

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

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

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| A a contrast between past and present attitudes to clothes | | D contrasting views on the importance of clothes | |
| B the connection between clothes and opinions of people | | E clothes worn by famous people | |
| C current fashions in clothes | | 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 | |

Now write your answer for the Writing task above.

