INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MONTERREY

Listening Comprehension

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ Trim. #: ___ LIST #: ___ - ___

DIRECTIONS: Listen to the story and fill in the blanks with the correct word. (20 pts.)

9.6.3 DRESSED TO EXCESS

If you traveled back in time to the 1700s in Europe, you would laugh when you saw how the _____ dressed. Soon you'd realize, though, that the _____ of Europe were very serious about their appearance.

The _____ style in women's _____ was enormous dresses. They were often three times larger than the wearer. Ladies even used _____ to _____ the appearance of their hips and shoulders. On the other extreme, the aristocratic women made their waists appear extremely thin. It took several maids stretching fabric and pulling _____ in order to get a lady's waist to the proper thinness. These ladies could barely breathe and often fainted.

Pale skin was also a _____ , yet this too was done in _____ . One could not simply be pale. Instead, she needed to look as if she had _____ . In order to look paler, ladies actually cut themselves daily, so they would bleed.

The hairstyles, however, were the _____ of women's fashion. These stood a meter high on the ladies' heads. The columns of hair were a ridiculous_____ of wigs, jewels, flowers, and even stuffed birds.

Men's fashion was similarly _____ .Today it would probably seem very _____ . _____ men wore wigs of long curly hair. Their shoes had large soles or high heels so that they could walk high above the filth on the streets. Furthermore, just like the ladies, the men wore lipstick and put _____ on their cheeks.

Their clothes were brightly colored, often purple and pink. They were made from the finest of fabrics and decorated with jewels and lace. The men _____ with one another to see who wore the more expensive clothes, for the clothing _____ his wealth and status.

Both men and women spent huge amounts of money and time on how they looked. Though such _____ would seem _____ today, three hundred years from now, the fashions of our time might also seem completely ridiculous.

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