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Test-Taking Skills Booster**Unit 4****READING COMPLETION**

Read the selection. Choose the word or phrase that best completes each statement.

The Media and Women's Self-esteem

It has been reported that 75 percent of women in the United States think they are "too fat." What is the cause of this? (1) some people, media such as television, movies, and magazines actually define a woman's "beauty" for us by providing images that represent the ideal. (2) the ideal today is tall and thin, women want to be tall and thin, too, (3) for the majority, this goal is unattainable. (4) hair color or weight, which are somewhat under our control, height and body type are largely determined by genetics and (5) are not controllable. (6) , since the average fashion model is 5 feet, 11 inches (1.83 meters) tall and weighs 117 pounds (53 kilograms), (7) the average woman is only 5 feet, 4 inches (1.65 meters) tall and weighs approximately 140 pounds (63.5 kilograms), very few women could fall into the "ideal" range. (8) , many women are left feeling either fat or unattractive.

Perhaps more important is the fact that constantly viewing images of models and actresses causes even very young girls to grow up with a negative self-image and (9) self-esteem. (10) it would be impractical to try to change the images being presented in the media, we can make an effort to help young people understand that they are being targeted as a consumer group so advertisers can convince them to buy products.

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| 1. A Because | B As a consequence of | C According to | D Therefore |
| 2. A Due to the fact that | B As a result | C Although | D Consequently |
| 3. A because | B even though | C as a consequence | D likewise |
| 4. A Unlike | B Like | C In similar fashion | D Whereas |
| 5. A not either | B therefore | C however | D as well |
| 6. A Because | B In contrast | C Furthermore | D Although |
| 7. A whereas | B even though | C similarly | D unlike |
| 8. A However | B In contrast | C For instance | D As a result |

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9. A excellent B high C happy D low
10. A Although B Following that C Before D After that

LISTENING COMPLETION

- A** You will hear a conversation. Read the paragraph below. Then listen and complete each statement with the word or short phrase you hear in the conversation. Listen a second time to check your work.

The first woman is looking at a (1) and would like the other woman's opinion of it. She is thinking of wearing it for her presentation at the (2) She asks the other woman if it might be (3) The second woman thinks the dress might be better on a younger woman. She thinks clothes for women their age should be more (4)

- B** You will hear a conversation. Read the paragraph below. Then listen and complete each statement with the word or short phrase you hear in the conversation. Listen a second time to check your work.

The customer is shopping for a shirt for (5) He's thinking he'd like something in a (6) color, perhaps in a (7) or green. The salesman asks whether the customer is looking for a (8) or a (9) shirt. The customer says that he'd like a long-sleeve one, and the clerk offers to show him some (10) ones for him (11) from.