



Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

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Listening

Listen to the conversation and choose the best option. Write A,B, or C.

- A couple of Paul's friends think his new clothes are _____
A. loud B. trendy C. inappropriate
- Margaret thinks that Paul's clothes might _____
A. be too modest for a bank B. be in bad taste C. attract too much attention
- Paul's old boss probably wore a _____ to the office.
A. dress shirt B. V-neck shirt C. polo shirt
- Paul's new boss usually wears _____ clothes to work.
A. classic B. casual C. frumpy
- Paul is likely to wear _____ to work.
A. a tuxedo B. a stylish pair of jeans C. a subdued dress shirt

Grammar

Choose the 2 best options that correctly complete each sentence. Write 2 letters A,B,C,D. In your answers do not use a comma to separate the letters.

- _____ people would agree that wearing shorts to a wedding is inappropriate. A few would argue otherwise.
a. Plenty of
b. All
c. Not as much
d. Most
- There has been _____ interest in the idea of dressing down at offices around the country.
a. plenty of
b. more and more
c. a majority of
d. many

3. _____ of these questionable treatments have been banned because they pose a health risk.
- a. Several
 - b. Any
 - c. Less
 - d. A number
4. _____ doctors say the tapeworm diet is dangerous. It will be difficult to find a doctor who is willing to recommend it.
- a. Few
 - b. Most
 - c. All
 - d. Plenty of
5. _____ clothing customs have changed significantly in the last 100 years.
- a. No
 - b. Many
 - c. Not as much
 - d. Some

Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Not all the words will be used.

centered confidence confident content critical esteem image pity
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1. A positive self-_____ is the result of feeling good about the way you look, feel, and act.
2. I wish I had more self-_____; then I wouldn't be so nervous when I meet new people.
3. Anita is so self-_____. She only thinks about what she wants and needs, never about other people.
4. People with low self-_____ often see themselves as failures.

5. Self-_____ will not solve anything. You should try to improve the situation instead of just feeling sorry for yourself.

Reading

Read the article. Then, choose the best letter A,B, or C

Standards for fashion and appropriate dress are always changing. What is fashionable or trendy in one generation may be seen as in bad taste or inappropriate in another. In the past, there was much more formality in how people dressed. For example, appropriate work attire included a modest dress for women and a suit and tie for men. If you wore those clothes today, you would probably feel overdressed in most offices. We have much more choice now.

It's not just trends in clothing that have changed. Other fashions are different now, too. One significant trend is the increase in body art. Fifty years ago, body art, including tattoos and body piercings, was rare in Western society. Very few people got tattoos perhaps because a majority of people disapproved of them and even associated them with criminal behavior. Until very recently, it was not considered appropriate for people to show their tattoos or piercings at work, so most people with tattoos covered them in formal settings. They probably felt self-conscious because other people always stared at them. And although body piercing has a long history, going back 5,000 years, piercings were not considered in good taste until recently.

The public impression of body art began to change in the 1960s, as many standards for dress and behavior became more relaxed. Pierced ears became trendy and widely accepted, but only a few people got piercings in other parts of their body. At the start of the trend, most of the people getting piercings were women who got pierced ears, but soon a lot of men were doing it, too. The first people to embrace tattoos as a fashion were musicians and athletes and most of them were men. It was a way for them to rebel against society's rules and to show that they were different. Soon, other celebrities, especially movies stars, including a lot of women, followed suit and began to get tattoos as well. Body art has become especially popular among teenagers, and they often do it as an expression of individuality and self-confidence. Today, tattoos and piercings—in the nose, mouth, and other parts of the face and body—can be seen on all types of people. Most people don't even give smaller, more subdued examples of body art a second thought.

Still, it is too early to say that body art has achieved widespread social acceptance. In some professions, such as the military and law enforcement, people are still required to wear long-sleeved shirts to cover tattoos on their arms and remove their piercings when they are at work. However, plenty of people now starting their careers got tattoos or piercings when they were students. The majority of people get them between the ages of 18 and 22. Eventually, when more and more of these people become leaders in society and business, body art will no longer seem wild or even unusual. When we see a tattoo or body piercing on a president or prime minister, that's when we'll know that body art has been fully accepted by society.

1. Why were tattoos unpopular fifty years ago? _____

- a. They were considered too flashy for ordinary people.
- b. The public had a negative impression of people with tattoos.
- c. Many people thought they posed a health threat.

2. Why do many people choose to get body art? _____

- a. Body art is a form of personal expression.
 - b. Body art helps them become more self-conscious.
 - c. It has become accepted as more and more people are choosing to get body art.
3. What will it mean when we have a president with a tattoo? _____
- a. More and more people will want to get tattoos.
 - b. Tattoos will no longer be considered funky.
 - c. Tattoos will be an expression of self-esteem.
4. What does the author mean when she says musicians and athletes were the first to “embrace” tattoos? _____
- a. have an interest in
 - b. create
 - c. accept
5. What does the author mean when she says women “followed suit”? _____
- a. wore pants
 - b. did the same thing
 - c. went behind them

Writing

Compare the styles that you wear now with the styles that your mother or father wore when they were your age. Write two paragraphs giving specific examples.