

Fashion and Beauty

Reading Comprehension

Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions.

Reading Passage 1

23.1 Be Yourself

Fashion is an important part of people's lives no matter how old they are. Fashions change according to what country you live in and even in what part of that country you live in. Hair and clothing fashions are always changing. The late 1970s, for example, was an **era** when young people known as punks often asked barbers to give them a strange haircut. The barber cut the hair along the sides of their head **bald** and **dye**d a line of hair running down the middle of their head. At that time, this **style** was *fashionable*. Of course, that was not the only style at that time.



However nowadays, people do not **emphasize** a particular style of clothing or hair very much. You can clothe yourself in a **blouse** and skirt of your own choice. The blouse may or may not have **lace**. Then you can choose a **bracelet** or necklace to go with your clothes. It is not the price that counts; your clothing and hair should express your personal style.

Walking along the streets of an **urban** area such as New York, you can see that **casual** wear is now the biggest **trend**. The **blend** of colorful T-shirts and trousers along with casual shoes are common. New Yorkers have put a lot of *emphasis* on relaxing and having fun.

The idea today is to create your own style or fashion. If you are a man, maybe a beard or **mustache** looks good on your face. A woman can pick her favorite color of **lipstick** or choose not to wear any lipstick at all. She can wear whatever type of dress, shorts, or jeans she likes. Never forget that you are your own fashion statement. Just be yourself.



Vocabulary



bald: [bɔld] <i>adj</i> 禿頭的	fashion: [ˈfæʃən] <i>n</i> 流行
blend: [blend] <i>n</i> 混合	fashionable: [ˈfæʃənəbl̩] <i>adj</i> 時髦的
blouse: [blaʊs] <i>n</i> 女襯衫	lace: [les] <i>n</i> 花邊
bracelet: [ˈbreslɪt] <i>n</i> 手鐲	lipstick: [ˈlɪp,stɪk] <i>n</i> 口紅
casual: [ˈkæʒʊəl] <i>adj</i> 日常輕便的	mustache: [ˈmʌstæʃ] <i>n</i> 八字鬚
dye: [daɪ] <i>v</i> 染色	style: [stɑɪl] <i>n</i> 風格
emphasize: [ˈemfə,saɪz] <i>v</i> 強調	trend: [trend] <i>n</i> 趨勢
emphasis: [ˈemfəsɪs] <i>n</i> 強調	urban: [ˈɜːbən] <i>adj</i> 城市的
era: [ˈɪrə] <i>n</i> 年代	

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Main Idea

1. What is the writer discussing in the passage?
 (A) New York is truly the home of fashion.
 (B) Most people do not understand fashion.
 (C) Fashions now vary from person to person.
 (D) Looking good is not really very important.

Inference

2. According to the passage, what is something that one does **NOT** have to consider when deciding how to dress?
 (A) How old one is. (B) How much it costs.
 (C) Where one lives. (D) Who one is.

Matching

Put the letters for the correct words in the blanks.

- A. urban
- B. trend
- C. mustache
- D. emphasizes
- E. bald
- F. dye
- G. blouse
- H. lace
- I. casual
- J. eras
- K. blend
- L. lipstick

1. It took my dad two weeks to grow his (n) .
2. Mandy looked in the mirror to put on her (n) .
3. It was hard to get used to (adj) life after living in the country for so long.
4. Some people think that (adj) men are attractive.
5. My teacher always (v) the importance of being honest.
6. Karen decided to (v) her hair for the big date.
7. Wearing very large pants on the streets is a new (n) in New York.
8. The office lady in the smart pink (n) is my sister.
9. Your clothes are too (adj) for the date.
10. As (n) change, so does the way people look.

Reading Passage 2

What to Wear?

Young people work hard in high school and university to prepare themselves for a good job. Teachers and professors teach them what they need to know to prepare for a career. However, in many cases, no one has taught these young people how to dress.

