Spotlight 6 | Reading Task 6407

Read the text and mark the statements

True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

Teenage Life in Australia.

Australians consider the ages of 12 to 17 as teenagers. After leaving school and turning 18 an Australian is an adult. Australians have a 13-year schooling system with a pre-school year. Students start primary school when they turn six and continue for seven years. High school begins in year 8 and continues through to year 12. The school year begins in January and ends in November or December when summer begins in Australia. Each school decides how many subjects a student can take, somewhere between five and seven. English and Mathematics are compulsory. Students choose the subjects that will continue until graduation. Distance education can be arranged. Students living on the islands do all their schooling through distance education. Every school has a school uniform. Most uniforms are similar and differ in colour. Many teens take part-time work at the local supermarket or fast-food restaurant. Teens under 16 can't work more than 12 hours a week and their parents should give permission.

Sports are an integral part of all Australians' lives. With 80% of Australians living not far from the beach swimming lessons are compulsory. In high school students learn survival swimming and techniques. A trip to the ocean is always fun. There are many other activities for teens: football, cycling, skating, going to the movies. Unfortunately, teenagers spend a great amount of time text-messaging and online chatting with their friends rather than with their family.

1. At the age of 18 Australian teens have all the rights of a grown-up person.

2. In Australia children go to school at five.

3. Australians have summer when it is winter in Europe.

4. Australian students choose all the subjects they like to study.

5. All the students must study Maths and English.

6. Distance education is quite popular.

7. Teenagers in high school choose between school and distance education.

8. Australian schoolchildren have to wear uniforms.

9. Swimming is a very popular sport and they have swimming lessons at school.

10. After school the majority continue their studies at colleges and universities.

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