

2002 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION  
Textiles and Design

Section II

25 marks

Attempt Questions 11–13

Allow about 45 minutes for this section

Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

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Question 11 — Australian Textiles, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries  
(5 marks) Marks

- (a) Explain one way the Australian government has attempted to make the Australian Textiles, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries more competitive internationally. 2

Introducing Tariffs - use of Australian fabrics and leather which are high quality - but cheaper labour overseas reduces costs. Also makes importing or exporting for international companies a lot ~~to~~ more expensive. Therefore international companies don't import or export as much as they want into Australia.

- (b) Discuss why many Australian textiles, clothing and footwear companies have chosen to manufacture their goods overseas. 3

Australian companies have chosen to manufacture their goods overseas because labour in Australia is very expensive, and overseas it is a lot cheaper. The overseas Assembly Provision is cheap labour overseas - And this is what Australian companies do. Quality is still very high as Australia exports their fabrics/leather (high quality) for assembly then can import their goods back using credits they have earned exporting - credit scheme - the more you export the more credits you accumulate.