2 ADDICTED TO FASHION

VOCABULARY Personality: adjective + preposition

1 **Complete the table with the correct adjectives.**

addicted adventurous aware ~~bothered~~ cautious critical
decisive hopeless impressed jealous loyal mean

about	at	by	of	to	with
bothered					

2 **Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.**

1 I'm ____ to playing computer games.
A addicted **B** loyal **C** adventurous
2 I'll organise the show, because Tara is ____ at making arrangements.
A impressed **B** decisive **C** hopeless
3 Dan thought he had written a good essay, but the teacher was very ____ of it.
A aware **B** critical **C** jealous
4 She wears expensive clothes, but I'm not ____ by that.
A impressed **B** mean **C** adventurous
5 Don't be ____ about your brother's new haircut – he's embarrassed enough!
A jealous **B** mean **C** loyal
6 Are you ____ of the risks involved in this plan?
A aware **B** jealous **C** critical
7 I'm very ____ about spending a lot of money on the latest fashions.
A addicted **B** adventurous **C** cautious
8 He's very ____ to a particular brand of clothes – he never wears anything else.
A critical **B** loyal **C** adventurous

3 **Read about these young people's attitudes to fashion. Complete the sentence about each one with a phrase from the box.**

addicted to adventurous with
bothered about decisive about
jealous of

1 Meral always buys a new pair of shoes when she has any spare money – she can't stop buying shoes!
Meral is _____ buying shoes.
2 Andrea doesn't care what's in fashion.
Andrea isn't _____ fashion.
3 Max is happy to try every new fashion idea that comes along.
Max is _____ fashion.
4 Anna really doesn't like it when her best friend buys all the new fashions.
Anna is _____ her best friend.
5 When he's shopping for clothes, Peter always makes his mind up very quickly.
Peter is _____ clothes.

READING

1 **Look at the photo on page 9. Why do you think sunglasses are always in fashion?**

PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading and Use of English Part 1

2 **Read the first two paragraphs of the article. Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.**

0	**A** put	**B** came	**C** opened	**D** presented
1	**A** likely	**B** sure	**C** proper	**D** hopeful
2	**A** approved	**B** favourite	**C** welcome	**D** popular
3	**A** regarded	**B** treated	**C** considered	**D** weighed
4	**A** matter	**B** kind	**C** subject	**D** reality
5	**A** told	**B** reported	**C** explained	**D** described
6	**A** avoid	**B** prevent	**C** protect	**D** reduce
7	**A** normal	**B** usual	**C** general	**D** regular
8	**A** deeply	**B** widely	**C** highly	**D** largely

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Can you think of an item which has never been out of fashion, ever since the time it **(0)** *came* on the market? You might think denim jeans are a **(1)** _____ candidate. But, while they have always been **(2)** _____, there have also been times when they were **(3)** _____ to be unfashionable by expert 'fashion watchers'. As a **(4)** _____ of fact, the only fashion item that has always been cool to wear since the start of the twentieth century is a pair of sunglasses, or 'shades'.

So where did these remarkable things come from? Back in 60 CE, the Roman emperor Nero was **(5)** _____ to have enjoyed watching fighting in the Colosseum through clear green stones to **(6)** _____ his eyes from strong sunlight. Such luxuries were unaffordable for the **(7)** _____ public, of course. It wasn't until nearly two thousand years later that coloured glasses became cheap enough to be **(8)** _____ available.

One of the things that led them to become such desirable fashion items was their popularity with American film stars in the early 1900s. It is commonly believed that this was to avoid being recognised by fans. However, an alternative explanation is that in those days film actors often had red eyes because of the high-powered lamps that were used in film studios, and they didn't want the public to see them. Whatever the reason, when businessman Sam Foster began selling inexpensive, mass-produced sunglasses in 1929, he found a ready market.

Nowadays sunglasses are big business, with hundreds of different brands to choose from. In fact, the industry generates 34 billion dollars per year in sales. Celebrities continue to be unpaid promoters of the products. Singer Elton John, for example, is thought to have a sunglasses collection of over 1,000 pairs. Sunglasses have even played minor roles in films. In the 1999 sci-fi thriller *The Matrix*, starring Keanu Reeves, all the good characters wore round shades, and the bad guys all wore rectangular ones.

But what is the real reason for their continuing popularity? Is it simply the fact that the general public has a strong desire to copy the rich and famous? The truth of the matter is, people wear them for various reasons: comfort and clear vision bright sunlight, protection from the dangerous rays of the sun, to avoid eye contact with others, or even to hide their emotions. All of these are reasonable excuses for putting on dark shades. But it is generally recognised that the main reason is much simpler: they look cool!



EXAM TIPS

- Always read the whole text first to understand its meaning.
- Look carefully at the words before and after each gap. Do any provide a clue to the answer?

3 **Read the whole article quickly. Choose the best title (A–C).**

A The item that's never out of fashion
B Why celebrities wear sunglasses
C How to make money in the fashion business

4 **Read the article again and choose the correct options.**

1 Sunglasses became popular in the *first / twentieth / twenty-first* century.
2 The public didn't buy many sunglasses at first because they were *too expensive / poorly designed / not very effective.*
3 The writer thinks film stars wore sunglasses in order to *show they were famous / protect their eyes from lights / hide their eyes.*
4 The writer thinks that celebrities *wear sunglasses too much / get paid to wear sunglasses / encourage the public to wear sunglasses.*
5 Sunglasses remain popular because they *provide protection / look good / are cheap.*

5 **Match the highlighted words in the article to the meanings.**

1 very unusual or noticeable _____
2 worth having and wanted by most people _____
3 creates _____
4 prevent something from happening _____
5 made in large quantities, usually in a factory _____

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