

Beauty Is Only Skin Deep

I

Who is the real Michael Jackson? What does he really look like (يبدو)? People say that he has had so many plastic surgeries (عمليات تجميل) that only a little of the original Michael Jackson is left. According to rumors, his nose was changed, his mouth was made smaller and his chin (ذقن) was reshaped. In addition, some people claim (يدّعون) that also the color of *his* skin was changed, although Michael claims that it's not true.

II

However, Michael Jackson is not alone; according to the number of rich and successful plastic surgeons, very few people are satisfied (راضون) with the way they look and have strong desire (رغبة) to change their appearance. If you have money, you can make any change you want: You can shorten or straighten your nose, thicken your lips, make your legs slimmer...ANY CHANGE!

III

People today are shown pictures of slim and beautiful models and film stars. But, they rarely see pictures of ordinary (عاديون) people- like most of us. As a result, young people do their best to look like those models and unfortunately (لسوء الحظ) *this* is not always possible. Our genes make us what we are: Some of us are born beautiful, but most of us complain constantly that we are too short, too (أكثر من اللازم) tall, too fat, too skinny...etc.

IV

The old proverb (مَثَل) "*Beauty is only skin deep*" warns us that beauty is only on the surface, and means that the person's character (شخصية) is more important than his appearance. When you are really happy, then you will look attractive. A smiling face is a lovely face. Learn to use the features (صفات) that you already have more efficiently, and try to develop rather your inner appearance.

1. Each of the following statements was said differently in the text. Copy the exact words from the text that have the closest meaning to each statement. [10 pts]

a. Michael Jackson has gone through many plastic surgeries. (parag I)

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b. Michael Jackson is not the only person who changed his appearance. (parag II)

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c. We inherit (نَرِثُ) our physical features from our parents.(parag III)

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d. Most people don't like their appearance. (Parag III)

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e. If you are cheerful, you will look more beautiful. (Parag IV)

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2. List TWO changes that Michael made in his appearance [2 pts]

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b.

3. The pronoun “*his*” in line 4 refers to [1 pt]

- a. mouth.
- b. Michael Jackson.
- c. chin.
- d. people.

4. What does the writer think of plastic surgeons (parag II)? [3 pts]

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5. What would you need in order to (لكي) change anything in your look (parag II)? [2 pts]

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6. Why do youngsters try their best to become more beautiful (parag IV)? [2 pts]

- a. they want to imitate models and actors.
- b. they are ordinary people like us.
- c. this is not always possible.
- d. answers **b** and **c** are both correct.

7. The pronoun “*this*” in line 13 refers to [2 pts]

- a. Looking at pictures.
- b. Going to plastic surgeons and paying money.
- c. Always possible.
- d. Trying hard to look like models.

8. (ANSWER IN ARABIC) What does the proverb “*Beauty is only skin deep*” mean (parag IV)? [3 pts]

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9. What should you do to become beautiful according to the text (parag IV)? [3 pts]

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10. Translate the following phrases into Arabic: [5 pts]

- a. “is left” (line 2-3).....
- b. “according to rumors” (line 3).....
- c. “was changed” (line 5).....
- d. “complain constantly” (line 14).....
- e. “a smiling face” (line 18)

B. Literature and Writing: Answer the following question about the story “*Harry Knows It All*” from your course book. Write NO MORE THAN 40 words. [7 pts]

Question: What did Harry’s friend say about his new nose? Why did that happen, in your opinion? Would you react the same like Harry’s friends?

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C. Language: Circle the best answer to complete each blank below.

How do we decide whether someone (1. was / is / be) beautiful? Well, this depends on where (2. we / us / our) live. In the Western world, an attractive woman is a woman (3. which / who) has a high forehead and (4. lips full / fullest lips / full lips). But, for an Egyptian man, such a woman (5. might / must / should) not be the most beautiful.; therefore, (6. be / being / is) beautiful in one place does not necessarily apply everywhere.

Good Luck Guys!