

Read the following article and try to fill in the gaps with the most appropriate words.

AGE, ART, BUSINESS, CEREMONY, DEGREE, ENTRANCE, GRADES/MARKS, GRADUATES/STUDENTS, HANDICAPPED/DISABLED, JOBS, OBLIGATORY/COMPULSORY, OPTIONAL, PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY, PRIVATE, SCHOOL-LEAVING, STATE, STATE, SUBJECTS, THESIS, UNIFORMS

In the Czech Republic, all children go to school from the 1) _____ of 6 to 15, because school attendance is compulsory. Six-year-olds enroll in the nine-year 2) _____ school. Most children attend 3) _____ schools where education is free of charge but there are also some 4) _____ schools where parents have to participate in covering expenses of the education of their children, and church religious schools. Physically or mentally 5) _____ children are educated in special schools.

Primary schools have 2 stages. Children in the first five grades are mostly taught by one class teacher. Older children (6-9 grade) have more teachers who specialize in various 6) _____ - Czech, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, History, Geography, Biology, etc.

Pupils in the Czech Republic do not wear 7) _____ to school. The school year starts on 1st September, and ends on June 30th, when pupils get their school report with 8) _____ from 1 to 5. In the 5th, 7th or 9th class, children try to pass 9) _____ exams and continue their studies at a secondary school.

Students can enroll in secondary general school (grammar school) which prepares its students for university studies and lasts 4, 6 or 8 years. Students complete their studies with a 10) _____ exam, which is required for all universities and colleges. The exam is taken in 4 subjects. Czech and a foreign language are 11) _____ and Math, History, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Music, Art or Civics are 12) _____.

Secondary technical schools (SOŠ) train students for various branches: chemistry, glassmaking, or agriculture. Economics can be studied at 13) _____ colleges. Culture, singing, dancing and drama at 14) _____ schools. Most of the courses last 4 years and then the students can apply for university or go to work.

Secondary vocational schools (SOU) train apprentices – future bakers, bricklayers, hairdressers, etc. for practical 15) _____. After they finish the school they get their certificate of apprenticeship.

University education is provided from 3 to 6 years. Most secondary school 16) _____ have to pass an entrance exam. Students can study at the School of Economics, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Journalism, Teacher's Training College, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Science, etc. The university is finished with a 17) _____ exam. Students have to defend a 18) _____ in order to receive a diploma at a graduation 19) _____. After 3-year courses they receive a Bachelor's 20) _____ and after 4 and 5-year courses a Master's degree.

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