

Question 14

State **two** reasons why cotton fabrics are popular for table linen. (2 marks)

Candidates were expected to have familiarized themselves with properties of cotton fabrics before they can apply it to table linen.

Weakness

Although most students seemed to know the properties of cotton, they were not able to link these properties to table linen

Expected Responses

- Strong to withstand frequent washing
- Takes starch easily
- Come in a variety of colours
- Easy to care for.

Advice to Teachers

Teachers should guide students in relating properties of fabrics and their suitability for making various household linens eg. chair backs, table linens and bed linens.

Question 18

Give **two** reasons why press-studs are not suitable for use in children's garments. (2 marks)

Candidates were expected to be familiar with those qualities that make press-studs not suitable for use in children's garment.

Weaknesses

Many candidates tended to believe that press studs are very suitable for making children's garments. They were therefore unable to tackle the unsuitability part of the question.

Expected Responses

- Not easy to fasten
- Open easily with age on slight friction
- Some rust therefore dangerous when sucked by children
- May cause irritation to the child's skin if the metal gets into contact with the skin