
Question 11 — Australian Textile, Clothing, Footwear and Allied Industries

(5 marks)

- (a) Explain how Australian clothing manufacturers have responded to changing consumer demand for sun protection factor clothing. 2

Due to the high rate of skin cancer in Australia, manufacturers are now producing clothing with a UPV that protects the wearer from the sunlight. Garments are tested and then given a tag if they are sun safe.

- (b) How has Australian government legislation influenced Australian textile industries to select processes and resources that have a reduced impact on the environment? 3

'Design for Environment' is an initiative by the government for manufacturers to change their processes and ~~make~~ ^{and} make them more environmentally friendly. Other legislation has been brought out to make sure manufacturers are being ecologically sustainable. For example the 'Pesticides Act 1999' ensures growers of natural fibres use pesticides that are safe for the environment.