

Exam #3 - Part 2 - Group A



Name: _____

Family name: _____

Homework

I

5 William is only nine, but the "Homework Wars" have already begun. Every night after dinner, he plays computer games, watches television and fights with his older sister, while his parents try to convince him to do his homework. By 9 o'clock everybody is exhausted. This scene is familiar to many families, for it seems that many family conflicts are about the subject of homework.

II

10 Is homework worth quarreling about? Does doing homework lead to results? The answer seems to be "yes". According to a number of recent studies, lack of homework is one of the reasons for lower achievements. On a reading test given in California, students reported the number of hours they spent doing homework every night. It was found that students in Grade eight who did 2 hours of homework every night scored 84 points higher than those who did no homework, and 19 points higher than those with 1.5 hours of homework.

III

15 Homework is valuable for other reasons as well. It teaches students self-discipline and good study habits. Moreover, homework can help weaker learners catch up with the other pupils in the class simply by studying more at home.

IV

In a recently-published book called "Winning the Homework War", parents are given some useful advice on how to deal with this important issue without constantly fighting with their children. Here are some of the suggestions made for making homework less painful and more productive:

20 · Decide on a daily study period from a very early age. There is always some work to be done even if no specific assignments were given.

· Don't worry about a perfect place to study. Some kids hate sitting at their desks and they study best on their beds or on the carpet .

25 · Don't do your child's homework . Parents should try to explain the assignment and guide the child, rather than give him the correct answer.

1. The situation described in William's family (paragraph I) is....
 - i) amusing
 - ii) common
 - iii) confusing
 - iv) unusual

2. According to paragraph II, if you don't do your homework you will
 - i) have discipline problems
 - ii) watch TV
 - iii) develop bad habits
 - iv) get low grades

3. What are the reasons for doing homework according to paragraphs II and III
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____

4. The results of the California test (paragraph II) showed that for Grade 8...
 - i) doing homework does not lead to results
 - ii) students doing 2 hours homework got better results than the others
 - iii) all the students did less than 2 hours homework
 - iv) students doing 1½ hours homework got the same results as those doing 2 hours

5. If William's parents follow the advice given in the book, they will tell him to...
 - i) stop watching television every day
 - ii) study in his bedroom
 - iii) leave his sister alone
 - iv) study at a fixed time every day

6. If the student can't do his homework, parents should...

- i) give advice how to deal with the problem
- ii) speak to his teacher about the problem
- iii) tell him to find the solution by himself
- iv) give him the right answer

7. Another title for this passage could be:

- i) Doing Homework Leads to Results
- ii) The Lake of Homework in Schools
- iii) Homework and the Family
- iv) Homework and Tests