



UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

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

COURSE CODE : **TADM 206**

TITLE OF PAPER : **FABRIC CONSTRUCTION**

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

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

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

- a) Give a detailed explanation of Rotor spinning under the following subheadings
(12 Marks)
- Sliver feed
 - Sliver opening
 - Fibre transport
 - Fibre collection
 - Yarn formation
 - Yarn take off and winding
- b) A cotton fabric is woven from 18tex warp and 21tex weft. The fabric has 28 ends/cm and 25 picks/cm, and the warp and weft crimp percentages are 2.5 and 9.0 % respectively. Calculate the areal density (fabric weight g/m^2) (10 Marks)
- c) Using diagrams explain the knitting action of a latch hook needle in weft knitting. (15 Marks)
- d) Name three weft knitting base structures (3 Marks)

[40 MARKS]**QUESTION 2**

- a) With the aid of a properly labelled diagram, explain the cotton carding process in spinning. (20 Marks)
- b) Differentiate between woven and knitted fabrics (5x2=10 Marks)

[30 MARKS]**QUESTION 3**

- a) Give **two (2)** reasons why there has been a need for alternative spinning methods to ring-spinning? (4 Marks)
- b) What are some of the requirements for warping? (5x2= 10 Marks)
- c) Give a detailed explanation of the following
- sectional warping
 - direct warping
- (2x3= 6 Marks)
- d) The length of a fabric is 10 m. The length of a warp yarn, removed from the fabric, in straight condition is 10.8 m. Determine the crimp% in the warp direction. What should be contraction %? (10 Marks)

[30 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

- a) State and explain the primary motions of weaving (10 Marks)
- b) What are the objectives of drawing in spinning? (5 Marks)
- c) Briefly explain the drawing operation in a drawframe machine (5 Marks)
- d) Calculate the production (calculated and actual) per hour of a loom running at a speed of 192 r.p.m. with an efficiency of 75%. The number of picks inserted per inch in the cloth is 80. (6 Marks)
- e) Give **two (2)** reasons why warp knitting may not be suitable for apparel products (4 Marks)

[30 MARKS]