

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.

Marks

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

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

Tariffs is a tax that the Australian government imposes on imports. This protects the textiles industries in Australia. The ATCFAI has also increased exports in order to develop a stronger international market.

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

Exporting goods to manufacture overseas allows textiles industries to manufacture their products much cheaper, because the labour in many other countries is cheaper than Australia. The standard labour rate in Australia is about \$7 p/hr whilst in countries such as China the rate is about \$0.70 p/hr.