

- 1 Read the text about different ideas of beauty. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). If there is no information about this, choose 'not given' (NG).**

- Many different professions are interested in understanding beauty.
T / F / NG
- Cosmetic surgery can be very expensive.
T / F / NG
- Almost every culture agrees that a slim body is a sign of beauty.
T / F / NG
- More attractive people are usually more successful in life.
T / F / NG
- The Maasai tribe believe that beauty is about caring for how you look.
T / F / NG

2 points for each correct answer

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- 2 Read the text again. Then complete the sentences. Use one word from the text for each answer.**

- Cosmetic and _____ businesses want us to buy things that we think will improve our appearance.
- Today it is quite _____ for people to have surgery to improve their looks.
- If your skin is _____, it may suggest that you have a lot of money.
- Some Western women deliberately try to resemble _____.
- The Maasai people think it's important to take care of your _____.

2 points for each correct answer

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Ideas of beauty

Although beauty is something that is desired throughout the world, its definition can be different from one culture to the next. In some cultures, for example, beauty indicates good health or a high social position while in others it suggests someone's suitability as a marriage partner. It's a topic which attracts a great deal of attention, from scientists who study the factors involved in physical attraction, to fashion and cosmetics companies who are keen to make money by selling products that will apparently make us more beautiful and therefore attractive to others.

But beauty can sometimes come at a price. Cosmetic surgery is very common nowadays, with people keen to change the way they look by having surgery to make their noses smaller or their lips larger, but not all of these operations result in an improved appearance. For many, a suntanned body represents a wealthy lifestyle of relaxing days at the beach, but nowadays we should all be aware of the possible consequences of spending too much time in the sun.

In many cultures, symmetry is a key part of beauty, so people prefer balanced features on the face. In some Asian cultures, large eyes are considered more beautiful than narrower ones. A slimmer body may suggest a healthy and active person, so in the West in particular, people diet in order to look like models. In other cultures, however, a larger build suggests that someone is wealthier because they can afford to eat more and are therefore of a better social class. In Nigeria, women with a fuller figure are considered to be more fertile and more able to have babies.

The Maasai people of East Africa regard beauty as something that can be controlled, and believe that anyone can be beautiful just by looking after their appearance. For them, beauty exists in clean white teeth, short hair and simple jewellery. This idea of beauty is perhaps something everyone can achieve.

3 Complete the sentences so that the second sentence has the same meaning as the first. Use the words in brackets.

- Abdul isn't as tall as Farid.
Farid _____ Abdul. (taller)
- In my opinion, Sydney is more exciting than Melbourne.
In my opinion, Melbourne is _____ Sydney. (less)
- Beauty and intelligence are both important to me.
Beauty _____ as intelligence to me. (just)
- Some people are less confident about their looks than others.
Some people _____ about their looks as others. (as)
- My new brand of lipstick is far better than my old brand.
My old brand of lipstick _____ than my new brand. (lot)

2 points for each correct answer

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4 Complete the sentences with words from the box. There are three words that you don't need.

bald	blonde	curly	dyed
elderly	eyelashes	fringe	moustache
overweight	shape	shoulder	slim
well-built			

- If you want to keep in good _____, it's advisable to do some exercise every day.
- My father started losing his hair in his thirties and now he's completely _____.
- Do you think Anya's hair is _____? I'm sure it used to be much lighter than it is now.
- Not playing any sport and eating too much are two main causes of becoming _____.
- This dress is a bit too tight and I'm not _____ enough to wear it.
- Jessica always had really long hair but she decided she wanted a change and now has it _____ - length.
- When Ahmet was a little boy, he always wanted to grow a _____ just like his dad!
- The hairdresser in my village offers a 20% discount for _____ people over seventy years old.
- That girl's _____ is so long that I'm surprised she can see anything through it!
- Chiara had beautiful eyes; they were green, with long, dark _____.

