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### INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y CALIFICACIÓN

Después de leer atentamente los textos y las cuestiones siguientes, el alumno deberá escoger una de las dos opciones propuestas y responder en INGLÉS a las cuestiones de la opción elegida.

CALIFICACIÓN: Las cuestiones 1ª, 2ª y 4ª se valorarán sobre 2 puntos cada una, la pregunta 3ª sobre 1 punto y la pregunta 5ª sobre 3 puntos.

TIEMPO: 90 minutos.

## **Beauty Over Youth**

From the countless music videos portraying young healthy-looking beauties to a flourishing cosmetics industry that promises slow aging, women are led to believe that men primarily prefer youth to beauty. But a new study from Britain suggests that men go for older attractive women rather than younger plain-looking ones.

The new study by a psychologist of Chiterns University College shows that up to a certain age, men find attractiveness more important than youth when considering potential mates. The psychologist took a photo of a 36-year-old woman who was very attractive in the eyes of a group of men. They showed the picture to three other groups in their early 20s along with the same eight pictures of women aged 20-45 who had been considered less attractive. The researchers told the group the beautiful woman was either 36, 41 or 45 years old. When asked who they'd prefer as a long-term partner, all three groups of men chose her, regardless of how old they thought she was.

The study shows that beauty counts and that men are not concerned with the number of children they can have. The younger, plainer women will give them more children, but the fact that men are going for the "aging beauty" is indicative that beauty is more important at some level. But the psychologist also stressed that the study was based only on physical attractiveness and didn't take into account other characteristic traits like kindness, generosity, and caring, which were just as,if not more important, in determining long-term relationships.

#### **OUESTIONS**

- 1. Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. NO marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.
- a. During the experiment, each group of men saw a different set of pictures.
- b. All the men thought that the beautiful 36-year-old woman would be their first choice. (Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)
- 2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer these questions. Be careful with the grammar and write precise answers.
- a. Why do women think that men find youth more important than beauty?
- b. What does new research show about the way men consider women as potential mothers? (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)
- 3. Find in the text words which mean the same as the following words or phrases
- a. numerous (paragraph 1)
- b. above all (paragraph 1)
- c. consider (paragraph 3)
- d. lasting (paragraph 3)

(Puntuación máxima: 1 punto)

- 4. Complete the following text. Write words or complete.
- a. Although Mary does not worry \_\_\_ her age, I think she is not young \_\_\_ to have a baby now.
- b. The study (do) in 2000, and its findings have been valid then.
- c. Dr Feldman is the psychologist \_\_\_ has conducted this study. He \_\_\_ (be) working on specific areas of human behaviour for ten years.
- d. Thank you for \_\_\_ (help) me with the research. All of you are invited to a party on Saturday. It will be at Tony's, the \_\_\_ (big) pub in town.

  (Puntuación máxima: 2 puntos)

## 5. Write 100 to 150 words on ONE of the following topics: Do not copy from the text.

- $a.\ Is\ physical\ appearance\ in\ a\ boy/girl\ friend\ more\ important\ for\ you\ than\ personal\ qualities?$
- b. Do you think studies like the one described in the text are useful? Discuss.

(Puntuación máxima: 3 puntos)