Writing Task 2

1 Read the following Writing task.

> Write about the following topic:
>
> *Some people say that the clothes people wear are the most important indication of what they are like. Others, however, say that people should not be judged by the clothes they wear.*
>
> *Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.*
>
> Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your knowledge or experience.

Below are three essay plans that candidates made for this question. Which two of the essay plans are suitable? Why are they suitable and why is the other essay plan not suitable?

A

Paragraph 1: introduction – importance of the latest fashions to people today, especially the young

Paragraph 2: why people want to follow the latest fashions – celebrities, advertising, etc.

Paragraph 3: result – people all over the world wearing the same clothes, loss of national identity through wearing of different clothes

Paragraph 4: conclusion – people shouldn't copy each other's clothes, should express their own individuality through what they wear

B

Paragraph 1: introduction – people often judge others by the clothes they wear + example

Paragraph 2: examples of when it is right to judge people by the clothes they wear, e.g. at work

Paragraph 3: other things that indicate what people are like – not clothes but behaviour, the way they speak, etc.

Paragraph 4: conclusion – why it's not always right to judge people by the clothes they wear

C

Paragraph 1: introduction – people who wear clothes to impress others / people who don't do this

Paragraph 2: importance of clothes worn for work – the impression they give

Paragraph 3: clothes not worn at work – fashions among the young and the impression they want to give

Paragraph 4: my opinion: clothes for work and impression they give important, outside work not important and can't judge people from what they wear

2 What *must* you mention in your answer? Write *Yes* or *No*.

A a contrast between past and present attitudes to clothes .....
B the connection between clothes and opinions of people .....
C current fashions in clothes .....
D contrasting views on the importance of clothes .....
E clothes worn by famous people .....
F a personal view on the importance of clothes .....
G clothes worn in different parts of the world .....
H the kind of clothes you like to wear .....

3 Which of these candidate's notes about topic areas for the answer are relevant to the task and which are not? Write *Yes* or *No*.

A more important things than clothes .....
B clothes and advertising .....
C teenage fashions .....
D when clothes are important .....
E cost of fashionable clothes .....
F clothes and image .....
G work clothes .....
H how fashions start .....

4 Now write your answer for the Writing task above.

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Grammar

Time conjunctions: *until/before/when/after*

1 Make sentences by matching 1–6 with A–F.

1 I want to buy a new coat	A until I really need one.
2 I can't wear that shirt again	B before I go out.
3 I'm going to get changed	C when I find one I really like.
4 I'll decide whether to buy this or not	D when I've repaired it.
5 I can wear this jumper again	E after I've tried it on.
6 I'm not going to buy a new suit	F until I've washed it.

2 Correct the underlined words if necessary. Put a tick (✓) above the words if they are correct.

1 Make sure it suits you before you'll buy (you buy) it.
2 She won't be happy until she's found something new to wear.
3 When I go shopping I don't like trying on lots of clothes.
4 When people will get a bit older, they change the kind of clothes they wear.
5 After I've bought some new trousers, I'm going to go home.
6 When I've paid for these clothes, I won't have any money left.
7 I'm going to keep looking until I'm finding something I like.
8 You should repair the jumper before that hole will get bigger.
9 When I've got changed, I'll be ready to go out.
10 I won't buy any clothes until I tried them on.

3 Complete the sentences below with the words in the box.

I get	I've worn	I've chosen	I wash	I've had
I've found	I'm	~~I've saved~~	I leave	I throw

1 I won't be able to buy that dress until ...I've saved... some money.
2 When ..... college, I'll have to buy some smart clothes for work.
3 After ..... which shirt to wear, I'll get ready to go out.
4 When ..... a shower, I'll put on my new clothes.
5 I'll buy some new swimming trunks when ..... on holiday.
6 These new shoes will feel more comfortable when ..... them a few times.
7 Before ..... these jeans away, I'll try to repair them.
8 When ..... the receipt, I'll take these clothes back to the shop.
9 I won't wear this suit again until ..... married next month.
10 I'll check the instructions before ..... this jumper in the machine.

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