

Answers

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RESEARCH

Article: Fashion's Full-Figured Failure

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In the past, people used to believe that the all media consumers will believe whatever the radio, television, or newspapers say – essentially, we did not think very much, and we just absorbed everything. Later on, this theory was debunked, and some individuals argued that we are smart, thinking, able people who are completely capable of forming sound opinions – never mind what the media says. Today, we are caught between the two. If we are so able to be independent thinkers, why are people so upset about the fashion industry's focus on skinny models? If we can wholly discern whatever material we come across, why is there a need for any censorship of any sort?

1. What did *Vogue* editors promise?
 - They promised not to knowingly use models under the age of 16
 - They promised to be representatives and advocates for a healthy body image
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2. What is the common argument against using skinny models in fashion shows?
 - The common argument is that using these models would encourage young girls to be as skinny as them
3. Why does this argument fall short of its objective?
 - There is no evidence to show that using skinny models has a direct impact on the dietary and living habits of young girls.
4. What is your opinion on the fashion industry's cultural impact?
 - Consider: Why does the fashion industry have so much influence?
 - Why are people worried about the body image of young girls?
 - How does the fashion industry contribute to global and local cultures?
 - How far are you impacted by images you see in the media?

COMPREHENSION.....

Article: Tsar of the Intelligentsia

Pages 18 and 19

1. What was Stalin’s perceived betrayal in paragraph 2? Explain in your own words. [2]

Lifted

Paraphrased

Everything about Stalin was superior and superlative

Contrary to the ideology of equality in communism [1], all of Stalin’s characteristics/qualities were lauded as being of higher quality and of extreme goodness [1].

2. What is the mutual relationship described in paragraph 5? [2]

Answer

Remarks

Russian leaders have always tried to keep artists on their side, and artists, in turn, have usually bowed to power.

Only award 2 marks for both points.

Excess Denied applies.

3. From paragraph 7, why do artists submit to political power? [4]

Answer

Remarks

They prefer flattery, personal favours, and state awards (to the persecution/punishment of opposing political leaders [1])

Only award 3 marks for all quoted points. The final mark goes to the inference stated in brackets.

Excess Denied applies.

4. From paragraph 9, what was the change in the movie’s ending? [2]

Lifted

Paraphrased

Main character detective Erast Fandorin resigns from government, rejecting the security department’s dirty tactics of uncovering terrorists.

The original ending where the protagonist/key character leaves the government to protest their underhand methods [1]

In the 2005 movie, Fandorin remains in the secret service for the common good of the nation.

was changed to him staying in the public service to benefit/contribute to the country [1].

VOCABULARY.....

Article: My Digital Wedding

Pages 10 and 11

Give the meaning of the following words as they are used in the passage. Write your answers in one word or a short phrase.

No.	Paragraph	Word	Meaning
1	1	capture	arrest/grab/take/seize
2	2	last	maintain/remain/keep/persist
3	2	evidence	proof/clue/confirmation/indication
4	3	growing	evolving/expanding/multiplying
5	3	particularly	specifically/especially/singularly
6	3	inspiration	idea/stimulus/illumination/insight/revelation
7	3	separate	distinct/discrete/independent
8	4	risen	climbed/grown/mounted/surged
9	4	communicate	give/share/break/disseminate/inform
10	5	searching	seeking/exploring/hunting/looking for

1. capture: Cameras are able to capture important moments like nothing else.
2. last: Pace yourself – your enthusiasm needs to last the duration of this project.
3. evidence: Do you have any evidence for your theory?
4. growing: The fish is growing at an alarming rate – I thought this was a species of small fish?
5. particularly: She is particularly fond of white chocolate cookies.
6. inspiration: Find inspiration, have fun, and enjoy yourself – these will be far more constructive than giving in to fear or worry.
7. separate: Don't see your school life as separate from your personal growth – many lessons are translatable from one to the other.
8. risen: The number of unhappy youths has risen drastically within this decade.
9. communicate: Of course you will quarrel with your loved ones – what is more important is how you choose to communicate even when disagreeing.
10. searching: Tim has been searching for his lost puppy for weeks.

GRAMMAR.....

Article: Tombstone Tourism

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Abstract Nouns

There are things, and there are things. While our visible world may comprise of tangible objects such as tables, chairs, buildings and cars, there are also many intangible nouns that form a big part of our lives, including courage, curiosity, and trust.

Identify if the sentence has an abstract or a concrete noun.

1. Don't believe Tommy, he is full of deceit. (**abstract**)
2. Mr Tan's dedication is inspiring. (**abstract**)
3. You're on holiday, just take a bubble bath! (**concrete**)
4. John is afraid of airplanes. (**concrete**)
5. This holiday destination will promise you a trip of complete relaxation. (**abstract**)

Identify the words in these paragraphs that show their key points.

Paragraph 2: inspiration

epiphany

Paragraph 4: trend

not unique

Paragraph 6: struggle

tricky