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A: This is Nigella Compton with the DBC radio network and Eye on the Globe. We're talking to the new Miss Universal Beauty, Maya Prasad, who has just won her title at the tenth annual Miss Universal .....1 pageant in Kuala Lumpur. And we're also talking to Ricardo Figueroa, the chief judge of the contest this year. Welcome, Ms. Prasad—or, should I say, Welcome Miss Universal Beauty?

B: Hello, Nigella. Please call me Maya. Thank you for inviting me.

A: And welcome, Mr. Figueroa. Thank you.

A: My pleasure. Maya, please tell our listeners what it's like to have been chosen Miss Universal Beauty. Do you feel like the most beautiful woman in the world?

B: Uh . . . actually, no. To tell you the truth, the idea is very flattering, but I don't actually feel that beautiful. All the contestants were beautiful. Many, I think, were much more .....2 than I am. I think I was very lucky.

A: One of the things that's special about the Miss Universal Beauty contest is that it emphasizes both .....3. Mr. Figueroa, could you say a few words about that for us?

C: Certainly. The Miss Universal Beauty contest tries to choose contestants who exhibit all the .....4 of traditional .....5: youth, health, beautiful skin and hair, a lovely body—those things everyone understands to represent beauty. But, true beauty goes beyond that. Helen Keller, who was both blind and deaf, said something very profound and true about beauty: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched . . . but are felt in the heart." We at the Miss Universal Beauty contest have tried to make that our motto. We try to find that beauty that touches our hearts

A: Very interesting. And all the more so since Helen Keller was blind and couldn't see what people looked like. She still had a concept of beauty. "The most beautiful things are felt in the heart." What, in your opinion, are those things—those beautiful things— that we feel in the heart?

C: Well, I think Helen Keller was describing .....6—those qualities that last .....7 than youth and can exist even when health has gone. Qualities

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such as .....8, kindness to other people, ...9— qualities that everyone appreciates—no matter where in the world they live.

B: I've always felt that .....10 can't last forever. People think it's beauty that brings you love, but I'm not so sure. I've always loved the Oscar Hammerstein song that says: "Do you love me because I'm beautiful, or am I beautiful because you love me?"

A: Hmm. Very interesting food for thought. I would imagine that that attitude will help you lead a happy life. I'd like to say that the judges thought that Maya presented an almost .....11 between outer and inner beauty. Her happiness with life is one of the strongest features of her inner beauty. But before we finish, let me just read a little from their written comments: Maya has

Warmth: She expresses her love for others easily.

Patience: She is a wonderful listener and lets other speak. She doesn't rush them

B: Oh, Mr. Figueroa. I can't believe anyone said all this about me. I'm just a regular

person!

C: Maya, that comment shows us that you are also very modest—.....12 is actually another of the features of your inner beauty. But let me continue . . . Maya's also a woman of great goodness and kindness: She spends time helping other people who

have difficulties. Last year she taught art to children in the public hospital. So her

.....13, her .....14, her .....15, and her kindness shine through and make her

physical beauty all the more radiant.

A: Thank you to you both.

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