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English Language 1 – Grade 5

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. As you read and answer the questions, we hope that you enjoy and learn from the information. Once you have read the information and the questions carefully, you have to make a choice. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, completely fill in the matching square on your answer sheet using a 2B or a B pencil. For example, if the answer to question 4 is c, then neatly fill in the square containing c next to the number 4. See example below. Fill in only one square per question and make sure you completely rub out any mistakes so that the answer is clear.

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Fashion

Read the extract on the right for questions 1-8.

- The main idea of this extract is about**
 (a) a feast in Ancient Egypt.
 (b) servants in Ancient Egypt.
 (c) fashionable dressing in Ancient Egypt.
 (d) expensive jewellery in Ancient Egypt.
- Hathor would have been the goddess of**
 (a) beauty. (b) make-up. (c) jewellery. (d) feasts.
- Which word is the closest in meaning to the word, 'deliberation'?**
 (a) hastiness (b) rashness
 (c) quickness (d) thought
- Which word best describes the clothes the mother put on?**
 (a) tunic (b) dress (c) outfit (d) wraparound
- How do we know that Seshen's prayers were answered?**
 (a) Her picture was painted on a wall.
 (b) The extract describes her as a *young beauty*.
 (c) She looked the same as her mother.
 (d) Hathor made her look beautiful.
- What gave Seshen a good feeling?**
 (a) Her mother's eye-make-up.
 (b) The lotus perfume.
 (c) The idea of a feast.
 (d) The busy noise of the servants.
- What was the weather like when this story was written.**
 (a) sunny (b) raining (c) cold (d) cool
- Who was the party for?**
 (a) Seshen. (b) Sitamun.
 (c) The mother. (d) The servants.

The Feast

Seshen watched her mother carefully as she began to prepare herself for the party to be held in Sitamun's honour. The expensive wig her mother had bought, lay on the bed. The wig had gold flowers threaded through it, which sparkled and glimmered as the hot Egyptian sun streamed through the small window.

Her mother picked up the mirror with the Hathor handle and studied her face. "Hathor keeps me beautiful," she told Seshen when she caught her daughter's reflection in the mirror. With great precision, the mother applied the black khol to her eyes so that they looked almost cat-like.

In the background, Seshen could hear the servants busily getting the feast ready. There was great excitement in the villa. When her mother had finished painting on her eye-make-up, she coloured her lips and cheeks with pigments of red iron oxide. Once her face had been completed, she called for a servant to help her put on the lengths of pale linen. The servant carefully wrapped the cloth around her mother's body. Her mother looked radiant and would definitely be one of the most fashionable women at the feast.

"Please find my jewellery box and choose something for me to wear," requested her mother. Seshen loved opening this box as it was always filled with surprises. After much deliberation, Seshen chose a pair of earrings and a necklace made from gold and turquoise.

Her mother then reached for her perfume, made from the lotus flower, which grew in great abundance along the banks of the Nile River. This smell always reminded Seshen of happy occasions and her mother dabbed a drop of this oil behind her neck. It was now Seshen's turn to get ready. She picked up the mirror and gazed at her young face. She silently said a prayer to Hathor and asked the goddess to make her look just as beautiful as her mother.

Today, Seshen's young beauty can still be seen on a wall of painted images in an ancient Egyptian picture.

C. Martini

Read the passage on the right for questions 9-11.

- With what do we normally associate fashion?**
 (a) cars (b) clothing (c) jewellery (d) hairstyles
- Which word could replace the word popular?**
 (a) trendy (b) disliked (c) out-of-date (d) old
- Which of the statements is true?**
 (a) Everyone bothers about fashion.
 (b) A business person who works closely with people does not need to worry about fashion.
 (c) Some people prefer to buy what they can afford or things that they like.
 (d) People who spend a lot of time on their own are most interested in fashion.



What is Fashion?

A style that is popular in a given time and place is known as fashion. This word is most often used in talking about clothing. It can, however, be applied to a wide variety of other things – haircuts, household decorations and cars, to name just a few.

Some people – especially those in the public eye – spend a lot of time and money on fashion. It is important to them to try to stay up-to-date. A business person who works closely with clients may be more concerned with suit styles than one who spends much of the day alone. Some people do not like to be bothered with worrying about fashion. They may focus more on buying things they can afford or things they truly like.