

Reading

1 Read the text and answer the questions.

SEEN IT ALL BEFORE?

A The shoulder pad

If asked when the shoulder pad made its first appearance on the fashion scene, undoubtedly most of us would say the eighties, but we would be a long way out! Shoulder pads have been popular at various times throughout history and often for quite different reasons. In the Europe of the 1500s, when Spain was asserting its dominance as a global power as well as being a centre of fashion, the shoulder pad became extremely fashionable. At this point it was seen as a reflection of cultural austerity, giving a look of solemnity to the wearer, although this austerity did not stretch to the sumptuous materials used in the clothes! World War Two saw the return of the fashion, but this time it reflected a cultural inclination for stricter lines and less decoration, echoing a military cut in a time of economic restriction. More recent trends to wear shoulder pads have reflected a different outlook – that of showing strength and power. In the eighties shoulder pads were everywhere and signalled prosperity and a show of power. Back again in recent years they have been seen as a sign of strength and desire to flout economic hardship.

B Platform shoes

Platforms were a product of the seventies, weren't they? No, wrong again! In fact, platforms go back a very long way indeed – to the 1400s! It seems that people have always had a yearning to appear taller than they are, and to stand out in a crowd. 'Chopines', as they were known at that time, were originally an overshoe that was slipped on over a more dainty shoe to protect it from mud. This soon became a fashion statement in itself and led to women wearing ridiculously high platforms – sometimes up to 30 inches! The impracticality of the shoes was obviously not considered as important as the elevation it gave the individual. It certainly gives a new meaning to the phrase 'The height of fashion!' For the next few hundred years daintiness in footwear prevailed – until the 1930s, when platforms made a big comeback. This time the height was much more manageable, and top fashion designers created some very elegant shoes. But platforms really came into their own in the seventies, when two-inch soles with five-inch heels became

quite normal for both men and women. Designs were colourful, playful and used all types of materials. They were back again in the nineties and the noughties and it seems platforms have proven that they are probably here to stay in some shape or form!

Which fashion item...

- 1 made people more noticeable? A / B
- 2 was originally intended to be practical? A / B
- 3 is an indication of changing attitudes? A / B
- 4 has become appropriate for both genders? A / B
- 5 reflects a sense of determination? A / B

Mark /10

Vocabulary

2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 After the accident Katy became quite _____ and seemed less confident.
A withdrawn B circumspect C traumatic
- 2 I was quite _____ when I first went to drama school. Everyone else seemed so much more talented than I was.
A overconfident
B overworked
C overawed
- 3 After the operation you'll feel a little _____ for a while, but this will disappear quite soon.
A disorientated
B distraught
C discouraged
- 4 When I applied for university I was _____ by the range of courses.
A preoccupied B unnerved C bewildered
- 5 I've had this _____ habit since childhood!
A uneasy B inconceivable C ingrained

Mark /5

3 Add a prefix to the adjectives in the box to complete the sentences. There are two more words than you need.

accessible advantaged charged estimate
literate partial replaceable

- 1 Applicants from _____ backgrounds will be given priority.
- 2 Don't worry. The decision will be completely _____.
- 3 The percentage of adults who are _____ has fallen considerably in recent years thanks to adult education programmes.
- 4 You should never _____ the value of simple human kindness.
- 5 The thieves stole items of sentimental value that are completely _____.

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4 Choose the correct adverbs and rewrite the sentences to make them more emphatic.

- 1 The local people are opposed to the new development. (overtly / staunchly)

- 2 My younger brother refuses to eat green vegetables! (resolutely / promptly)

- 3 It's believed that global temperatures will rise over the next decade. (supposedly / largely)

- 4 The driver denied causing the accident. (openly / categorically)

5 After crashing the stolen car, the teenagers abandoned it next to the road. (freely / promptly)

Mark /5

Grammar

5 Decide whether the underlined structures are correct or incorrect. Circle C or I for each structure.

- 1 I (a) would love watching soap operas when I lived at home. And every night, just when my favourite soap opera was beginning, my brother (b) would start practising his drums! He (c) was forever driving the whole family crazy!
a C / I b C / I c C / I
- 2 My best friend Jan (a) is always asking me for help with her maths homework and she (b) is used to call me right in the middle of dinner! I don't really mind, but although I (c) would be quite good at maths in the past, I'm not so good now.
a C / I b C / I c C / I
- 3 When my brother and I were young, we (a) weren't seeing our father that often. He (b) was always going off on business trips abroad and when he was home he (c) would often stay late at his office.
a C / I b C / I c C / I

Mark /9


6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in brackets and the prepositions in the box. Where necessary use an object pronoun.

up to on to up forward for up

- 1 Your concerns _____ (bring) at the meeting yesterday.
- 2 There are a lot of bullies at school these days. Children should be encouraged to _____ (stand).
- 3 I sent the information to the company, but it _____ (not pass) to the right department.
- 4 I can't remember where I put Rita's book, but I _____ (look) later.
- 5 We're all going to the concert tonight and I'm really _____ (look).
- 6 I found a horrible old photograph of myself! I _____ (tear).

Mark /6

Listening

7  5.01 Listen to a radio interview about tracing family trees. Complete each sentence with up to three words.

- 1 The professor thinks that this interest is related to having a _____ .
- 2 People need to find different ways to trace their ancestors because _____ .
- 3 People might be influenced by the actions of certain _____ .
- 4 It is suggested that it is people who aren't _____ who are more likely to trace their roots.
- 5 It is also felt that people might be looking for a connection with _____ .

Mark /10

Writing

8 Your school magazine is running a competition. Write an article called 'The first party I ever went to'. Use the writing guide to help you. Write 200–250 words.

Paragraph 1: Give information about the party – where, when, whose?

Paragraph 2: Say what happened, what it was like, how you felt.

Paragraph 3: Write about your strongest memories of the party.

Paragraph 4: Say how you feel about it now.

Mark /10

Total /60