

Oceania's Fashion Economy: Navigating Global Shocks & Sustainable Shifts

Fashion Economics · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. What major global event caused significant supply chain disruptions and a shift towards online retail for the Australian fashion industry?

- A) The 2008 Financial Crisis
- B) The COVID-19 Pandemic**
- C) The Dot-com Bubble Burst
- D) The Suez Canal Blockage

2. Which Australian government-funded initiative aims to transition the country's clothing industry to a circular economy by 2030?

- A) Fashion Forward Australia
- B) Seamless National Clothing Product Stewardship Scheme**
- C) Green Garment Initiative
- D) Textile Waste Reduction Program

3. The fashion industry in Australia contributes significantly to the national economy and employment, with approximately how many Australians working in the sector?

- A) Under 100,000
- B) Around 250,000
- C) Over 489,000**
- D) Exactly 1 million

4. What is a significant challenge for Papua New Guinean fashion designers regarding manufacturing, leading many to send work to Fiji?

- A) Lack of local demand
- B) High import taxes on raw materials
- C) Absence of a local apparel manufacturing industry**
- D) Limited design talent locally

5. In recent years, what cultural fashion movement in Australia has seen exponential growth, elevating First Nations voices and fostering economic opportunities?

- A) Modern Urban Wear
- B) Minimalist Aesthetics
- C) First Nations Fashion**
- D) Retro Revival

6. Beyond COVID-19, what ongoing global issue is identified as a primary risk to fashion supply chains, contributing to increased shipping delays and costs?

A) Volcanic Eruptions

B) Global Geopolitical Conflicts

C) Major Solar Flares

D) Widespread Internet Outages

7. The rise of digital platforms like Instagram and Pinterest has primarily impacted Pacific Islander fashion by:

A) Decreasing local production

B) Limiting cultural expression

C) Amplifying fashion trends and increasing global exposure

D) Making traditional garments obsolete

8. What concept in fashion emphasizes designing for longevity, using sustainable materials, and promoting repair and reuse to reduce waste?

A) Fast Fashion

B) Seasonal Fashion

C) Linear Fashion

D) Circular Economy Fashion

9. Due to economic pressures, Australian consumers are increasingly opting for what type of fashion purchases, shifting away from luxury and non-essential items?

A) Designer Brands exclusively

B) Disposable Fast Fashion

C) Fewer but more versatile wardrobe staples

D) Internationally imported goods

10. What is one key economic benefit of onshoring garment production in Australia, as a response to global supply chain disruptions?

A) Reduced labor costs

B) Increased reliance on imported raw materials

C) Enhanced economic resilience and local job creation

D) Lower product quality