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**Option A**

**THE CURSE OF BEAUTY**

1 We've all heard stories about how attractive people make more money than the unattractive. We've read how babies stare longer and cry less when held by pretty people, and heard tales of handsome children doing better in school, given special attention by their teachers. And if we hadn't already  
5 come to terms with the belief that beautiful people are generally better all-around, a study late last month revealed we notice the intricacies of their personality more, too—simply because we're better listeners when we can stare at a beautiful face.

10 But what if we told you that when it comes to online dating, good looks could actually hurt you? "OK Cupid" decided to find out. The second-most-popular online dating site, for which statistical pseudo-sociology has become something of a pastime, they cross-examined data from thousands of users to try and determine what kind of women most men find attractive.

15 What did they find? That the more men as a group disagree about a woman's looks, the more they end up liking her; that guys tend to ignore girls widely-considered to be attractive; that having some men think you're ugly actually works in a woman's favor.

**QUESTIONS**

**[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C.  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE)**

**A. Answer the following question using your own words. (10 to 20 words)  
(1 point)**

According to the text, why do handsome children do better in school?

**B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice. (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each)**

B1. It is heard that appealing people make more money than the ugly.

B2. Babies dislike attractive people.

B3. "OK Cupid" is an organization devoted to human beauty.

**C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct. (0.5 points)**

It was found that...

- a) men disagree about a woman's looks.
- b) if men think a woman is ugly it actually works in her favour.
- c) men don't ignore attractive girls.

**[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH)**

- a) Put into the passive:** "We've heard stories about how attractive people are more successful than the unattractive."
- b) Transform into reported speech:** "The more men as a group disagree about a woman's looks, the more they end up liking her." **Begin with:** " 'OK Cupid' said..."
- c) Complete:** "If a baby were held by a pretty person..."
- d) Combine into one sentence containing a relative clause:** " 'OK Cupid' is the second most-popular online dating site. 'OK Cupid' determined what kind of women most men find attractive."

**[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH ANSWER)**

- **Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:**
  - a) appealing to the senses or mind through beauty
  - b) acceptance of the truth of something
- **Find synonyms for each of the words below:**
  - c) complexities
  - d) character
  - e) distraction

**[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS.  
(4 POINTS)**

Would you use dating sites?



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**Option B**

**PARENTS PAY CHILDREN LESS POCKET MONEY BECAUSE OF RECESSION**

1 One in four parents has cut the amount of pocket money they give their children as a direct result of the recession. The average child between 4 and 15 gets £5.80 pocket money a week, but 24% of parents admit they have reduced the amount they give their children. Seven out of 10 parents expect  
5 their children to help around the house in exchange for cash, from tidying their own rooms to mowing the lawn.

10 Around 38% of children regularly save the money they receive, with 35% having a savings account and 58% keeping their money in a piggy bank. Children in London get the most pocket money, at an average of £7.81 a week. Boys typically get more money than girls. They are more than twice as likely as girls to receive between £16 and £20 a week, but they are also more likely to spend it in days.

15 The majority of parents surveyed said they have had the financial equivalent of the "birds and bees" conversation with their offspring, discussing where money comes from. You can never start financial education early enough, and this approach is by far the best way to teach children good habits.

**QUESTIONS**

[1] FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS A, B, C.  
(3 POINTS AS A WHOLE)

A. Answer the following question using your own words. (10 to 20 words)  
(1 point)

What do children have to do to get pocket money?

B. Are the following statements *true* or *false*? Indicate the line(s) in the text supporting your choice. (1.5 points as a whole: 0.5 points each)

B1. 70% of children are expected to help their parents at home in order to receive their allowance.

B2. Children in Britain save their weekly money under the bed.

B3. Girls in the U.K. get more pocket money than boys.

C. Choose *a*, *b* or *c* in the question below. Only one choice is correct. (0.5 points)

Kids' pocket money has been reduced in Britain...

- a) due to earthquakes.
- b) due to the weak economy.
- c) because of their teachers.

[2] COMPLETE TASKS a, b, c, d ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN.  
(2 POINTS AS A WHOLE: 0.5 EACH)

- a) **Complete:** "If he had had some reason to explain his behaviour..."
- b) **Put into the passive:** "Jonathan gave the children a book for their birthday last month."
- c) **Transform into reported speech:** "Children, don't waste your pocket money on useless things." **Begin with:** "Their mother advised..."
- d) **Write a question for which the underlined words are the answer:** "It takes me three months to save up for a computer game."

[3] VOCABULARY (1 POINT AS A WHOLE: 0.2 EACH ANSWER)

- Find one word in the text for each of the following meanings:

- a) a period of general economic decline
- b) cutting down the grass with a mechanical device

- Find synonyms for each of the words below:

- c) acknowledge
- d) assist
- e) manners

[4] WRITE ABOUT THE FOLLOWING TOPIC USING BETWEEN 90-120 WORDS. (4 POINTS)

From what age do you think children should start receiving pocket money and what do you think they should have to do to get it?