

Matura bez problemu – zadania tekstowe 18

Przeczytaj tekst, z którego usunięto zdania. Wybierz takie, które w najbardziej logiczny sposób uzupełnia kontekst artykułu.

The glitz, the glamour, the hairdos, the diamond-studded dresses. Who wouldn't want this? Girls wouldn't mind playing Snow White or Miss Universe for a day, for sure. **(1)**

- a) *Children are, after all, immature and juvenile and imitation becomes their favourite option.*
- b) *The games of hide-and-seek and 'Simon says' are amongst the most preferable with children at a young age*

The little ones are attracted to their favourite music and movie stars, and right from a tender age, when books are all that should hold their attention, they're dreaming of becoming the next movie, music or fashion icon on the silver screen. But what pushes them to do so? **(2)**

- a) *Of course, mass communication sources like television, Internet, and radio are the hunters to which children fall as an easy prey.*
- b) *It is obvious that children are prone to their peers influence and that negative patterns are typically the ones that catch their attention.*

Beauty contests or the pageants and reality shows based on beauty attract the unskilled and unripe brains of the little ones, and soon, they make up their mind to pursue the line. But who could tell those immature minds that beauty lies within, and not in the appearance?

There is no doubt the influence of beauty contests over young children can be harmful, and more than that, disastrous as they grow up. While children are in the process of developing their minds with increasing age, the more they are exposed to the media glamour, the easier it is for their minds to corrupt. **(3)**

- a) *It is parents themselves that frequently force children to take part in activities that help realize their own childhood hopes and dreams that never came true.*
- b) *The little ones become recklessly determined that the ultimate key to success lies in dressing up and behaving like a Hollywood star.*

With the feeling of narcissism comes resentment towards others, hatred towards the ones less able, and an ever-increasing dissatisfaction towards oneself. **(4)**

- a) *Aggression among schoolchildren often stems from social or racial inequalities, when some children tend to expose their domination.*
- b) *Children tend to believe that beauty lies solely in their appearance, leaving no room for inner beauty.*

They start comparing themselves physically with others, and this causes irritation, jealousy and dissatisfaction when expected results are not achieved. Highly influenced by what they see when they observe their favourite stars performing on television, they try to imitate their habits, stunts and workout techniques. They demand their parents to change their appearance and spend recklessly on the health drinks, slim-fast pills, cosmetics and even plastic surgery which they know their idols are using. **(5)**

- a) *Little do they know how harmfully all these things can affect their delicate skin, health, and gentle minds.*
- b) *A typical household expenditure on children's needs makes a major part of all spendings that loving parents have to earn for.*

They spend most of their time in front of mirrors as they get obsessed with good looks. They start losing interest in studies, and put too much emphasis on appearance rather than inner beauty, which ultimately sends a wrong message to the youthful minds. It seems all these negatives leave little space for the positive aspects. While a taste of failure in beauty contests can leave a child devastated, even a simple win or recognition stays with them for a long time. **(6)**

- a) *Too much of a good thing can also be misleading, especially for children who do not quite understand where money for their fancies really comes from.*
- b) *For those who want to get into this field of career, beauty contests lay the foundation, and children learn what's ahead for them in the rat race.*

For some children, winning a beauty contest can be their ambition, or the only source to achieve success. Watching beauty contest winners and successful people on television and in magazines helps build self-confidence in young children, and awakens in them the determination and desire to get successful like them. Some beauty contests emphasize less on the glamor quality, and more on the ability of a child to present himself or herself. **(7)**

- a) *This instils confidence within them, and helps them improve with every show they participate in.*
- b) *The higher the expectations, the greater the suffering and disappointment in case of a failure.*

A little praise, false hopes, and a slight push could drive the little ones far away from the peaceful real world to the sphere of imaginary successes while they should build a secure future for themselves with a clean mind. **(8)**

- a) *Anything that can overshadow the education of a child isn't worth a go at all.*
- b) *No matter the risks, children should be taught to be tough fighters.*

Yet, children often become unaware victims to the risks and dangers that this world of glamour entails, by taking steps which are improper for them at their age. It's the duty of parents to instil the feeling of being competitive within their kids, and it doesn't matter who wins, the real victory lies in gaining the life experience.