

BEPC
SESSION 2023
ZONE : I



Coefficient : 1
Durée : 2 h

LANGUE VIVANTE 1 : ANGLAIS

*Cette épreuve comporte deux (02) pages numérotées 1/2 et 2/2.
Le candidat est libre de commencer par la composante de son choix.
Cependant, il devra numéroter ses réponses conformément à la numérotation du sujet.*

PART ONE READING COMPREHENSION (8 pts)

Read the text below and do all the activities that follow it.

FASHION

In the past, parents kept their kids away from the world of fashion and made them wear simple clothes so that their entire focus could be on their studies. Today, parents encourage their children to follow the latest fashion to look smart and presentable. They buy new clothes and accessories for their children and ensure they dress up smartly.

5 Everyone wants to look good these days. And it is not a bad thing. However, too much of it can have a negative impact, especially on students. They should be encouraged to study and participate in extra-curricular* activities to explore their interests, but parents are more often concerned about their looks.

10 Our society is becoming a place where everyone wants to show off. People want to show how good they look, how they have all the knowledge about the latest fashion trends. Parents dress their kids in the best of clothes during social gatherings.

At school, everyone wants to look good. They afford the best clothes, footwear, accessories and bags which are latest trend. Girls and boys are seen wearing beautiful fashionable clothes. They are also wearing smart watches and using latest mobile phones.

Adapted from <https://www.indiacelebrating.com/essay/fashion-essay/> (26-02-2019)

* extra-curricular = extra-scolaire

COMPREHENSION CHECK

A-Vocabulary check: The words or expressions in column A are from the text. Match each of them with its synonym or definition in column B. One option in column B is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: 1- kids = c. children

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1- kids (L.1)	a- elegant
2- focus (L.2)	b- tendencies
3- latest (L.3)	c- children
4- smart (L.3)	d- buy
5- however (L.5)	e- shoes, boots, sandals etc...
6- show off (L.9)	f- give
7- trends (L.10)	g- attention
8- afford (L.12)	h- most recent
9- footwear(L.12)	i- but
	j- attract attention

B- Comprehension questions: Read the text again and write short answers to the following questions (2 lines maximum).

- 1- Why did parents keep their kids away from fashion in the past?
- 2- What do parents want for their children today?
- 3- What should students do instead of concentrating on fashion?
- 4- Find in the text two things boys and girls wear today.

PART TWO LANGUAGE IN USE (6 points)

Task 1: The paragraph below is about fashion. Fill in each gap with a word from the box to make it meaningful. One word in the box is not concerned. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: I- on

in — from — on — at — for

Social media has increased the passion for fashion among the youth. Young people post everything ...1... the social media. They post their pictures wearing clothes ...2... fashion wherever they are. This has become the new trend ...3... young people. Posting pictures and viewing the pictures posted by stars ...4... all over the world is the favourite hobby of the youth today.

Task 2: The paragraph below is about parents' attitude about fashion. Complete it with the correct tense and form of the verbs in brackets to make it meaningful. Write your answers like in the example.

Example: I-did not care

Things change quite quickly. In the past, parents (1- do not care / did not care / had not cared) very much about children's clothing. This is no more the case nowadays. Parents are the ones who (2- wants / wanted / want) the latest accessories for their children. In these conditions, the future generation (3- will forget / would forget / had forgotten) what is more essential for them. We must all react (4- make / to make / makes) things change positively for the youth.

PART THREE WRITING (6 points)

TOPIC: (Not more than 12 lines)

Young people in your school are more attracted by fashion than by their studies. Write an article for the English Club's magazine to sensitize them. In your article,

- name three (3) things in fashion for the young people in your country;
- give three (3) reasons why young people want to be always in fashion;
- present two (2) dangers of following fashion blindly.