Judging Clothing

Perfect Score

Workmanship (from the outside) ............................................................................................................... 50
- clean, well pressed
- garment is cut on grain of fabric
- pattern runs in same direction on each piece
- all patterns are matched
- trims or fasteners are sewn on neatly and securely
- topstitching is straight, even and of correct length
- buttonholes, belts, pockets, collars or cuffs are well made
- zipper lies flat, is covered and is neatly stitched
- gathers, if any, are evenly distributed
- set-in sleeves are smooth, with no puckers
- garment hangs well, with no puckers or pulls
- hem area is smooth with no puckers or stitches showing

Workmanship (from the inside) ............................................................................................................... 30
- interfacing and lining are of suitable type and weight
- lining and interfacing are attached correctly
- stitching is of even length and tension
- seam finish suits fabric and is neat
- dart stitching tapers gradually
- seams are trimmed and graded to reduce bulk
- facings are flat, smooth and do not roll to outside
- curved seams lie flat without puckering
- hem is of even width; secure and well attached

Design, Colour and Materials ................................................................................................................... 20
- choice of design, colour and materials shows creativity and individuality
- up-to-date style, suitable for intended use
- fabric, trims and notions are suited to intended use

Total .......................................................................................................................................................... 100
Advanced Judging Ideas
Senior members could take other factors into consideration, such as:

Cost of Construction:
- cost of fabric, notions
- time involved
- wearability of garment

Washing Instructions/Care:
- easy to care for and easy to wear
- dry cleaning is costly
- hand washing and ironing can be time consuming

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Sewing techniques have continued to improve. This means that clothes can be sewn more quickly, with less work involved on the inside. The emphasis has changed from a beautiful inside to a beautiful outside and a functional inside. This does not mean that the inside should be sloppy or unfinished.

Some points to remember when judging clothing:
- be sure that the pattern suits the fabric and the intended wearer
- decorative trim and notions should also suit the fabric and pattern
- the style should be up to date and relatively easy to care for
- the workmanship should also be of a high standard