





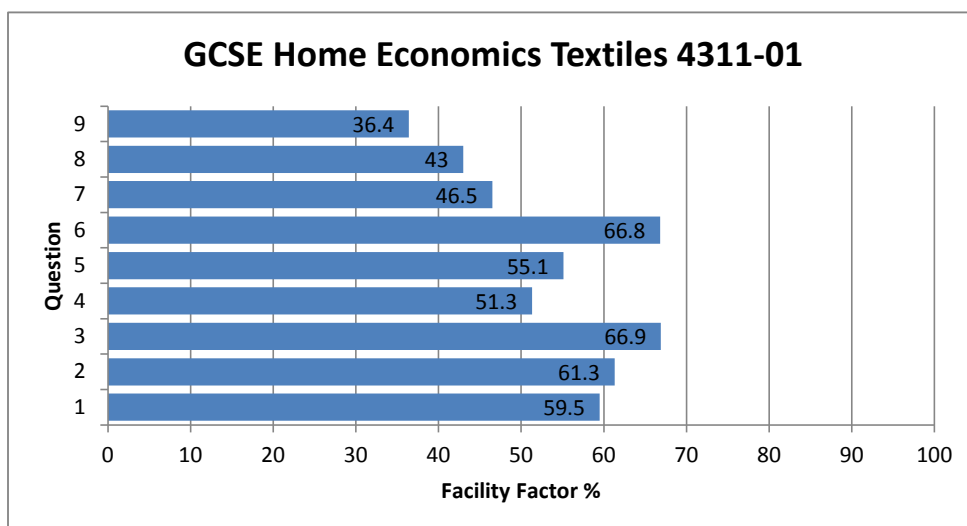


## GCSE Home Economics Textiles 4311-01

All Candidates' performance across questions

 Question Title	 N	 Mean	 S D	 Max Mark	 F F	 Attempt %
1	391	1.8	0.9	3	59.5	100
2	391	1.8	1	3	61.3	100
3	388	4	1.6	6	66.9	99.2
4	377	3.1	1.8	6	51.3	96.4
5	391	6.6	2.4	12	55.1	100
6	390	9.4	2.3	14	66.8	99.7
7	390	6.5	3.3	14	46.5	99.7
8	384	5.2	2.6	12	43	98.2
9	362	3.6	1.9	10	36.4	92.6



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- Sports bags have been an increasing trend therefore are seen used as an everyday fashion accessory.
- Sports bags are popular because of the convenient size of them; they have the right amount of components that you need for everyday use (e.g. front pocket, private pockets in the inside, card holders).
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Sports bags are popular for everyday use because they are functional. They're good for carrying heavy loads such as school books as well as carrying sports kit. They are often very strong and last long as they are made from fibres like polyester.

Sports bags have also become more stylish. Brands like Nike or Adidas have designed colourful and fashionable designs that are endorsed by famous sportstars such as Cristiano Ronaldo and Jessica Ennis.

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Quilted fabrics in fashion have been an on and off trend, mostly used for winter outerwear for the "country side" look. However, for household items it can be seen in mainly every room of the house. In the kitchen, it can be used ~~to~~ ~~cover up~~ as oven mittens as it reduces the amount of heat ~~of~~ onto your hands. It can be used in the ~~living~~ bedroom as a quilt blanket as quilting adds warmth ~~and~~ ~~it~~ into your body. It can also make your room to appear to be more decorative and stylish. Head boards can often be quilted as it gives you comfort and style to your room as sometimes a flat surface can hurt your neck and back. In addition, it can be used in the living room. Sofas can sometimes be quilted to give more warmth and homeliness to the living room. ~~It can~~ You can also get quilted pillows in a variety of styles (heart shape, square etc). It is used to add texture and definition into your home. It is surrounding ~~the~~ us.



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Quilting can be very useful in the home. It is very warm so is popular for cushions, bed covers and blankets.

It is also very soft. This can give a lot of protection to things. Quilting is popular for children's items such as cot covers, soft toys and 'playmats'.

Quilting can also be used as a style feature. Certain outdoor jackets in particular 'Barbour' jackets. It can sometimes be a sign of wealth to some people. These jackets are warm and comfortable making them very functional.

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In the 60s denim's popularity increased further. It was still a sign of rebellion however labels began experimenting with cuts and colours.

In the 70s the flared jean became popular. Now it wasn't just young people but many people were starting to wear denim.

In the 80s the 'double denim' trend began. Denim was stonewashed and acidwashed to create new styles. Studs were added to jackets. Denim was now associated with rock and roll.

In the 90s denim still maintained its popularity. It was still associated with rock and roll however it became more mainstream. Designers like Diesel started to design jeans to make them look distressed.

Today denim is everywhere. Skinny jeans are very popular. Lycra is added to the denim to make it stretchy and more comfortable. It comes in a huge range of



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