

TEST 2

YOUTH SUBCULTURES

FORM 9

1. Read the text and tick true sentences.

Today the life of many young people in different countries of the world is influenced by popular culture. The youth follow certain stereotypes that are imposed on them through TV, movies and music. In their lifestyle they try to imitate the images of their idols. Other young people are sports and music fans. They follow their idols in their tours throughout the country and support them. Unfortunately they are intolerant to those who do not share their view.

A subculture is a group of people within a complex culture who have interests that are different from those of the mainstream culture.

Informal groups such as Hippies, Rockers, Bikers, Skinheads, Punks, Goths, Emo appeared as a kind of protest against the values and lifestyles of the older people.

Teenagers unite in groups, they create their own rules, policy and, of course, they have the main idea that serves as base for the whole movement. Some children shock their parents with their dress, language, behaviour. The existence of subculture which is specific for every generation is a form of protest of the young people against the values of the adults.

Hippies belonged to the opposing young people of the late 1960s. Their forms of protest corresponded to the standards of their contemporaneous society. Hippies led a primitive life in their own countries and then moved to the East. They rebelled against the values of their society.

Skinhead – literally skin head, other words bald-headed. This is a kind of youth subculture that was formed in London in 1969 and later gets wide subdivision. Clothing style of skinheads is: camouflage trousers, boots and T-shirts.

Punks appeared in Britain in the 1970s as a reaction to the glamour of the pop star world of the 1960s. Punks are easy to identify among other movements because of their hair-do. They are opposed to the values, norms and materialism in the society. They prefer loud and violent music, lyrics which frequently contain oppositional themes, anti-romantic love songs, anti-parents, anti-police, etc. Punks are inactive and politically indifferent.

Gothic is a blend of 1970s Punk and 1960s Hippies. "Goths" wear their hair very long and dyed black, and dress in cheap, loose clothes. They put on make-up, looking very pale with cosmetics around the eyes. They are not aggressive, and seem to feel nostalgia for the youth culture and music of the 1960s. They are a mixture of quite a lot of fashions. But what makes them really different is their philosophy. They are into mystical things and wear silver decorations often with religious significance. Another thing is that they have a rather negative view of life. They are quite pessimistic and interested in death; they have this attitude that everything is tragic.

Emo derived from the English word "Emotion". A person who can express himself or herself freely. Expression of emotion is a main rule of Emos. They can be sad or happy. They are sensitive and they can be easily depressed. They are thin, tall, with pale faces, black haired,

hair should be straight a fringe closing one eye. A black eye-liner make- up back nail polish. Favorite colours are black and pink. Tight jeans with holes and patches. Skin tight T-shirts. Rubber soled sports boots. Pierced ears, nose, tongue. Scream is a keyword of Emos favourite music. Wispering and crying are often heard in their song. Texts are about unhappy love, injustice the world which is full of violence and aggression.

1. TV, movies and music influence young people a lot.
2. A subculture is a group of people who have the same interests that all the people.
3. Informal groups appeared as a kind of protest against the values and lifestyles of the older people.
4. Hippies rebelled against the values of their society.
5. Skinheads don't like wearing camouflage trousers, boots and T-shirts.
6. Punks have unusual hairstyles.
7. Punks are pessimistic and interested in death.
8. Gothic have their own philosophy.
9. Emos can't be sad.
- 10.Emos have only one favourite colour.

2.Read the text again and answer the questions.

1.What do sports and music fans do?

2.What do some children shock their parents with?

3.When was Skinheads subculture formed?

4. What kind of music do punks prefer?

5.What view of life do Gothic have?

6.What are Emos like?

3.Complete the sentences with correct variant.

1. I'm not _____because I don't think much about clothes.

A. competitive

B. feel down

C. fashion-conscious

D. computer geek

2. I love new gadgets, but I wouldn't call myself a _____.

- A. hip hopper
- B. computer geek
- C. fashion-conscious
- D. athlete

3. _____ loves to talk about life of other people

- A. couch potato
- B. close friend
- C. gossip
- D. chatterbox

4. _____ spends a lot of time sitting and watching TV.

- A. computer freak
- B. couch potato
- C. gossip
- D. vegetarian

4. Complete the sentences with correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. Would you like something (to eat)?
2. Do you mind(to give) me a hand?
3. He gave up.....(to play)football.
4. I'm fond of(to listen) to music.
5. They enjoy.....(to do) different projects.
6.(to fish) is my hobby.