between Session 1 and Session 2.
- At the end of Session 2 hand in both your answer book and all your research material to the invigilator.

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Research **one** of the following topics.

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### **Topic 1**

Hats are popular fashion accessories but can also be unusual and fun.

Investigate a range of adult and children's hats in current fashion, including the fabrics from which they are made. Include some ideas for your **own** designs for adult and children's unusual and fun hats.

Research components, construction and decorative techniques for a range of exciting and unusual hats you could make.

### **Topic 2**

Many people carry sophisticated and valuable music and communication systems such as MP3 players and mobile phones as everyday items.

Investigate how fashion garments such as gilets and jackets allow for the safe and convenient carrying of these items. Include ideas for your **own** designs which allow for small valuable items to be conveniently carried.

Research fabrics, components and construction techniques for a range of garments you could make.

### **Topic 3**

Products used to celebrate special family occasions are often made from textile materials.

Investigate a range of textile items used as celebration products.

Include some ideas for your **own** designs based on the work of one or more Impressionist artist(s) such as Monet, Cezanne and Renoir.

Research fabrics, components, decorative and construction techniques for a range of celebration products you could make.

### **Topic 4**

Curtains, drapes and fabric lampshades are increasingly used for decorative as well as functional purposes.

Colour and pattern can enable these home accessories to add interest to schemes currently fashionable.

Investigate a range of decorative and functional curtains, drapes and lampshades used in home furnishing schemes, including some ideas for your **own** designs.

Consider the safety aspects associated with these items.