

**Reading Comprehension Test. Guy de Maupassant. From "The Necklace"**

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Directions: Select the best answer from the choices provided. Write the letter of your answer on the line next to the number.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Why does Mathilde dress plainly?

- a. She does not like the fashion of the times.
- b. She refuses to conform to what society dictates about dressing well.
- c. She cannot afford to dress well.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. What is the attitude of Mathilde's husband about their financial situation?

- a. He is grateful for what they have.
- b. He resents the fact that they cannot have more.
- c. He envies those whose wives and residences have more elegance.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. What does Mathilde want most?

- a. To cook good food for her family, especially good soup for her husband.
- b. To enjoy the time she has to spend with her husband.
- c. To be envied, to be charming, to be sought after.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. According to the narrator, what often makes women of humble origins equal to women of the upper socio-economic classes?

- a. A professional job for which she is well paid.
- b. Natural ingenuity, instinct for what is elegant, and a supple mind.
- c. Good furniture and clothing, such as fine jewelry and Oriental tapestries.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Mathilde's attitude can best be described as

- a. covetous.
- b. scornful.
- c. contemptuous.