High school students and university students

Read the short essay below and answer the questions.

Education is very important for society. It is very important in the development of the individual, too. However, there are many methods of learning and ways to develop students' skills, so it's very difficult to work out which are the best paths to educational success. Nothing demonstrates this more than the differences between the lifestyles of high school students and university students.





First of all, high school students just have to follow the rules and obey their teachers. In contrast, university students have more responsibilities than high school students. They have to be more independent and make decisions by themselves. For example, they have to manage their schedules and do assignments.

Second, high school students usually have more fun than university students. Their lives are not so serious. They are more carefree and they do more fun activities. University students, however, often don't have much free time. And they are more stressed because their exams are more serious.









Finally, high school students often live in a small, narrow world. They usually go to school with people similar to themselves. They live similar lives and think alike. No one challenges their ideas. University students, on the other hand, mix with a wider range of people. They meet different kinds of people. They have to start to learn to live in the real world. As a consequence, most university students become more open minded.

In conclusion, it seems clear that different educational situations and environments suit different age groups. Is this really true ? Or do we just rely on ideas handed down from earlier generations? Perhaps, we need to try and pick the best features of the lifestyles of high school students and university students. Then we might be able to create better educational systems for the 21st century

1 What is a problem with creating an effective education system ?

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2 What are some positive qualities that students learn at university ?

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3 What are the benefits of being a high school student ?

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4 What are 2 weaknesses of the high school students' lifestyles ?

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5 Why do we need to look at the advantages of each kind of student's lifestyle ?

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