UNIT 5C – BEFORE CLASS ACTIVITIES

Exercise 1: Page 42 - VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

attention cover discipline explore
perform pressure raise suit

1. Ten hours of homework a week probably puts far too much _____ on kids.
2. In larger classes, it's hard for teachers to **maintain** _____ and make sure everyone is paying attention.
3. Not starting school until seven years old means kids can play outside more and _____ the world around them.
4. Extra classes in the evenings could help students **succeed** and _____ **standards**.
5. In smaller classes, you get more individual _____ and more **feedback** from the teacher on how well you're doing.
6. With home-schooling, children can _____ more subjects than they can in normal schools.
7. Putting kids in mixed-level groups might _____ those who are finding things difficult, because they get help from the better students.
8. Single-sex schools might **encourage** some kids to _____ better in certain subjects because they are not **put off** by it being a 'girl's' subject or a 'boy's' subject.

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Exercise 2: page 42 LISTENING

Listening

4 5.5 **Listen to a radio discussion about education and UK schools and answer the questions.**

1 What is the main issue that they discuss?
2 Which speaker (Olga, Josh, Franny) is: a teacher, a parent, a student?
3 What topic do they start to discuss at the end?

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2. **is a teacher;** **is a parent;** **is a student.**

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5 **Listen again and tick the opinions that are mentioned.**

1 Kids in Russia get more homework than kids in the UK.
2 Homework is basically a waste of time, especially at primary school.
3 Schools don't do anything to encourage reading at home.
4 Not all parents read to their children.
5 Giving homework can raise standards.
6 Children should learn to cook and help in the house.
7 The time you spend at school should be enough to learn what you need.
8 It's good to study a lot just before an exam.
9 Reducing class sizes doesn't help teachers maintain discipline.

Write Y = mentioned; N = not mentioned

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