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RADIO POPREEL 5:

Fashion School, Taj Mahal and Spoken Word



A. LISTENING COMPREHENSION

1. **Where is Michelle Brown from?**
 - a) Nebraska
 - b) Alaska
 - c) Native America

2. **Why is sustainability important in Brown's design?**
 - a) Because the Native Americans recycle material when they produce clothes.
 - b) Because she is allergic to non-organic fabric.
 - c) Because she wants people to be aware of the value of nature.

3. **Why did John Max Goh come to New York?**
 - a) To study fashion design at Parson's Fashion School.
 - b) To be a teacher at Parson's Fashion School.
 - c) To study English.

4. **Professor of Fashion Design Fiona Dieffenbacher says that...**
 - a) New York can be seen as an extension of the designer school classroom.
 - b) design is creating new models.
 - c) fashion design is mainly draping.

5. **New York as a fashion capital...**
 - a) has a lot of designers that are specialized in mixing fabrics.
 - b) offers the possibility to always explore new designs.
 - c) has a lot of designers.



6. **Jack Burns from New Mexico likes to be in New York because...**
 - a) it is easy to blend in.
 - b) it is easy to meet like-minded people.
 - c) he likes to share experiences with other people.

7. **What famous designers have studied at Parson's Fashion School?**
 - a) Donna Karen, Marc Jacobs, Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana
 - b) Giorgio Armani, Don O'Neil, Nicola Trussardi
 - c) Valentino, Donna Karen, Alessandro Dell'Acqua

8. **Nirav Modi is a...**
 - a) in the diamond jewellery business
 - b) a diamond cutter
 - c) working at the Taj Mahal

9. **How long did it take to build the Taj Mahal?**
 - a) 40-50 years
 - b) 60-70 years
 - c) 30-40 years

10. **What is Suli Break's poetry about?**
 - a) religion
 - b) everyday life
 - c) education

11. **Why does Suli Break say about Youtube?**
 - a) It's useful when you want to find good music.
 - b) It is a place where you can share funny video clips.
 - c) It is a platform that he can use to reach out to people with his poetry.

B. WRITE AN ESSAY ABOUT FASHION TRENDS

What is your opinion about what can be expressed through fashion? Who decides what is fashionable and what isn't? Is it important to follow the latest fashion trends? What happens if you don't follow fashion trends at all? Express your thoughts about fashion and trends in an essay of about one page.

C. PEER RESPONSE

Work in groups of four. Read each other's essays on fashion trends and give feedback. Pay attention to these things when you give feedback:

- What is the structure like? Is there a clear introduction and a conclusion? What could be done to improve structure?
- Are the thoughts clearly expressed? What could be done to make it clearer?
- How is the grammar and spelling? Mark no more than three different mistakes in the text.
- What is really good about this essay? Give positive feedback on three things!

D. WRITE A SECOND VERSION OF THE ESSAY!

Use the feedback from your peers and rewrite the essay before you hand it in to your teacher.

E. DISCUSS IN CLASS

- Do you follow fashion trends?
- What is the latest fashion right now?
- What do you think about fashion in general?
- Would it be good or bad if fashion didn't exist? Motivate your answers.
- Fashion trends usually come back twenty or thirty years later. Why?
- According to you, what do people usually want to express through their clothes?
- Would you wear salmon skin boots?



F. FIND OUT MORE!

Search the Internet for facts and prepare a presentation. Find some good pictures to show in class and present your facts. Choose one of the topics below.

- Taj Mahal
- Parson's Fashion School
- A fashion designer
- Spoken word artist Suli Break



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- 1) b
- 2) a
- 3) a
- 4) a
- 5) b
- 6) b
- 7) a
- 8) a
- 9) c
- 10) c
- 11) c