

SUSTAINABLE FASHION

[1] In the past, people bought clothes that were meant to last for years. Today, however, we live in the era of "fast fashion." This industry produces huge quantities of cheap clothing at a very high speed to match the latest trends. While these low prices are attractive to consumers, they come with a devastating cost to the environment and the workers involved.

[2] The fashion industry is one of the world's largest polluters. It is responsible for 10% of all humanity's carbon emissions and is the second-largest consumer of the world's water supply. Producing a single cotton t-shirt requires about 2,700 liters of water—enough for one person to drink for two and a half years. Furthermore, the toxic chemicals used to dye fabrics often end up in rivers, harming both wildlife and human health.



[3] Beyond environmental damage, fast fashion raises serious ethical questions. To keep prices low, many brands manufacture their clothes in developing countries where labor is cheap. Workers often face dangerous conditions, long hours, and extremely low wages. In some cases, child labor is used to meet the high demand of western markets.

[4] Fortunately, a new movement called "sustainable fashion" is gaining popularity. This approach encourages people to buy less, choose better quality, and make clothes last longer. Instead of throwing away old items, people are learning to repair them or buy "second-hand" from thrift stores. Some modern brands are also using eco-friendly materials like organic cotton or recycled plastic.

[5] Consumers hold the power to change the industry. By choosing to support ethical brands and avoiding the temptation of "throwaway" culture, we can help protect the planet. As fashion designer Vivienne Westwood famously said: "Buy less, choose well, make it last."

I. COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS)

BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT.

A. CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER. (1 pt)

The writer's main purpose is to:

- a. Encourage people to buy more clothes.
- b. Explain the negative impacts of fast fashion and suggest alternatives.
- c. Describe how to become a famous fashion designer.

B. ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY. (3 pts)

- 1. In the past, clothing was generally more durable than it is today.
- 2. The fashion industry uses very little water.
- 3. Sustainable fashion focuses on buying as many clothes as possible.

C. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. (3 pts)

- 1. Why is fast fashion so popular among consumers?
- 2. What happens to the toxic chemicals used in the dyeing process?
- 3. What kind of materials are some sustainable brands using?

D. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES. (2 pts)

- 1. Many clothes are made in developing countries because
- 2. We can protect the planet if we avoid

E. FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS THAT MEAN THE SAME AS: (3 pts)

- 1. damaging (para 1):
- 2. produce (para 3):
- 3. fix (para 4):

F. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO? (3 pts)

- 1. they (para 1):
- 2. It (para 2):
- 3. them (para 4):

II. LANGUAGE (15 POINTS)

A. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT WORDS FROM THE LIST. (2 pts)

volunteering - cultural - diversity - community - harmony

- 1. Respecting is necessary for people to live in peace.
- 2. Many students enjoy in local charities during their summer holidays.

B. GIVE THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS IN BRACKETS. (2 pts)

- 1. Technology has made (communicate) easier and faster.
- 2. The (improve) of the healthcare system is a priority.

C. REWRITE THE SENTENCES AS INDICATED. (3 pts)

1. "Please, don't forget to lock the door," my mother said.
My mother told me
2. Scientists discovered a new planet last month.
A new planet
3. I don't have enough time, so I can't learn Japanese.
I wish

D. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE. (3 pts)

By the end of this month, I (finish) reading this novel. I (start) it three weeks ago, and I (enjoy) every page so far.

E. MATCH EACH EXPRESSION WITH ITS APPROPRIATE FUNCTION. (2 pts)

1. "I'm afraid I don't agree with you." | a. Expressing opinion
2. "To my mind, education is the key." | b. Expressing disagreement

III. WRITING (10 POINTS)

TASK 1: Complete the following paragraph. (4 pts)

There are many things we can do to protect the environment. First,

TASK 2: (6 pts)

Write an article for your school magazine about the importance of being a responsible consumer. How can students help the environment through their daily choices?