

What's Your Dressing I.Q.? For Women

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. The way you look has nothing to do with helping you get a job or a promotion.
2. Wearing opaque stockings with sandals, sling-back, and a sundress is fine.
3. Wearing black shoes with a navy dress is fine and can actually work better than a navy shoe, which in some cases looks too "matchy."
4. It's okay to wear sandals when all of the rest of you is covered up (i.e., long sleeves, high neck).
5. It's okay to carry a handbag/shoulder bag that doesn't relate to your outfit-everybody does.
6. Wearing a top in a color that is barely visible in the print of the bottom (and vice versa) is fine.
7. Wearing bright, bold Pucci-like prints when your *coloring* is delicate looking will help "brighten" you up.
8. Mixing bright colors with toned-down muted colors in the same outfit just makes the look more interesting.
9. Wearing black makes you look slimmer.
10. A ribbed turtleneck is perfect for minimizing a full bustline.
11. In the new millennium, anything goes.
12. Fishnet and other patterned stockings are a great way to update more traditional clothing.
13. It's fine to wear large hoop earrings with classic business attire.
14. Shoes with wedge soles look great with knee length skirts.

15. It's okay to go bear-legged with suits in the summer.

ANSWERS

1. False. AND there are many "*it depends upon*" to deal with.
2. False. Unless you are a trendy, funky, or eccentric dresser, opaque stockings are only to be worn when it's cool or cold outside.
3. False. Under ALL circumstances, a navy shoe with a navy dress or suit will *always* be the far better choice-much more elegant and pulled-together looking.
4. False. Sandals are for warm weather (or semiformal and formal affairs) and when you wear them with long sleeves and a high neck, they look out of place and out of balance.
5. False. Your handbag doesn't have to match your shoes (but it's great when it does), however, it does need to relate in some way to you and what you're wearing.
6. False. Even if you see the color in the print when you are standing right next to it, it needs to be visible from a distance or you won't look well pulled-together.
7. False. Everyone can look super in prints but the brightest and boldest only look wonderful on women with strong coloring.
8. False. The bright colors can make the toned-down colors look dirty, and the toned-down colors can make the bright colors appear garish.
9. False. It is an absolute myth that darker colors, like black, make you look slimmer.
10. In general, all ribbed tops maximize the size of your bosom, not minimize it.
11. True for only the trendy, funky, or eccentric dressers. Yes, fashion should be fun and, without being "over-the-top," can

have an amazing style from some unusual mixes like borrowing the jacket from one of our best suits to wear with jeans or other casual pants and skirts.

12. Not exactly. If you wear them with a traditional suit, you will look like "you don't have a clue."
13. Please don't—they make different statements. You are probably wondering WHAT'S considered *large*. It is best to stay under 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " with your classic business looks.
14. False. Because of the mass of the sole, all wedges are heavy-weight looking and, therefore, do not look great with skirts that "hover around" between your knee and your ankle or with very slim-cut trousers.
15. False. Wearing a suit gives a polished, finished, "dressed" look. Especially with a classic suit, it is important to wear stockings because bare legs look *unfinished* and, with a suit at work, unprofessional.