**THE ACCEPTABILITY AND UTILIZATION OF RECYCLED AND RENOVATED GARMENTS BY HOME ECONOMICS STUDENTS IN UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN**

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**ABSTRACT**

*The study assessed the acceptability and utilization of recycled and renovated garments among Home Economics students, University of Ilorin. Five research questions were raised. Research and Development (R and D) research design was adopted. Questionnaires were distributed at random to students of Home Economics, University of Ilorin. Twenty respondents were used for pilot study and was found reliable at 0.871. Seventy respondents were used for the main study. Frequency, mean, standard deviation and percentages were used to analyze the* *data. The findings reveal that all the statements on reasons for garments disposal among home economics students in university of Ilorin have mean scores that are above the average (benchmark) mean value of 3.00 for determining the main influential reasons. However, items 9 (x̅ = 4.24 & σ = 0.984), 7 (x̅ = 4.19 & σ = 0.873), 10 (x̅ = 4.18 & σ = 1.133) and 6 (x̅ = 4.01 & σ = 1.148) took precedence over others and were ranked between 1st and 4th respectively however, the major reasons for garments disposal among home economics students, university of Ilorin are change the appearance of the garment, to renew the old garment and look unique, outgrown some of the garments and when the garments are too tight, all the items on benefits for recycling and renovating in the study area except items 11 and 4 have mean scores that are below the average (benchmark) mean value of 3.00 determining the benefits. However, items 1 (x̅ = 4.44 & σ = 0.773), 12 (x̅ = 4.32 & σ = 0.978), 2 (x̅ = 4.27 & σ = 0.850), 9 (x̅ = 4.21 & σ = 0.915) and 7 (x̅ = 4.17 & σ = 1.204) took precedence over others and were ranked between 1st and 5th respectively. Therefore, benefits for recycling and renovation are; it changes the outlook of the garment, it gives the garment a second life, it saves money to purchase another garment, it prevents wastage of garment and it exhibit one’s creativity. Based on the findings, the researcher concluded that recycling and renovation of garments is very essential to help give garment a second life , because garments still have their potential fibres, through recycling and renovation an individual can exhibit his or her creativity.* *Among the recommendations stated are: Home economics students are enjoined to utilize high quality fabrics so that they can derive maximum benefit from the garments and home economics students should learn the skills required to recycle and renovate garments effectively.*