

I. READING

Are personal shoppers a growing fashion?

A day in the life of a personal shopper

'Personal shoppers are in great demand these days', says Thomas, who has been working as one for the past five year. As we were walking past designer clothes shops, I asked him why he thinks this has happened. He says that there are many people who want to be fashionable, but they don't know where to start. They need a professional to advise them.

But why? I always call my best friend to help me find the perfect dress, not a stranger! 'I can help in three different ways. The first thing I do is help my customer improve their image. I teach them to choose colours and clothes that suit them, and how to use make-up', Thomas tells me. 'Then I organise the customer's wardrobe; I might even throw away some old clothes'. The third service has to do with actual shopping: the personal shopper and the customer visit shops and buy clothes according to the customer's personality, lifestyle and needs.

Of course, each of the above services cost between 150 and 225 euros! Do many people have this kind of money to spend? 'Most of my customers are rich business people who call me for important meetings or business parties', explains Thomas. 'However, I also work for people in all kinds of jobs and for retired men and women who want a change of look.' I was quite impressed, but I still didn't see why ordinary people would need someone like Thomas.

We spent the rest of the day shopping. Every time we came out of a shop, we had one more bag. In the end, I went home with a beautiful dress, two pairs of trousers, some lovely tops and a couple of coats. I'd never had a shopping day like this before! I admit that I'd spent more than I usually do, but I wouldn't have found such beautiful clothes without Thomas. I just wish personal shoppers were a bit cheaper!

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1. In the article, the author is

- ☐ A) talking about shopping in expensive shops.
- ☐ Б) finding out what personal shoppers do.
- ☐ В) explaining the kind of work Thomas does.
- ☐ Г) describing how she chooses which clothes to buy.

2. Thomas thinks personal shoppers are mainly necessary because people

- ☐ A) don't like following fashion.
- ☐ Б) have started shopping for designer clothes.
- ☐ В) want to spend less money on clothes.
- ☐ Г) need help with choosing the right clothes.

3. What does Thomas say about the services a personal shopper offers?

- ☐ A) The customer can learn things through these services.
- ☐ Б) The customer has to pay 225 euros for three services.
- ☐ В) The third service is more useful than the other two.
- ☐ Г) They depend on the customer's character and preferences.

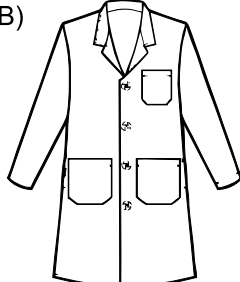
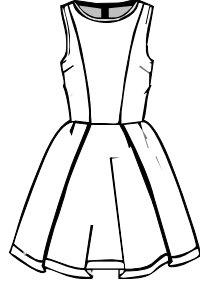
4. Choose the true sentences.

- ☐ A) The writer didn't understand why people wanted to look different.
- ☐ Б) The services of personal shoppers are rather expensive.
- ☐ В) Thomas wasn't able to help the writer do the shopping.
- ☐ Г) The writer was satisfied with the shopping with Thomas.

5. How might the writer describe her shopping day with Thomas?

- ☐ A) An amazing day despite my doubts.
- ☐ Б) A joyful day, and surprisingly cheap.
- ☐ В) A fun day, but it ended badly.
- ☐ Г) An unexpected day that wasn't worth the money.

6. The writer bought during her shopping day with Thomas.

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| ☐ A)  | ☐ Б)  |
| ☐ В)  | ☐ Г)  |

7. Personal shoppers can

- ☐ A) improve the way their customers present themselves.
- ☐ Б) destroy their customers' wardrobes.
- ☐ В) help their customers buy proper clothes.
- ☐ Г) give their customers 150 euros for shopping.

II. COMMUNICATION

8. A: your bike?

B: Yes, of course.

- ☐ A) May I borrow
- ☐ Б) Would you mind if I borrowed
- ☐ В) Do you mind if you borrow me
- ☐ Г) Can I borrow

9. This notice says that

KEEP OF THE GRASS!
Please walk on the path around
the park and keep dogs on leads.
Thank you.

