

Name and surname: _____

Grade: _____

1 EXAM TASK You will hear three different extracts. For each extract choose the answer (A-C) which fits best according to what you hear. You will listen to the recording twice.

Text 1.**1 Both speakers are worried about the student's**

- A low academic ability.
- B poor test results.
- C lack of engagement.

Text 2.**2 How should the news item be headlined?**

- A A state secondary school closes down
- B Local government closes a private school
- C An old school to go bankrupt

Text 3.**3 Which of the following is stated in the interview as a fact, not an opinion?**

- A Most teenage students first try to find information online.
- B Most teenage students only go online to search for information.
- C Some teenage students verify information using a few sources.

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2 EXAM TASK Read two texts to do with home schooling. For each question choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Text 1.

It was almost half past eight. Time for the lesson, I thought and quickly finished my coffee. I walked into the living room. Suzy was already there, sitting at the table. As I came up, she stood up and greeted me with a 'Good morning, sir'. She tried to look serious, although her smiling eyes gave her away. I smiled and greeted her, too. The times when we both found our homeschooling routine awkward and somewhat embarrassing were long gone. Now it seemed as if we had been doing it for years.

But in fact, it all began several months ago after Suzy had started at primary school. She stubbornly refused to follow the teacher's instructions to sound out individual letters (she was a fluent reader already, which the teacher had failed to notice). The teacher went as far as to imply that Suzy's academic ability was too low for a normal school. A friend of mine, who knew I was working part-time from home, recommended we try homeschooling. To my surprise, the head teacher did not object to the idea. I was thoroughly informed about the formalities and requirements (in the UK parents do not need to have any formal qualifications to teach their children at home) and thus our homeschooling began.

Today our timetable started with a maths lesson. I checked Suzy's homework (it was perfect as usual) and we went on to do some arithmetic. After the usual short break at 10.30, we switched to English. I always made a point of sticking to a fixed timetable for our classes and maintaining a minimal level of formality, which Suzy was quick to adjust to. Our lessons continued until lunch at 1.30 pm and in the afternoon, my daughter was encouraged to work on her own.

1 In the first paragraph, we find out that the writer and his daughter

- A exchanged familiar greetings.
- B were still not used to the situation.
- C no longer found the situation unnatural.
- D did not enjoy the situation.

2 The writer had decided on homeschooling for Suzy mainly because

- A the head teacher recommended it.
- B he did not need to have formal qualifications.
- C Suzy's reading skills were too poor for her classes.
- D the classroom tasks were a waste of time for Suzy.

3 Which of the following is not true about the father and daughter's homeschooling routine?

- A They do not follow a regular schedule of lessons.
- B They do not normally work together after lunch.
- C They do not work on just one subject before lunch.
- D They do not interact in a very formal way during the lessons.

Text 2.

One highly debated educational issue nowadays is the growing popularity of the concept of homeschooling. The idea of children being educated at home has a long history and before the first public schools in Europe were established on a large scale, home tutoring was the regular practice among the rich elite.

Nowadays, for obvious reasons, the situation is reversed. With public education available to practically everyone, the number of homeschooled children is still relatively small, although it is growing in well-developed, Western countries. Why do more and more parents reject public education for their children? Disappointment with the quality of teaching and a desire to provide their children with religious or moral standards are top of the list, according to the US Department of education. Surveys have also revealed that some parents tend to opt for home tutoring when their child is very gifted or if they want to have total control of the educational curriculum.

Homeschooling is also made easier by the fact that some countries like the US or the UK do not set any formal requirements for parents choosing to educate their child at home as long as he or she is actually taught.

Despite its growing popularity, homeschooling remains a rather controversial idea for many. The opponents of homeschooling argue that homeschooled children are alienated from other children and thus, unable to develop a variety of necessary social skills. Others, however, are quick to point out the test statistics which show that homeschooled children usually achieve higher scores than public school students.

4 Which of the following is presented in the text as an opinion, not a fact?

- A Homeschooled children may often do better at tests than school students.
- B The popularity of homeschooling may increase in the future.
- C Homeschooling may badly affect a child's social development.
- D Homeschooling may be a good option for religious parents.

5 From both texts, we learn that

- A More and more English parents are teaching their children at home.
- B English parents do not need formal qualifications to teach their child at home.
- C A lot of disabled children are taught at home in the UK.
- D Homeschooling is popular among English parents whose children are very gifted.

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letters have been given.

- 1 He was late for the third time this week and the teacher put him in **d**_____ , so he had to stay at school till 5 pm.
- 2 He goes to a **b**_____ school in another city, so he only sees his family at weekends.
- 3 Do you know when we're supposed to **h**_____ in our essays?
- 4 He is the first student from our school to receive an **a**_____ for his exceptional results.

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

environment	suspend	apprentice	attend	punctual	social
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- 1 Most teachers stress the need for regular _____ at classes if students are to make good progress.
- 2 If you get caught cheating in a test, you might be _____ for a period of one week.
- 3 _____ science is the study of the natural world and the effect that human activity has on it.
- 4 Students who are interested in extracurricular activities may choose to join a wide range of clubs and _____.

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5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- If he keeps playing truant, he'll end **off / up / away** being expelled from the school.
- The happy time I spent in kindergarten is one of my most **treasured / invaluable / pricey** memories.
- She's such a bright student that she can easily **succeed / pass / outperform** the other children in the class.
- If you're interested, you can **take / make / get** advantage of some student exchange programmes available.

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6 Write sentences using the ideas below.

- Скажіть, що шукати інформацію в інтернеті набагато краще, ніж в книжках.

- Скажіть, що Вам не подобається ідея працювати у великій групі, тому що Ви любите працювати самостійно.

- Скажіть, що Ви не вибрали б даного варіанту, бо не любите користуватися друкованим словником.

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7 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- There are several ways of _____ at this question.
- I can't see a simple _____ to such a complex issue.
- Homeschooling can be beneficial. However, there are _____ too.

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8 Read the text. Use the correct form of the words in the box to fill the gaps (1-4). Pay attention to spelling. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

engage interest manage teach educate launch

In the age of digital technology, it comes as no surprise that more and more (1) _____ experts are encouraging teachers to take advantage of the great motivational power of computer games in the classroom. recently, a project called *SimCityEDU* (2) _____ by GlassLab, a non-profit organisation, which aims at providing teachers with a platform to create and share learning tools based on the game.

The main argument put forward by GlassLab experts in favour of the platform is that it will promote the development of 21st-century skills, such as time (3) _____, environmental awareness and planning. The project seems to meet the expectations of many teachers, who complain that they have great difficulty in (4) _____ students in the classroom with the same level of concentration that they have while playing computer games.

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9 EXAM TASK – a for-and-against essay

Some people decide to take a gap year after finishing school. Write an essay on this topic giving arguments for and against having a break in studies.

Write 180-200 words.

Зміст	Структура, логічність та зв'язність	Лексичне наповнення	Граматична правильність	Разом
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