

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?

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

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

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

Now write your answer for the Writing task above.