5 Young people in high school and university seldom have a reason to wear formal clothes. Usually the clothes they wear are very casual. Young men do not need to wear a **necktie** to school. In fact, the shirts they wear to school often do not even have **collars**.

Young women wear *jewelry* as well as clothes that show their **belly**. However,
10 fine jewelry such as diamonds and **pearls** are certainly not the kinds of **jewels** that they would wear at school or at work.

When these young men and women graduate from school and start looking for a job, some important changes have to be made in the way they dress. The changes begin with the interview for a job. Even if they are applying to be a technician, where they would be able to
15 wear casual clothes to work, they cannot dress like that for the interview. In an interview, a person is trying to **demonstrate** that he or she is a **dependable** person. Therefore, the way they dress should be more **conservative** than the way they dressed in school.

The person going for an interview should always wear **leather** shoes, not running shoes or slippers. It is not necessary to wear a fine **linen** suit to impress one's future boss,
20 but wearing a T-shirt and having long **greasy** hair is not acceptable either. Men should wear a coat and tie and women should wear a dress or suit. Women can also use **ribbons** in their hair and a nice **scarf** around their necks. They may **curl** their hair or keep it straight, long or short, but certainly clean and neat. One final word of advice: no **chewing gum** and no smoking.



Vocabulary



belly: ['bɛlɪ] <i>n</i> 腹部、肚子	jewel: ['dʒuəl] <i>n</i> 首飾、寶石飾物
chewing gum: ['tʃuɪŋ,ɡʌm] <i>n</i> 口香糖	jewelry: ['dʒuəlɪrɪ] <i>n</i> 首飾、珠寶
collar: ['kɒlə] <i>n</i> 衣領	leather: ['leðə] <i>n</i> 皮革
conservative: [kən'sɜ:vətɪv] <i>adj</i> 保守的	linen: ['lɪnən] <i>n</i> 亞麻布
curl: [kɜ:l] <i>v</i> 使捲曲	necktie: ['nek,tai] <i>n</i> 領帶
demonstrate: ['demən,streɪt] <i>v</i> 顯示	pearl: [pɜ:l] <i>n</i> 珍珠
dependable: [dɪ'pendəbəl] <i>adj</i> 可靠的	ribbon: ['rɪbən] <i>n</i> 絲帶
greasy: ['ɡreɪsɪ] <i>adj</i> 沾有油脂的	scarf: [skɑ:f] <i>n</i> 圍巾

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Reading Comprehension

Choose the correct answers.

Inference

1. What is wrong about the jewelry that young women wear?
- (A) It is not well taken care of. (B) Young women do not wear it.
(C) One does not wear it to work. (D) Too much jewelry is not good.

Supporting Idea

2. Why would some people **NOT** think to dress up for an interview for a technician's job?
- (A) Not many people want to be technicians.
(B) Most technicians do not dress up for work.
(C) Their bosses usually dress very casually.
(D) Technicians rarely meet with their bosses.

Detailed Information

3. Where do young people learn to dress for work?
- (A) In school. (B) At home. (C) At work. (D) We do not know.

CLOZE Passage

Put the letters for the correct words in the blanks.

My mother is going on her first date since my father died. She was not very sure what she should wear and asked for my help. I was more than happy to do so. First we went shopping together. She is a little older, and this is her first date, so I wanted to make her look a little 1 yet beautiful. She already has some clothes that would look nice for such a date, but I was hoping to help her get a necklace made of 2 to go around her neck. While in the store she also found a 3 purse that she liked, so we bought that too. After that, we went back home and put everything together. She looked great, but there was still something missing. We went into the bathroom and I helped her 4 her hair. Perfect! The man soon showed up at our door, wearing a nice jacket and a 5 . We both miss my father a lot, but I am glad Mom is able to meet people again.

- (A) conservative (B) demonstrate (C) curl (D) linen
(E) necktie (F) leather (G) collar (H) pearls

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