



EXAM INFORMATION

What is Part 3?

There is a newspaper, magazine or website article to read.

What do I have to do?

You have five multiple-choice questions to answer.



EXAM TIPS

- One or two questions will test your understanding of the text as a whole.
- The other questions will test details, opinions or feelings in the text.
- The detail questions will follow the order of information in the text.
- Don't just match words in the options with words in the text. Think carefully about the meaning.

READING

- 1 Read Clarissa's blog quickly. Where is she studying now, at home or at school?

Clarissa's Blog

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PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading Part 3

2 Read Clarissa's blog again. For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1 Why did Clarissa's parents teach her at home?
 - A Her parents didn't like her school.
 - B She was too old for her school.
 - C She was having problems at school.
- 2 What does Clarissa say about homeschooling in the second paragraph?
 - A She only learned what her parents told her to.
 - B She chose what she wanted to learn.
 - C She studied in bed a lot of the time.
- 3 Clarissa preferred doing maths at home because
 - A her dad was able to explain it to her.
 - B it helped her do things she enjoyed.
 - C she had more time to spend on it.
- 4 What was the difference between Clarissa's and her friends' school experiences?
 - A Clarissa didn't have to do any homework.
 - B Clarissa always had more work to do than they did.
 - C Her friends enjoyed themselves more.
- 5 What does Clarissa say about homeschooling in her blog?
 - A It's important to have daily lessons.
 - B It's hard to find time to see friends.
 - C Learning doesn't always have to come from books.

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TALKING POINTS

What do you like about going to school?

What are the good things about homeschooling?

What are the bad things about it?

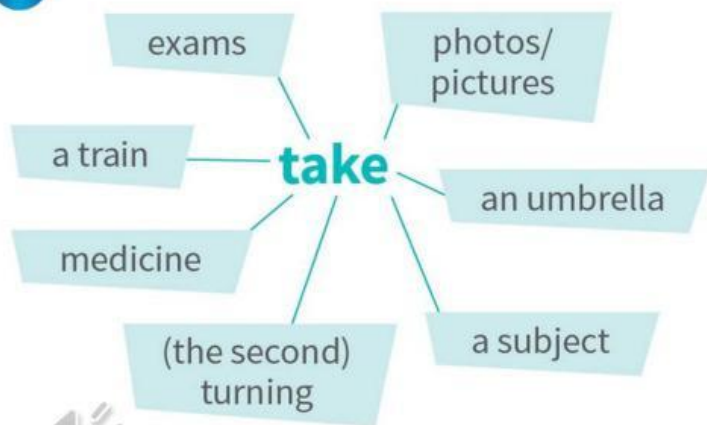
Would you like to study at home? Why? / Why not?

1 What does *take* mean in this sentence?

I'm 15 now, and I'm back at school because I need to **take exams**.

2 Now look at the mind map. Match the meanings of *take* a–g to these words.

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- a** carry
- b** make
- c** do
- d** study

- e** go along
- f** use
- g** catch



Listen and check. Then repeat.

- 1 Read the sentences. Match the meanings of **take** to the verbs in the box.

carry	catch	do	go along
make	study	use	

0 I have to **take** my geography exam again.

do

1 We're going to **take** a train to Edinburgh in the morning. _____

2 Don't forget to **take** your key. I won't be at home when you get back. _____

3 I should **take** some medicine because I've got a bad cold. _____

4 **Take** the first turning on the left. The cinema is on the right. _____

5 I always **take** lots of photographs on holiday. _____

6 Everyone at my school has to **take** maths and science. _____

4 Complete the questions with the correct form of the words from Exercise 2 and then answer them.

- 1 When did you last take an _____ out with you in the rain?
- 2 Which _____ do I need take to get to the park from here? The one on the left or the one on the right?
- 3 What extra _____ would you like to take at school ?
- 4 Have you taken any _____ today with your new camera? How many?
- 5 When was the first time you took a _____ to go somewhere? Were you on holiday?
- 6 Do you usually take _____ when you are ill?
- 7 How do you feel when you take an _____ at the end of the school year?

take an umbrella
take photos or pictures
take exams
take a subject
take the second turning
take medicine
take a train

2 Look at the photos. What are the people doing? Write sentences using *take*.

0 *She is taking a photo.*

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3 Write an example sentence for each meaning of *take*.

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4 Match the sentence halves 1–7 to A–G.

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| 1 This week we have to take three ____ | A take your umbrella. It's raining. |
| 2 I'm taking the ____ | B take a photo of me? |
| 3 Don't forget to take ____ | C exams: English, maths and physics. |
| 4 The directions John gave us say to take ____ | D the first turning on the right, which is here. |
| 5 Please can you ____ | E 4.50 train to London. |
| 6 Remember to ____ | F five different subjects. |
| 7 This year at school I'm taking ____ | G your medicine before you go to bed. |

5 Complete the sentences and question with the correct form of *take* and a suitable word.

- 1 I didn't take an umbrella _____, so I got very wet.
- 2 He _____ two s_____ this term:
maths and physics.
- 3 We _____ the t_____ from Barcelona
to Madrid.
- 4 You go straight on and then _____ the second
t_____ on your left.
- 5 Are you feeling better? Did you remember to
_____ your m_____ today?
- 6 Steve _____ hundreds of p_____ on holiday last week.
- 7 They _____ the e_____ right now.
I hope they pass.

6 Complete the conversation with the words from the box. There are three extra words.

boat	chemistry	design and technology
email	history	ICT
science	subjects	train

A: Hi! Where are you going?

B: I'm taking the ¹ train home. What did you think of the exams?

A: They were OK. What ² _____ are you taking next term?

B: I chose ³ _____ because I like learning about the past. I also chose ⁴ _____ because I like working on my computer. What about you?

A: I love ⁵ _____, but I could only choose two subjects. So, I chose biology and ⁶ _____. I don't like physics much.

B: Cool! Here's my train. See you later!