



**UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**

**PROGRAMME :** **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN TEXTILE  
APPAREL DESIGN and MANAGEMENT YEAR  
IV**

**COURSE CODE :** **TAD403**

**TITLE OF PAPER :** **QUALITY CONTROL AND ASSURANCE IN  
TEXTILES**

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

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

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**QUESTION 1(COMPULSORY)**

- a) Discuss why standards are important for the following entities (12 Marks)
- i) Businesses
  - ii) Global economy
  - iii) Consumers
- b) Define Quality and discuss the importance to a company in understanding that there are different perspectives to quality. (10 Marks)
- c) Briefly describe the following types of specifications giving an example where each specification can be used in relation to textile products (9 Marks)
- i) Functional
  - ii) Materials
  - iii) Process
- d) The strip test is one of the tests that can be done to determine the tensile strength of a fabric. Briefly describe this test. (5 Marks)
- e) Name four (4) factors that can influence a test result. (4 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 40]

**QUESTION 2**

- a) Abrasive wear in textiles is caused by different conditions. With the aid of examples describe four (4) conditions that are usually attributed to abrading textile products. (8 Marks)
- b) Name and describe three (3) sampling plans that a company can use to evaluate the quality of finished products before shipping. (9 Marks)
- c) Briefly explain your understanding of an Operating characteristic curve. (4 Marks)
- d) Define thermo-physiological comfort and give three (3) properties of a material that influence its thermo-physiological comfort. (5 Marks)
- e) Explain how fabric thickness affects product comfort (4 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

**QUESTION 3**

- a) Briefly describe the following types of inspection (10 Marks)
- i) Source
  - ii) Pilot lot
- b) Define the following types of shrinkage (6 Marks)
- i) Relaxation
  - ii) Residual
  - iii) Felting
- c) Briefly describe an inspection loop. (5 Marks)

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- d) Discuss your understanding of comfort stretch. **(5 Marks)**
- e) Explain why assessment of hand is of interest to producers and consumers of textile products. **(4 Marks)**

**[TOTAL MARKS = 30]**

**QUESTION 4**

- a) Define product zoning and using a product of your choice, explain how this is used in the evaluation of apparel products. **(15 Marks)**
- b) Discuss how the quality of a product affects customer satisfaction **(10 Marks)**
- c) Explain in-process inspections in terms of when it occurs and what it entails. **(5 Marks)**

**[TOTAL MARKS = 30]**