

الإمتحان التطبيقي لمقياس اللغة الإنجليزية للسداسي الثاني

The reading passage:

Cosmetics have been used throughout history. The ancient Greeks, the Egyptians, and the Romans all used various kinds of makeup. Some of these cosmetics were used to improve one's appearance. Others were used to protect one's skin. However, in some cases, things used for makeup were dangerous or even deadly!

Skin care treatments including perfumes, lotions, and cosmetic masks were used in ancient Egypt by rich and poor alike. Egyptians also developed some of the earliest sunscreens. They used oils and creams for protection against the sun and dry winds. Egyptians used black **kohl** around their eyes. Romans put white **chalk** on their faces, and Indians painted red **henna** on their bodies.

Most of the ancient cosmetics were harmless. However, in the name of beauty, some people applied dangerous chemicals and poisons to their skin. During the Italian **Renaissance**, women wore white powder made of **lead** on their faces. Of course, doctors today know lead is like a poison for our bodies. Also around the time of the **Renaissance**, women in Italy put drops of **belladonna** in their eyes. These belladonna drops were made from a plant whose poison affects the **nerves** in the body. By putting belladonna drops in her eyes, a woman's **pupils** would become very large. People thought this made women more beautiful. Actually, this is where the plant's name comes from. In Italian, belladonna means "beautiful woman."

In England, women were using special hair **dye** made with lead and sulphur. The dye was designed to give people red hair, the same color as the queen's Elizabeth hair, but over time, the dye made people's hair fall out. Finally, women using this dye ended up bald, like the queen, and had to wear **wigs**.

kohl: الكحل

chalk: الطباشير

henna: الحناء

Renaissance: النهضة

wig: الشعر المستعار

lead: الرصاص

belladonna: عشبة سامة بثمار سوداء

nerve: العصب

pupil: بؤبؤ العين

dye: صباغ

Choose the best answer ( 04pts)

1. What is the main idea of this reading?
  - a. People have always used makeup.
  - b. Some cosmetics in the past were dangerous.
  - c. Italian women had the best makeup.
2. Which of the following statements is NOT correct?
  - a. The Egyptians used makeup to help their skin.
  - b. The Romans used chalk to make their faces white.
  - c. Queen Elizabeth had blond hair.
  - d. All of the above
3. Where did Italian women apply lead powder?
  - a. In their hair
  - b. On their hands
  - c. On their faces
  - d. Under their arms
4. What was belladonna used for?
  - a. To give women pretty eyes
  - b. To change the color of women's skin
  - c. To poison plants
  - d. To make people look smarter

Fill in the blank with one of the idioms:(03pt)

1. in some cases, teachers found students did better on longer exams. (تم حذفها)
2. Let's follow the map, or we may end up lost. (تم حذفها)
3. We must keep fighting in the name of freedom.

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. (03pts)

in the name of  
nerves

culture  
cosmetics

drops  
dangerous

Although 1 cosmetics have been used all throughout history, not all of them have been safe. In fact, some of them have been quite 2 dangerous to people. For example, long ago in Italian 3 culture, people thought women with big eyes were beautiful. Therefore, 4 in the name of beauty, women began to put 5 drops of belladonna in their eyes to make their pupils larger. Belladonna, however, is poisonous, and it can affect the 6 nerves in the body.