

## 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)

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

Reduction of tariff duties and Quotas. The Govt. is decreasing tariff duties applied to imported goods which makes them cheaper to import, and the phasing out of quota means no limits will be placed on the amount of goods imported. This <sup>helps</sup> the TCF industries become more competitive.

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

It is cheaper to manufacture goods overseas than on Australian shores. Goods can be manufactured in bulk quantities, with limits starting at approx. 500 units. Australian TCF companies do not have to purchase specialised equipment, as it is located at the overseas manufacturers, and they do not have to worry about costs incurred through staff wages, ~~an~~ employer's benefits such as sick leave, workers compensation etc as this is covered by the overseas manufacturer.