

Name _____ Class _____ No _____

Module 2.10 School Days

Reading

1

Then

In the early 1900s, many boys and girls studied separately. Boys had male teachers and single women taught girls. There were as many as 60 pupils in a class.

Now

Most state schools are mixed which means boys and girls study together. Schools have reduced their class sizes. There are less than 30 pupils per class.

2

Then

Girls and boys learnt different subjects. Girls had to learn household management while boys learnt crafts. Schools chose what subjects they wanted to teach and how they taught them.

Now

Subjects are the same for both boys and girls.
The National Curriculum has created a set syllabus for all schools.

3

Then

Very young children first used sand trays to practise letter writing, then they wrote on slate instead of paper. Teachers wrote on blackboards to teach their lessons.

Now

There are computers in every classroom so pupils have the opportunity to research information on their own. The introduction of interactive whiteboards in most schools has allowed pupils to take a more active part in lessons.

4

Then

Teachers were strict. Misbehaving pupils had to sit in the corner wearing a dunce cap or stand in front of the class. Teachers could even use the cane for corporal punishment for very bad behaviour.

Now

The Education Act of 1986, which abolished corporal punishment, has seen a big change in the way teachers deal with discipline.

5

Then

The Employment of Children Act 1903 guaranteed children a certain level of education before they could leave to go to work. Most children left at 12 or 13. Only those pupils who passed an exam when they were 11 had the chance to go on to university.

Now

Education has now become compulsory for all children from the ages of 5 to 16.
Over two thirds of all school leavers now apply for university.

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- 2** b) Read and match the paragraphs to headings. There is one heading you do not need. Justify your answers. ...

1		...	A Teaching without differences
2		...	B Keeping control in a different way
3		...	C Changing the class make-up
4		...	D Going on to higher education
5		...	E Introducing new equipment
		...	F Giving the chance of a good education