

Passage 6

Fashion and Culture

- A.** Fashion is, in many respects, responsible for how a person perceives himself and others. Fashion greatly affects the perception of people and what they tend to want in life. To illustrate, the clothing styles of celebrities are commonly imitated by people. This shows that each person's sense of style is largely dependent on factors such as how they want others to see them and how others affect or influence them.
- B.** Due to advertising and the media, young people, including children, are the most vulnerable to the impacts of fashion. Improper advertising may impel them to wear clothes that are inappropriate for their age or to spend their meager allowance on things that they do not necessarily need. A more serious concern is the fact that many children look up to designers or models that are not actually deserving of such admiration. One example is that a large number of teenagers nowadays have eating disorders in their desire to become as thin as the models they like. There may also be times when children or adolescents might show inappropriate behavior as they imitate their admired fashion icon.
- C.** All in all, fashion has a great impact on adults and the youth. Therefore, people involved in the fashion industry should have more awareness about how their actions affect the public and the mind-set of the youth. Parents should also properly guide and educate children about fashion in order for young people to gain a better understanding of the industry and their own sense of worth.

Questions

The reading passage mentions a number of cause-and-effect relationships.

Match each cause (1 – 4) in List A with its effect (A – F) in List B.

NB There are more effects in List B than you will need, so you will not use all of them.
You may use any effect more than once.

List A: Causes	List B: Effects
1. Celebrities' fashion style	A. The youth suffer from misdemeanors and lack of personal style.
2. Inappropriate publicity and marketing	B. Many young people experience eating disorders.
3. Overly skinny models	C. Individuals see and emulate manners of clothing or accessorizing.
4. Teaching children about fashion	D. The youth will hopefully acquire a healthier perception about fashion.
	E. It creates awareness among fashion industry people about how they affect the youth.
	F. Young people may be prompted to put on unsuitable attire.

Approach

STEP 1 Identify the keywords and question focus in each numbered statement in the list.

STEP 2 Find out the relevant information in the passage.

STEP 3 Match the numbered statement with its corresponding lettered item.