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Section 1

Reading

1 Read this article about what makes a school good. Choose from the sentences A–F the one which fits each gap (1–5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

- A** Maybe everybody should go to school in Finland.
- B** Every teacher studies for five years before they can teach.
- C** The aim of the schools is not only to focus on 'good' students but also to provide extra help to students that need it.
- D** The answer is no, they aren't.
- E** Fay, one of the best students in her year, said she didn't think British students would benefit from a school that was too easy-going.
- F** What factors should we be looking at to judge how 'good' schools are or aren't?

What makes a school good?

Everyone is concerned about the quality of education a school offers, but how is quality measured? We often hear that schools in some countries are excellent, while schools in other countries are filled with problems. (1) ____ I decided to do some research on the topic to see if I could come up with some answers.

One way of deciding if a school is good is by looking at how many students go on to university when they leave. If you look at all the schools in the world, the country which sends the highest numbers of its students to university is Finland. So, I looked at conditions in Finnish schools to see what made them so successful.

Often you will hear people say that the best schools are those that are strict. So, are the schools in Finland very strict? (2) ____ They are usually very informal places with teachers and students sharing ideas. In fact, Finnish schools have a unique way of dealing with students and this could be the reason why they are so successful. While students in many countries spend long hours in school studying boring subjects, lucky students in Finland have short school days and ten weeks of summer holidays. Added to that, lunch is free and there are lots of lessons in sport, music and art.

Also, Finnish schools seem to have a different philosophy. They believe in equality and making school seem like a home away from home, so students feel comfortable and enjoy going there. (3) ____ The result of this is that less able students do much better in Finland than they would in other countries.

Another reason the schools may be so successful is the teachers. Teachers in Finland are seen as very important. They are well respected and the field of education is considered to be a science, with its own methodology, theory and principles. (4) ____ This is in contrast with the status of education in many other countries. Perhaps this explains why it's actually rather difficult to get a job as a teacher in Finland, as well as the reason that it's such a popular job.

In order to get students' opinions about what makes a school 'good', I visited my local school playground to do a little informal research. The thirteen-year-olds I spoke to were interested to hear about the Finnish schools. I asked them if they thought British schools were too strict and whether they thought more students would go to university if things were changed. (5) _____ She felt her teachers weren't strict enough, and that was why few students in her school went on to higher education.

So it seems that the Finnish education system has come up with a 'formula' that works successfully in that country. Their example can serve as a model for other countries, but each country will have to work hard to put together an education system that will meet the needs of its people.

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Section 2

Grammar and Vocabulary

2 Choose the correct answer.

- 0 I was **expelled** / **qualified** from two schools for fighting.
- 1 Maths is a **compulsory** / **suspended** subject, so you have to do it.
- 2 We're going on a school **term** / **trip** next week.
- 3 You'll be **for** / **in** trouble if your homework's late again.
- 4 I don't think **bullying** / **certificate** is a big problem in my school.
- 5 My sister left school with a lot of **qualifications** / **subjects**, but she still hasn't found a job.
- 6 I'm going away on holiday as soon as school breaks **out** / **up**.
- 7 John was chosen to be the class **uniform** / **prefect** because of his high marks.
- 8 My mum really shouted at me when she found out I'd **gone** / **played** truant.

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a phrasal verb in the box.

bring over come over get over turn over look over run over take over
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- 0 I promised I would **look over** her homework before she handed it in.
- 1 Make sure you look carefully before you cross the road. Don't get _____.
- 2 I'm going to _____ the family business one day.

- 3 Lucy _____ for dinner last night.
- 4 She was sick for a long time, but she's slowly _____ her illness now.
- 5 I missed my lessons today so I asked my friend to _____ her notes for me to copy.
- 6 If you _____ the page, you'll see the picture I was talking about.

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4 Choose the correct answer.

Being healthy includes (0) **to exercise / exercising** your mind as well as your body. Manu Kano knows that and has succeeded (1) **in getting / for get** into the national team. He managed (2) **to do / with doing** that by training really hard and believing that he was capable (3) **of achieving / to achieve** his goals. He was single-minded and even though his parents didn't approve (4) **of him spending /for him to spend** less time on his studies, they didn't prevent him (5) **to train / from training**. Manu's definitely not afraid (6) **of / to** working hard and based (7) **from / on** his success so far, nobody can object to his priority (8) **be / being** sport. If you haven't heard (9) **of / from** him yet, I think you will soon. We congratulate Manu (10) **by / on** being selected for the team to represent his country.

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5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.

- 0 You need to be clever to be a doctor, but I'm not that clever, unfortunately.
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Unfortunately, I'm **not clever enough to be** a doctor.
- 1 That woman goes to her GP really often and they are tired of seeing her.
so
That woman goes to her GP _____ are tired of seeing her.
- 2 Some people eat so much fast food that it must be bad for them.
such
Some people eat _____ of fast food that it must be bad for them.
- 3 It's too cold to go running today.
enough
It's _____ go running today.
- 4 I don't think that you are well enough to go to school today.
too
I think that _____ go to school today.
- 5 She's so tall that she can't become a ballet dancer.
too

She's _____ a ballet dancer.

- 6 I need to do some more exercise.
enough
I'm _____ exercise.

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6 Join the sentences using **which, who, where, whose or when**.

0 My mum grew up in the village. She stayed there until she left school.
My mum grew up in the village, where she stayed until she left school.

1 There's the football player. His wife is called Victoria.

2 We had our holiday in July. There was a heatwave that week.

3 The new boy at school is from Spain. He speaks five languages.

4 My best friend told me she was moving to America. It made me sad.

5 Last summer I went to London. My grandparents live there.

6 My car is black and white. It has got red seats.

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7 Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

At the (0) back of my mind, I have always wanted to be a teacher. In fact I want to have my own school. Not just any old kind of school, though. My school is (1) _____ to be special! Firstly, you can (2) _____ any subject you like. If there is a (3) _____ for it, we'll teach it. Secondly, all the teachers will be like friends to the students. They will care for them, will never (4) _____ and will have an (5) _____ mind on everything. Nobody will ever be (6) _____, not even for one day. There will be excellent sports facilities and no pupil will ever want to (7) _____ truant. There won't be a need for (8) _____, because all the students will obey the (9) _____ since the rules will be decided (10) _____ by the students themselves! There's only one problem, though. I don't know if this kind of school could ever really exist. Oh well, it was only a dream!

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Writing

Write two paragraphs of a report, explaining what facilities there are in your area for young people to keep fit.



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Final score: ... / 76