

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.

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

The Australian government has attempted to make the ATCFAI more competitive internationally by the introduction of new government legislations which make it easier for companies to go global. Some advantages include reduced tariffs.

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

Many Australian textiles, clothing and footwear companies have chosen to manufacture their goods overseas because it is too expensive for them to have their goods manufactured here. The costs are mainly labour related, in Australia you would be paying workers around \$7.80 an hour, compared to India where they are paid \$0.78c an hour. It becomes too hard for a company to keep up with competition if they are paying 10 times the amount of other companies.