1 point for each correct answer

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5 Complete the sentences with words from the box. Use each word once.

bright	colourful	curves	detailed
historical	modern	mysterious	
old-fashioned	traditional	warm	

- 1 With all those reds, greens and blues, her dress was so _____ that she felt happy whenever she wore it.
- 2 I'm not very keen on _____ art; I much prefer paintings from the seventeenth or eighteenth century.
- 3 This is a _____ recipe for making cheese – it's been used by farmers in this area for hundreds of years.
- 4 The statue was so _____ that we could see all the separate hairs on her eyebrows!
- 5 I love walking in the countryside when the leaves are falling from the trees. All the yellows, golds and reds are so _____ even if the temperature can be quite low.
- 6 *War and Peace* is one of the greatest _____ novels; it's about the French war with Russia 200 years ago.
- 7 Many couples today think that marriage is _____, so they choose just to live with each other instead.
- 8 My teenage brother once painted his bedroom black, not exactly what you'd call a _____ colour!
- 9 Don't you think there's something rather _____ about Tom's new girlfriend? No one really knows anything about her.
- 10 If you'd prefer a design without so many _____, this table has much straighter lines.

1 point for each correct answer

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a verb from A and a particle from B. Each particle from B can be used more than once.**A**

come	get	look	put	take
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B

across	off	on	up
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- 1 In the exam, I'm afraid you won't be able to _____ any unknown words in a dictionary.
- 2 Bruno has only recently _____ tennis, although his brother has been playing it for years.
- 3 It's quite natural for people to _____ unpleasant jobs until another day.
- 4 Which member of your family do you _____ with best?
- 5 I've looked everywhere for that old photograph but I still haven't _____ it yet.

2 points for each correct answer

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7 Read the list of questions about an article in a good-quality newspaper. Decide if the questions are general (G) or specific (S).

- 1 Is this text about something I'm interested in?

- 2 What was the research about?

- 3 What does the final paragraph suggest?

- 4 What is the writer's point of view?

- 5 What can I learn from this text?

2 points for each correct answer

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8 Read the text and the questions. Are the questions about this text? Choose 'yes' or 'no'.

Choosing what to wear for certain occasions can be a difficult thing to get right. We all face indecision at some time or another and it seems that there aren't always easy answers. Things like weddings and parties are often particularly confusing. People don't know how formal they should be, and whether it is better to dress up and wear their smartest clothes or dress down and wear something more relaxed. Some people even bring a change of clothes to a party! For interviews, one recommendation is to ask for the opinions of others. Your work colleagues, friends and family are good sources of advice. And remember that above all, you should try to relax and not worry too much about your appearance. If you don't get the job because you didn't wear a suit and tie to the interview, ask yourself if you really want to work there anyway.

- 1 What does the writer think about selecting clothes for special occasions?
Yes / No
- 2 Where are the best places to buy formal clothes?
Yes / No
- 3 How many changes of clothes should you take to parties?
Yes / No
- 4 Who can you talk to if you're not sure what to wear?
Yes / No
- 5 What advice does the text give about failing a job interview?
Yes / No

2 points for each correct answer

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9 Complete the dialogue using modal verbs of deduction.

Diego I do love looking around art galleries. Look at that photograph over there – it’s amazing!

Inghar It’s beautiful, but it ¹ _____ be a photograph – it looks too old. I don’t think they had cameras then.

Diego Well, I think it’s much more recent – but maybe you’re right. It ² _____ be a photograph or a painting, I guess.

Inghar Why don’t we ask the lady by the wall? She’s wearing a uniform so she ³ _____ work here.

Diego Excuse me ... we were wondering if this is a photograph or a painting?

Assistant You’re not the first person to ask that question! If you look in the corner you’ll notice the artist’s signature. That’s always a good clue that it ⁴ _____ be a photograph! It’s actually a painting, but an incredibly realistic one.

Diego Thanks – it ⁵ _____ have been done by a really talented artist!

2 points for each correct answer

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10 Complete the dialogue with phrases from the box. There are two phrases that you don’t need.

Do you think you could I didn’t mean to
I’ll make sure I think it’s unfair that
Sorry to bother you
The problem’s been going on for
there’s something I’m not happy about

Mr Flores Excuse me.
¹ _____
but are you the manager?

Manager Yes, sir, I am. How can I help you?

Mr Flores I’m afraid
² _____.

Manager I’m sorry to hear that, sir. What seems to be the problem?

Mr Flores It’s the noise in my room. The traffic outside is very loud and it’s keeping me awake at night.
³ _____
several days now, and I haven’t been getting enough sleep.
⁴ _____
see if there’s another room available that I could move to?

Manager Of course, sir. I’m terribly sorry about that. ⁵ _____ that you are given another room immediately.

Mr Flores That’s very good of you. Thanks for your help.

2 points for each correct answer

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