

O Level Fashion and Fabrics (6050)

What is the course book?

No one book is prescribed. There are a number of suggested textbooks, or you could look at the websites below, which give advice and links to related sites:

Giles R. – Needlework – Methuen

Ladbury – Fabrics – Sidgewick and Jackson

Taylor M.A. Technology of Textile properties.

Useful websites:

www.butterick.com

www.fabrics.net

www.mccall.com

www.simplicity.com

I am having problems getting hold of the recommended books. Can you help?

Most of the texts can be obtained over the Internet. The following web sites may be of interest:

- www.amazon.co.uk
- www.heffers.co.uk

What support materials are available?

- Syllabus

All the above are available from CIE Publications and online (<http://www.cie.org.uk>). The aim of the qualification is to provide candidates with the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in both theoretical and practical aspects of Fashion and Fabrics.

How will the students be assessed?

From 2004, this syllabus is available for examination in November only.

There are three parts to the scheme of assessment for Fashion and Fabrics

Paper 1 is a 3-hour written question paper. The date of the examination can be found in the examination timetable. Paper 1 consists of two sections.

Section A is a compulsory multi-part question, which is answered on the examination paper.

Section B has essay type questions. Candidates need to answer three questions.

Paper 2 is a Practical Examination. Candidates will be asked to make a half section of a particular garment. The fabric for this must be supplied locally. The work is sent to CIE for assessment, unless other arrangements have been made with the local Ministry of Education.

Paper 3 is Coursework. The coursework is assessed locally according to the approved mark-scheme. Each candidate should submit two garments, at least one of which fits the candidate. A folder relating to one of the garments must also be submitted with the coursework. Notes for the guidance of examiners can be found in the syllabus booklet.

Who can assess the coursework for Paper 3?

It is expected that the majority of centres will have their coursework assessed by a local examiner who has been approved by CIE and the relevant national Ministry of Education. The examiner will arrange a mutually convenient date for the assessment of the coursework. The Centre would normally be given at least 10 days warning of the visit. These centres should enter their candidates for Coursework Component 03, which is restricted to Ministry customers only

Centres who do not have access to Ministry examiners will need mark their own coursework, following the Assessment Specification Grid in the syllabus. The examiner will need to complete the Summary Coursework Assessment Form, which shows how the marks for the garments and the folio were achieved, and the Coursework Summary Marksheet, which shows the overall marks. The Centre will need to arrange for the coursework, plus marksheets, to be sent to CIE for moderation. Centres will need to enter their candidates for Coursework Component 04, which is restricted to non-Ministry centres.

The assessment tasks and requirements for component 03 and 04 are the same.

When should the students do the Coursework?

The investigation can take place during the normal school day or as homework. The coursework must be completed by 1 November. All coursework, including folders, marksheets and all practical tests including shopping lists, must be sent for marking immediately after the practical examination session. Each candidate will need to complete coursework cover sheets.

Where can I find copies of Coursework Cover Sheets, Practical Planning Sheets and the Practical Examination Summary Sheet?

Copies of these are printed in the syllabus. You can make photocopies of them for use by the Candidates in your Centre.