INTEGRATED WRITING: Reading Text

Read the following text carefully.

**Beauty? At What Price?**

Cosmetic Surgery, also called plastic surgery, is becoming more popular every year. Almost every day, we hear about famous people and even our neighbors changing the shape of their nose, having wrinkles and lines removed from their face, having fat removed with a procedure called liposuction, and many other, medically unnecessary, procedures. People have cosmetic surgery to look better and feel better about themselves. But at what price?

Recently there has been more discussion about the risks of plastic surgery. Stories about accidents and surgeries that went terribly wrong are in the news more and more. The fact is: Mistakes happen, patients suffer, and sometimes they even die.

One of the most serious problems with cosmetic surgery is related to anesthesia, the drug that stops people from feeling pain during surgery. If patients receive too little or too much anesthesia, they can die or suffer permanent damage.

Having plastic surgery at a private clinic is another big risk. Even patients in good physical condition can have complications. Without proper care, patients can have a heart attack or stop breathing. If a patient has serious medical problems during a cosmetic procedure, there might not be enough time to get to a hospital for help. The result can cost patients their lives.

Studies have reported other problems with plastic surgery clinics.

* Encouraging unnecessary surgery
* Giving inaccurate information
* Letting unqualified staff members counsel patients
* Not collecting enough information about the patient's medical history
* Offering lower prices to patients having more than one procedure

In fact, any surgical procedure should be done at a qualified hospital where patients can get help in case of an emergency.

With these dangers, it is difficult to understand why people choose to have cosmetic surgery. People should be happy with themselves. We should change our definition of beauty--nor our bodies. The personal cost of cosmetic surgery seems too high.

Summarize the pros and cons from the listening and reading. Then, briefly explain your opinion about it. You have 40 minutes to write your essay (around 250 words) Including the preparation time.

Suggested time management for essay writing:

Outlining - 5 minutes

Writing - 20 minutes

Editing and revising -  10 minutes