



## Suggested Questions for 4-H Clothing Event Judges

The following questions are suggestions for helping to get participants talking about their outfits. You may find that some questions work better for you than others. This is a starting point. Add your own questions as well! Some work better for one program—Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, or The \$15 Challenge, while other questions work for all three programs. Also, questions should be chosen based on the age and experience level of the 4-H'er.

### **QUESTIONS FOR CLOTHING SELECTION, FASHION REVUE, OR THE \$15 CHALLENGE**

#### **Outfit for intended purpose**

- Why did you select this outfit?
- Tell me how you went about selecting this outfit?
- What attracted you to this outfit?
- What considerations did you have when you selected this outfit?
- What do you like best about this outfit on stage?

#### **Versatility**

- How can you use parts of your outfit with other items in your wardrobe?
- What care will all the pieces of this outfit require?

#### **Consumer Decisions★**

- When you went shopping for this, did you have an idea of what you were looking for and a price range? Did you stay within what you were looking for and price considerations or did the outfit “jump off the hanger at you”?
- As you selected the pieces for this outfit, what did you learn about price and quality?
- How does this outfit fit your clothing needs? (Relate to lifestyle i.e. what do you wear to school, church, special events etc.)
- How did this purchase fit into your family budget?
- Did you have a budget?
- What was your budget on this project?
- What were considerations besides budget?
- What information did you get from the hang tag?
- Do you usually check the hang tag and care tag before purchasing an article of clothing? If so, are there certain things that will cause you to not purchase it? (Such as hand wash, dry clean, high percentage of a certain fiber such as wool etc.)
- Explain how to care for this outfit (storage and cleaning).
- What time of year do you think you spend the most on clothes and why?
- How did you calculate the Cost Per Wearing (CPW)?
- Where did you purchase your garment(s)?

**Outfit's Suitability for Individual** (Have handy a copy of 4H 313 "Unraveling the Mystery of Design Elements and Principles in Clothing")

- Why did you select the particular color(s) or fabric(s)?
- Explain one element or principle of design that is evident in this outfit.
- What does this outfit say about your personality?
- What is the first thing an observer would notice on this garment? (Color? Texture? Emphasis? A good place to educate/encourage on "Unraveling the Mystery of Elements and Principles of Design in Clothing", 4H 313)
- Describe what you think makes your outfit unique.
- Explain how and why the style of this outfit is appropriate for your figure.
- How do you feel about the way your outfit fits you? (Did you make any alterations in hem length, sleeve length etc?)
- If you could improve the fit of this outfit in any way, what would you improve?
- Is this outfit comfortable for you to wear?
- Describe any challenges you faced as you selected this outfit/accessories and how you met them.
- Explain what you considered when choosing your accessories.
- Which accessories did you already own and which did you purchase for this outfit?

**SPECIFIC CLOTHING SELECTION QUESTIONS**

- Did you purchase this outfit to wear to a specific event? If so, what was it?
- Who was with you when you bought this outfit? In what ways did this person influence your decision to buy it?
- To what other events will you be able to wear it?
- What do you have in your wardrobe that you will be able to combine it with?
- Did it "jump off the hanger" for you, or did it look better on you than the hanger?
- What things did you consider before purchasing it?
- How will you care for it?

**SPECIFIC THE \$15 CHALLENGE QUESTIONS**

- Tell me the story of your outfit.
- Where did you purchase it?
- What was the cost of the outfit?
- Had you previously purchased clothing at resale/consignment stores/Goodwill/Salvation Army/garage sales?
- Did you go to several places/sales or did you find it right away?
- Did you have to hunt for your outfit or did it "jump off the hanger" at you?
- Where did/will you wear it?
- How will you care for it?
- How did this experience change your impression of shopping at resale/consignment stores/Goodwill/Salvation Army/garage sales?
- Will you consider shopping for second hand clothing in the future? Why? Why not?
- Would you consider selling your unused clothing at a garage sale or consignment store?

**SPECIFIC FASHION REVUE QUESTIONS** (Have handy a copy of “Let’s Sew”, 4H 316)

- What sewing experience have you had?
- Why do you sew? Fit? Originality? Cost?
- How do you think your constructed garment compares with ready to wear? (Answers may go back to the three criteria listed above.)
- What was a new technique for you in sewing this garment?
- Where did you purchase the pattern?
- Where did you purchase the fabric?
- What information did you get from the fabric’s bolt end?
- What did you do to the fabric prior to cutting it out?
- What alterations did you have to make to the pattern? (Some alterations are advanced level!)
- Did it turn how like you thought it would? If not, how is it different?
- Which technique did you find the easiest?
- Which technique did you find the most difficult?
- Will you make the pattern again?
- Will you make changes next time? If so, what?
- What is your next sewing project? Or will you sew again?
- How will you care for this garment?

★While the 4-H'er needs to calculate cost of entire garment (usually beyond purchasing), it is NOT appropriate for judge to say that it's too expensive—with the exception of The \$15 Challenge.

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