

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 weak performance in tests.

B lack of motivation.

C poor academic abilities.

Text 2.

2 How should the news item be headlined?

A Private school to close down

B Local government closes school

C Several local schools close down

Text 3.

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

A Most students only use the Internet to search for information.

B Most students treat the Internet as a basic source of information.

C Most students check online information on several websites.

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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 were embarrassed by the situation.

B didn't care to exchange greetings.

C avoided any formal behaviour.

D had got used to learning together.

2 The main reason why the writer had decided on homeschooling for Suzy was that

A she couldn't keep up with the other children in class.

B the head teacher suggested he should do that.

C the classroom tasks were too easy for her.

D he did not need to have formal qualifications.

3 Which of the following is 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 always concentrate on a single subject before lunch.

D They 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 Homeschooling might have negative effects on a child's development.
- B Homeschooling is on the increase in some countries.
- C Some American parents have a bad opinion of public schools.
- D Children who are taught at home usually get better test results.

5 From both texts, we learn that

- A The number of English parents who teach their children at home is rising.
- B A lot of English parents turn to homeschooling if their child has a disability.
- C English parents do not have to meet any formal requirements to teach their child at home.
- D A lot of English children are homeschooled because they are very talented.

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

- 1 To become a speech therapist you need to obtain a university q_____.
- 2 The head teacher will s_____ any student for a period of two weeks if he or she is caught bullying other students.
- 3 It is a private school where you have to pay a monthly f_____ for your education.
- 4 I'm going to r_____ the problem of students' truancy during my next meeting with the parents.

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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.

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- 1 I'm not planning to go to university. Instead, I'd like to do a 2-year _____ for a media company as I want to learn the basics of the business.
- 2 Some students from our school are involved in various community project such as doing _____ work at the city hospitals and animal shelters.
- 3 At our school, the drama group and the film club are among the most popular extracurricular _____.
- 4 She did an MA at Liverpool University in Literature and, because she was an excellent student, got a _____.

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5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I don't think she should become a teacher. She's just not cut **out** / **down** / **off** for it.
- It was hard but I managed to **struggle** / **scrape** / **skip** through the test with a passing score of 52 points.
- Young children usually have a short concentration **range** / **term** / **span** and get bored easily.
- When the prices in that restaurant nearly doubled, the customers voted **on** / **by** / **with** their feet and stopped going there.

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6 Write sentences using the ideas below.

- Скажіть, що Вам подобається ідея навчання на дому.

- Скажіть, що Ви б не вибрали такий варіант, тому що вартість приватних уроків висока.

- Скажіть, що це була б хороша ідея, тому що Вам подобається користуватися інтернетом.

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7 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- There is no simple solution _____ this problem.
- There are different _____ of looking at the issue.
- One advantage _____ going to a good private school might be the high level of education.

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- 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.

difficult attend develop base interest motivate

In the age of digital technology, it comes as no surprise that more and more educational experts are encouraging teachers to take advantage of the great (1) _____ power of computer games in the classroom. recently, a project called *SimCityEDU* has been launched by GlassLab, a non-profit organisation, which aims at providing teachers with a platform to create and share learning tools that (2) _____ on the game. The main argument put forward by GlassLab experts in favour of the platform is that it will promote the (3) _____ of 21st-century skills, such as time management, environmental awareness and planning. The project seems to meet the expectations of many teachers, who complain that they have great (4) _____ in engaging 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.

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