- ☐ A) dogs aren't allowed in the park.
☐ Б) visitors to the park shouldn't walk on the grass.
☐ B) dogs must be leaved on their leash in the park.
☐ Г) there are a lot of paths in the park.

10. A: Ouch! I've twisted my ankle.

B:

- ☐ A) Shall I see the doctor?
☐ Б) You shouldn't walk now.
☐ B) I wouldn't try to walk now if I were you.
☐ Г) You'd better wait for an ambulance.

11. A: How much is the train ticket to St. Petersburg?

B:

- ☐ A) At quarter past ten.
☐ Б) About a hundred dollars.
☐ B) Two and a half hours.
☐ Г) A single senior ticket, please.

12. A:

B: Yes, that sounds like a great idea.

- ☐ A) Would you like to go for a walk with us?
☐ Б) Why don't we go for a walk?
☐ B) Let's go for a walk.
☐ Г) Shall we go for a walk?

III. VOCABULARY

13. Jeff is a person. He doesn't talk about his achievements and successes.

- ☐ A) modest ☐ Б) talkative
☐ B) moody ☐ Г) humble

14. 'I'm sure I'll win the race.' He confident about winning the race.

- ☐ A) persuades ☐ Б) feels
☐ B) suggests ☐ Г) seems to be

15. My mum got a new for her birthday.



- ☐ A) sieve ☐ Б) whisk
☐ B) food processor ☐ Г) oven

16. Golfers hit a ball with a and try to hit it into a hole.

- ☐ A) club ☐ Б) rocket
☐ B) stick ☐ Г) puck

17. Mrs Wilson often prepares for dinner. Her family like fish very much.

- ☐ A) beaver ☐ Б) trout
☐ B) salmon ☐ Г) perch

18. The police arrested the who had set fire to his neighbours' barn.

- ☐ A) thief ☐ Б) arsonist
☐ B) forger ☐ Г) mugger

19. Tom is a novice at work. I don't think he's of completing such a difficult task.

- ☐ A) experienced ☐ Б) skilful
☐ B) possible ☐ Г) capable

20. It's cold and cloudy today. Gaby is really that she can't go swimming in the sea.

- ☐ A) disappointing ☐ Б) saddened
☐ B) disappointed ☐ Г) annoying

IV. GRAMMAR

21. My mum unwell all afternoon.

- ☐ A) feels ☐ Б) is feeling
☐ B) has been feeling ☐ Г) has felt

22. My room needs soon. It hasn't been painted for eight years.

- ☐ A) decorating ☐ Б) to decorate
☐ B) to be decorated ☐ Г) to decorating

23. Five terrorists so far.

- ☐ A) are caught ☐ Б) have caught
☐ B) were caught ☐ Г) have been caught

24. We arrived the station at midnight.

- ☐ A) to ☐ Б) at ☐ B) for ☐ Г) by

25. We had nice day on the school trip.

- ☐ A) such a ☐ Б) so a
☐ B) such ☐ Г) so

26. When Mark came home yesterday, his sister

- ☐ A) did the vacuuming.
☐ Б) was doing the vacuuming.
☐ B) has done the vacuuming.
☐ Г) had done the vacuuming.

27. A: They had a great time on holiday in Switzerland.

B:

- ☐ A) So had we. ☐ Б) So did we.
☐ B) Nor had we ☐ Г) We didn't.

28. Pauline was relieved to hear that she the exam.

- ☐ A) passed ☐ Б) has passed
☐ B) had passed ☐ Г) was passing

29. The parcel might not today.

- ☐ A) have delivered ☐ Б) is delivered
☐ B) be delivered ☐ Г) deliver

30. I'm afraid the printer has ink. You can't use it now.

- ☐ A) run out of ☐ Б) fell out with
☐ B) looked up to ☐ Г) put up with