

Read the text and answer the questions

Practice 3

People and Culture

Questions 1 to 8

We interviewed six teenagers at school about their views on extra tuition classes. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

Is It Necessary to Join Extra Tuition Classes?

A- Jenny, 13 years old

Every student has different learning needs and therefore progresses at different speeds. Some students are able to do their best and excel in all the subjects without extra help. However, some students are incapable of achieving the same level of achievement without extra help from other people. Therefore, extra tuition classes are necessary and helpful if the students can only improve his performance with extra guidance.

B – Aaron, 14 years old

Tuition classes are not necessary. As students, we spend at least 6 hours at school every day, except weekends. If the students really need extra help for their studies, they have ample time to get the extra guidance from their school teachers.

C – Olivia, 15 years old

I agree with Aaron. Extra tuition classes are only a waste of money. In my opinion, students fail to perform in their studies because they lack self-discipline. For example, they do not pay full attention in class and complete their homework on time. I don't think they can turn over a new leaf by going to extra tuition classes after school.

D – Ahmad, 16 years old

Being unable to understand the lessons taught by teachers at school is frustrating. If we do not do something to help the frustrated students, they will lose their motivation and passion for learning quickly. Besides, it is undeniable that different teachers have different teaching styles. Sometimes, students are unable to understand the lessons at school but they can understand the lessons in their extra tuition classes due to different teaching approaches adopted by their tuition teachers.

E – Wei Heng, 17 years old

Schools and extra tuition classes emphasise different learning styles. For example, at school, the learning style of learner-centredness is emphasised. Students are expected to discover knowledge on their own while the teachers are merely facilitators. On the other hand, in extra tuition class, the learning style of teacher-centredness is emphasised in which the teachers will act as knowledge distributors. The learning style stressed by extra tuition classes are suitable for Form 5 students who need intensive learning.

F – Elaine, 16 years old

If teenagers have to go to extra tuition classes involuntarily, they might lose their independence and motivation to chase knowledge. They will always wait for the answers from their teachers instead of finding the answers independently. The constant spoon feeding will eventually backfire when they pursue their further studies in the future. As such, an over-reliance on extra tuition classes is definitely a bad thing and shouldn't be encouraged.

Questions

Questions 1 to 4

Match the paragraph (**A-F**) which describes the correct opinion.

Statements

- Extra tuition classes are important as they provide students an alternative to the learning style adopted at school.
- Extra tuition classes will cause students to lose their independence and motivation in knowledge acquisition.
- Without extra tuition classes some students might feel frustrated and lose their motivation to study as they do not understand the lessons at school.
- Tuition classes are essential as some students cannot perform without extra help.

Paragraph

D

A

F

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Question 5 to 8

Complete the note using the information from the text.

Drag the answer to the blank space.

self-discipline

independently

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teacher-
centredness

Is It Necessary to Join Extra Tuition Classes?

- Extra tuition classes are not necessary as students have **(5)** _____ time at school to ask for advice or guidance from their teachers.
- Most of the students who fail to perform in exams have a low level of **(6)** _____. They do not pay attention in class or finish their homework on time. Going to tuition classes will not change their lackdaisical behavior.
- We must not rely on extra tuition classes as students will get used to spoon feeding and become unable to learn **(7)** _____.
- Most of the students who go to extra tuition classes prefer the learning style of **(8)** _____.