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**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**

PROGRAMME : **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TEXTILE
APPAREL DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT YEAR
II**

COURSE CODE : **TAD205**

TITLE OF PAPER : **TEXTILE SCIENCE**

TIME ALLOWED : **TWO (2) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS : **ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1)
AND ANY OTHER TWO (2) QUESTIONS**

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

- a) Classify natural fibres according to their type giving an example for each class (15 Marks)
- b) With the aid of a diagram describe the cross sectional and longitudinal forms of the following fibres (6 Marks)
- Wool
 - Silk
- c) Describe the behaviour of the following fibres in the given solvents (15 Marks)

Fibre	Sulphuric acid (70%)	Acetone (100%)	Chlorine bleach (5%)	Formic acid (90%)	Hydrochloric acid (20%)
Cotton					
Silk					
Polyester					

- d) Name **four (4)** desirable characteristics in textile fibres (4 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS= 40]

QUESTION 2

- a) Use a diagram to show the structural elements of a woven fabric (6 Marks)
- b) Briefly explain how texturing leads to improved comfort and aesthetics of fabrics and yarns (10 Marks)
- c) Briefly describe any **three (3)** fancy yarns of your choice (9 Marks)
- d) List **five (5)** objectives of plying yarn (5 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

QUESTION 3

- a) Briefly describe the sub microscopic structure of wool fibres (10 Marks)
- b) Explain the effect of moisture on the tenacity of wool fibres (5 Marks)
- c) Suppose you have two cotton yarns, A and B. The count of yarn A is 10 tex, and that of yarn B is 10 Ne. Which yarn is a thicker one? You need to justify your answer via proper count conversions (6 Marks)
- d) Name and describe the **two (2)** types of rib woven fabrics (6 Marks)
- e) Define fancy yarns (3 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS =30]

QUESTION 4

- a) Name and with the aid of a diagram describe a spinning method suitable for the production of nylon fibres (10 Marks)
- b) Name five differences between woven and knitted fabrics (10 Marks)
- c) Discuss open end yarns (10 Marks)

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

- a) Explain the different yarn numbering systems and give an example for each system (8 Marks)
- b) Describe the behaviour of linen and wool during the burning test under the following headings (10 Marks)

Behaviour up- to flame	Behaviour in flame	Behaviour once removed from flame	Odour	Type of residue
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- c) Briefly describe the chemical behaviour of cotton fibres (6 Marks)
- d) Give a detailed description of the production process of viscose rayon (16 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 40]

QUESTION 2

- a) Describe any **three (3)** performance characteristics of knitted fabrics (9 Marks)
- b) Name and briefly describe the **four (4)** basic weft knitted structures (12 Marks)
- c) Briefly describe any **three (3)** non-woven fabrics (9 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

QUESTION 3

- a) With the aid of a diagram describe wet spinning and give two (2) key requirements for the spinning process (10 Marks)
- b) Briefly describe the silk production process (15 Marks)
- c) List any **five (5)** properties of silk fibres (5 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

QUESTION 4

- a) Name and briefly discuss any five properties of cotton (15 Marks)
- b) Give a detailed description of how flax is processed into fibres (15 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]