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TOPIC: FACTORS AFFECTINGTHE CHOICE OF FABRICS/GARMENT DESIGNING.

Factors affecting the choice of fabrics:

The garment we wear tells people alot about the type of person you are. It also gives you confidence. It is therefore very important that you wear the right garment and fabric at the right time. Different people have different figure types and figure faults such as short neck, irregular legs etc. Therefore people require different styles, colours and designs of fabrics to give them a good appearance. This is very important as it helps you to hide or conceal your defects (figure faults). It can also be used to enhance the good features.

FACTORS AFFECTING THE CHOICE OF FABRICS.

- 1. Fabric construction.
- 2. Fabric finishes.
- 3. Characteristic of fabrics.
- 4. Durability of fabric .
- 5. Laundering of fabric.
- 6. Appearance : pattern or design on fabric.

FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE GARMENT DESIGNING.

Garment designers attempt to design clothes which are functional and pleasing. They must consider who is likely to wear the garment and in what situations it will be worn. They have a wide range of combinations of materials to work with and a wide range of colours, patterns and styles to choose from. However, some of the factors that affect garment designer skills.

- a. FASHION TREND: Fashion trend can be defined as a clothing behavior that develops among a large population . Garment styles and designs change with time as people tend to choose latest styles in vogue. The garment designer needs to be current, innovative and creative in order to design latest styles.
- b. GARMENT CONSTRUCTION PROCESSES: Designing a garment is a complex process that involves many construction steps. These steps. These steps include taking accurate body measurements, sketching the style, drafting the pattern and adapting it to suit the style, manipulating darts, cutting the fabric and sewing the garment. Each of these steps has its own

detailed processes. When any of these construction processes is not judiciously followed, the garment designed willbe faulty.

- c. Age: clothing styles and designs of individuals differ. An individual's age determines the kind of styles and garments to be worn. In designing garments for customers, the garment designer has to consider the age of the customer in order to create styles that will suit the person's age.
- d. FIGURE TYPES: Figures are the shape of the human body. No two individuals are exactly the same in terms of body measurements. The different figure types are slender, petite, stout, huge, teen/junior. When accurate body measurements are taken, the garment will fit properly on the figure.

ASSIGNMENT:

- 1. Define A pattern in clothing construction.
- 2.List the two types of patterns mentioned above.
- 3. Mention five materials used for pattern drafting.
- 4. State three advantages of using patterns in clothing construction.