

INSTRUCCIONES GENERALES Y VALORACIÓN

1. Lea todo el texto cuidadosamente.
2. Lea atentamente todas las preguntas de la prueba.
3. Proceda a responder en lengua inglesa a las preguntas en el papel de examen.

TIEMPO: 1 hora y 30 minutos.

CALIFICACIÓN: La puntuación máxima de la prueba es de 10 puntos.

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 Chilterns 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.

1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Write down 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 from the text, answer the following questions.
 - 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 the words in the text that mean.

- 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 sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.

- 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 about 100 to 150 words on one of the following topics.

- 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)