

Challenging reading and comprehension Answer key

Unit 6

Comprehension 2

- 1 to introduce the speaker's position in the debate (*any reasonable response*)
- 2 i) blood loss
ii) infection
iii) death
- 3 because it was unapproved/because it was too dangerous
- 4 because he/she wanted to point out the risk of getting plastic surgery (*any reasonable answer*)
- 5 (Former Miss Argentina) Solange Magnano and a Hong Kong woman who died after having plastic surgery in Shenzhen
- 6 dying
- 7 going under the knife
- 8 i) costs
ii) spend
iii) annually
iv) beautiful
v) empty
- 9 i) Ken
ii) I think a person might undergo surgery to look like him because he thinks of the doll as an example of what the perfect man should look like. (*any reasonable response*)
- 10 The main idea of paragraph 3 is that people spend too much money on plastic surgery instead of more important causes. (*any reasonable response*)
- 11 i) aging/getting older
ii) because plastic surgery will only make people look better for a while, but as we age more, the surgery will not have the same effect (*any reasonable response*)
- 12 According to the writer, people should accept that they will age, and not try to resist the natural changes that come along with this. In the long-term, this will make people feel happier. (*any reasonable answer*)
- 13 the idea that plastic surgery/being beautiful is necessary in order to be loved and accepted (*any reasonable answer*)
- 14 thin waists, wide eyes, chiseled chins
- 15 because it shows the woman is wealthy and healthy
- 16 they might suffer from depression later in life if they grow up and do not match society's definition of beauty
- 17 everyone has different ideas of what they think is beautiful
- 18 i) (blank)
ii) ✓
iii) (blank)
iv) ✓
v) ✓
- 19 I think that the writer's argument about the health risks of plastic surgery is the most convincing. It is a reminder to people that opting to

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have plastic surgery should not be a casual decision, as there are real consequences. If more people realized that plastic surgery could result in death, they would not choose to pursue it. *(any reasonable response)*