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TEXT

FASHION AND SOCIETY

Does society impact fashion or does fashion impact society? For centuries, our clothes have represented our values, our way of thinking, our lifestyle, and the perception we have of others and about ourselves.

This is why there is not a single answer to this question. **4.1.b)** Sometimes, society changes **2a)** because a major revelation happened in fashion. But sometimes it is the opposite. Fashion has been a field of study for several years because it is a billion-dollar industry. **2b)**

Fashion trends or tendencies spread for several reasons. Many fashion garments and accessories become trendy because they are associated with wealth, power, or aristocracy.

4.2.c) The idea of living a glamorous life and being part of an exclusive elite society has existed for a very long time. As a result, following fashion can become an ambitious goal, even an obsession, for many people who want to live this lifestyle but come primarily from the working class.

An example of a trend is the fur coat. Fur coats used to be made exclusively from exotic animals. There were different price ranges depending on the rareness of the animal. However, the pressure that media and advertisements had on women to buy fur coats accelerated the creation of the synthetic fur industry, so that the working class could also buy a fur coat.

4.3.a) Fur coats used to be associated with wealth and elegance. Today, synthetic fur coats are **2c)** more popular than real fur coats, mainly because animal cruelty is no longer commonly accepted. **2a)**

4.4.c)

Adapted from Javier Luna's article, *Political Fashion*, 24 June 2022

QUESTIONS

1.- State in your own words what the text means by (paragraph 2) (2 marks):

‘As a result, following fashion can become an ambitious goal, even an obsession, for many people who want to live this lifestyle but come primarily from the working class’.

Whoever wants to follow fashion but comes from a middle class background will have difficulties, as it is hard to find the financial means to do so.

2.- Decide whether the following statements are true or false, according to the text. Write T or F. If the answer is not mentioned in the text, mark it false (F). (2 marks; -0.5 for each wrong answer)

- a) Fashion trends can impact and be impacted by societal changes. **T**
- b) Fashion has been studied in order to predict past trends. **F**
- c) Fur's popularity grew because they favoured exclusive exotic animals. **F**
- d) Synthetic coats are more popular than real coats because people usually do not accept cruelty on animals. **T**

3.- These words and expressions are found in the text: STUDY, RANGES, ELITE, FIELD, TRENDY, VALUES, SPREAD, WEALTH. Choose the ones that mean the same as the following. (2 marks)

- a) expand **spread**
- b) fashionable **trendy**
- c) principles **values**
- d) theme **field**

4.- Choose the best option (a, b or c), according to the text. Only one answer is correct. (2 marks)

1. What is the main argument of the text?
 - a. Society always impacts fashion.
 - ☒ b. Society and fashion influence each other.
 - c. Fashion always impacts society.
2. According to the text, tendencies in fashion are associated to ...
 - a. privileged people who can buy fur coats.
 - ☒ b. working people who do not want to live their own lives.
 - c. advertisements about glamorous people.
3. What has accelerated the creation of the synthetic fur industry?
 - ☒ a. Media and advertisements.
 - b. The influence of fashion designers.
 - c. Decreased demands for fur coats.
4. The consequence of changing attitudes towards animal cruelty ...
 - a. caused the persistence of the exotic animal industry.
 - b. accelerated the demand for fur coats.
 - ☒ c. instigated the popularity of synthetic fur coats.

5.- Answer the 2 questions using your own words. Use from 35-40 to 50 words in each one. The total amount of words, including the 2 questions, must be from 75 to 100 words. (Total: 2 marks; 1 mark per question; -0.3 per question if too many or not enough words)

1. How important is fashion in your life?
2. What do you think about using animals for making clothes?

1. Fashion is an important part of my life because the way you dress can reflect your personality. However, I only follow trends that suit my own style, as blindly following fashion will never make

you stand out; instead, it makes everyone look the same.

2. Unless you belong to prehistoric times, using animals for making clothes is unacceptable. The evolution of technology has brought a great variety of materials that can be used when creating what we wear, so there's no point in making animals suffer.