Many models have to get down to a very unhealthy weight to keep their modelling agency happy. A new study says agencies pressure models to be a size zero. If the model is not skinny enough, the agency will not give her jobs. The study is in the ‘International Journal of Eating Disorders’. It is the largest ever report to look at eating disorders among professional models and why they have to lose so much weight to get work. Lead researcher Dr Rachel Roberts said it was the first study to investigate the link between unhealthy eating and pressure from modelling agencies. She said: “We now have…solid, scientific proof that eating disorders are a serious health problem in the modelling industry.”

Researchers questioned 85 professional female models over the age of 18. They discovered that 81% of them were underweight. Many of the models led a very unhealthy lifestyle to stay underweight so they could get work from their agencies. They skipped meals, stopped eating for days, used diet pills and made themselves throw up. Over half the models said their agency told them they would not get jobs unless they lost more weight. It is not against the law for agencies to do this. Eating disorders can lead to serious health problems, such as infertility, heart damage, weak bones, organ failure and even death. In addition, teenagers want bodies like the size-zero models, which leads to public health issues.


QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)
Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer.
NO marks are given for only true or false. NO marks are given for “V”.

1. All models are underweight in order to satisfy the demands of their agencies.
2. Experts have been documenting the relationship between the bad eating habits of models and the influence of their agencies for years.
3. The models questioned were underage.
4. Agencies are not allowed to impose weight limits on their models.
II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)
Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.
1. Very thin
2. Omitted, failed to have
3. Tablets, capsules of medicine
4. Vomit

B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)
1. Write a word from the text that includes the same sound as “bird” /3:/.
2. Write a word from the text that includes the same diphthong as “pay” /eɪ/.
3. How is the “-s” pronounced in “models”, / s /, / z / or / ɪz /?
4. How is the “-ed” pronounced in “discovered”, / t /, / d / or / ɪd /?

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)
Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given:
1. It was such a boring play that I walked out of the theatre.
   The play . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
2. “Why don’t we prepare a barbecue?” Mary said.
   Mary suggested . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
3. The woman is Alice Harris. Her ring was stolen from inside her house.
   The woman  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
4. I regret I didn’t do my homework.
   I wish . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
5. They have arrested the woman for shoplifting.
   The woman . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
6. I didn’t arrive early so I missed the plane.
   If . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)
Write a composition of at least 125 words on the following topic:
"Advantages and disadvantages of being a top model."
Barcelona residents are so fed up with their city being overrun by holidaymakers that some believe tourists are worse than poverty.

In a poll conducted by Barcelona’s city hall, 5.3 per cent of respondents said tourism is the biggest problem the city is facing. Tourism was followed by poverty, which 5.1 per cent of those polled identified as Barcelona’s biggest problem.

Tensions boiled over last summer as locals took to the streets and called for major changes to cut down on the number of holidaymakers who visit the city. Barcelona Mayor Ada Colau has announced plans to limit the number of tourists entering the city to avoid ending up ‘like Venice’ as part of a strategy to balance the tourism sector’s interests with those of residents.

In another move to satisfy locals, large tourist groups have been banned from visiting the iconic La Boquería public market at peak times, including Fridays and Saturdays during the hours when locals do their weekly shopping and it is visited by pairs or smaller groups of holidaymakers.

Tourism in Barcelona has been rising steadily over the last two decades, and the city of 1.6 million people is now visited by more than seven million holidaymakers a year. The number of tourists visiting Barcelona has more than tripled since it hosted the Olympics in 1992, and locals are angry over queues and crowded beaches or streets, and worried the city will lose its identity as more tourist-focused shops or attractions open.

With tourism contributing to 14 per cent of its economy, a 2013 study by MasterCard found that Barcelona is Europe’s third most visited city, after London and Paris.

QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)
Add TRUE or FALSE and copy the evidence from the text to support your answer. NO marks are given for only true or false. NO marks are given for “V”.

1. The inhabitants of Barcelona consider the excess of tourists in their city a more serious problem than poverty.
2. Last summer, residents of Barcelona went to the city hall to complain about the problem of visitors.
3. Tourists are no longer allowed to visit La Boquería at any time.
4. The opening of so many tourist-oriented facilities is one of the concerns of local people in Barcelona.

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II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)
Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. Very angry, exasperated
2. Residents of the area
3. Forbidden
4. Full of people

B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

1. Write two words from the text that include the same diphthong as “post” / əʊ /.
   (0.25 points for each correct answer)
2. Write a word from the text that includes the same sound as “park” / a: /.
3. How is the “-ed” pronounced in “identified”, / t /, / d / or / ɪd /?

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)
Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given:

1. He received the parcel. He was waiting for it.
   He . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

2. “No! I won’t go there!”, she said.
   She refused . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

3. They gave John a warm welcome.
   John . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

4. I am sorry I told her.
   I wish . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

5. Despite studying very hard, she failed the test.
   Although . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

6. Write the correct question for the underlined words.
   . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
   The students have been studying for a week.

IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)
Write a composition of at least 125 words on the following topic:

"Do you prefer to travel with friends or with your family?"