READING

WHAT DOES YOUR MUSICAL TASTE SAY ABOUT YOU?

A) _____ we often have stereotypical images of rockers as rebellious, classical music fans as quiet and modest, and lovers of rap as talkative and outgoing. But is it really true that our musical tastes show our personality? According to recent research from a university in Edinburgh, it is.



B) _____ Professor North, who did the research, says that people often express their identity through the kind of music they listen to, the kind of clothes they wear and their hobbies and interests. So it isn't surprising that people's taste in music says something about their personality.

C) _____ The researchers interviewed more than 36,000 people from around the world, asked them about their musical tastes and gave them personality tests. But did the research show that our stereotypical images are right? Here are some of the results.

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- Lovers of indie music aren't very confident, gentle or hard-working, but they are very creative.
- Country and western fans are hard-working and not shy.
- Rap fans are outgoing and confident.
- Fans of pop songs aren't creative, but are hard-working, gentle and outgoing.
- The best fan to be is a soul fan, because they are creative, confident, outgoing and gentle.

D) _____ Perhaps the most surprising result was that classical music fans and heavy metal fans have very similar personalities. People think of heavy metal fans as being very sad and unhappy. But like classical fans, they are in fact easy-going and creative, and not very outgoing.

E) _____ Professor North says that the result explain why so many people are good friends with people who like the same music. Heavy metal fans in Sweden have more in common with heavy metal fans in Brazil than with, say, Swedish fans of pop.

F) _____ The results also explain why some of us are so passionate about what we listen to, since music is likely to be closely linked to our personality. However, the research doesn't

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say what people who listen to lots of different types of music are like. Perhaps they are perfectly balanced! So, what does your music say about you?

COMPREHENSION

I. Match paragraphs A-F in an article with sentences 1-7. There is one sentence that you do not need.

1) The research described the personalities of groups of music fans.
2) One result from the research was very unexpected.
3) Are our traditional images of music fans true?
4) We like to make friends with people who enjoy the same music as us.
5) Music can change your personality in many ways.
6) There are lots of different things that show our personality.
7) We have very strong feelings about the kind of music we like and don't like.

II. VOCABULARY

Match the highlighted adjectives in the text with the definitions below.

1) Has a good imagination and can make new things.

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2) very friendly and interested in other people.

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3) calm and relaxed; not easily worried.

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4) not doing what your parents, teachers, etc. want you to do.

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5) having very strong feelings.

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6) kind and calm.

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