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Instructions: open your workbook on page 112, read the text and answer the questions.

We can infer from the article that the author feels that ...

- A beauty is considered less important in some parts of the world than in others.
- B the media conveys the same message of beauty all over the world.
- C people only have cosmetic surgery if they feel too fat.
- D for many people, beauty is worth the risks, the expense, and the pain.
- E there is no good reason why people are so obsessed with looking good.

In the following sentences, who or what do the pronouns in bold refer to?

1 ... have their lower lips are cut ... (line 8)

- A lip plates
- B Mursi women

2 These are then slowly turned ... (line 42)

- A the legs
- B the screws

3 ... they improve a woman's marriage prospects (line 46)

- A the lip plates
- B the women's communities

4 ... a person's personality matters more than their looks (line 58)

- A the person
- B the person's skin

5 ... people all over the world are willing to pay this price in order to be beautiful (line 61)

- A a person's beauty ideal
- B expensive and dangerous procedures

5 Choose the best definitions for the following words and phrases.

1 aesthetically pleasing (line 2)

- A pleasant to look at
- B more attractive than anything else
- C unpleasant to look at
- D painful
- E painless

4 likelihood (line 34)

- A how much a person likes something
- B general popularity
- C impossibility
- D risk
- E the chance of something happening

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2 defunct (line 11)

- A illegal
- B no longer existing
- C current
- D popular
- E painful

5 considerable (line 40)

- A large
- B minor
- C kind
- D worrying
- E well-known

3 all the rage (line 29)

- A very angry
- B extremely unpopular
- C very popular or fashionable
- D controversial
- E always in fashion

6 leak (line 40)

- A become larger
- B become smaller
- C fill with water
- D allow liquid out through a small hole or crack
- E force the contents out of something