

Second Term English Exam

Level : 4AM

Time : 01h 30

Text:

Secondary Education in England

In England, children start secondary school at the age of 11. In the first two years of secondary school, all the students study the same 12 subjects. They are: English, maths, science, design and technology, information and communication technology, history, geography, a foreign language, art and design, music, citizenship and sport. When students are 14, they can choose the subjects that they like, but some subjects (e.g. maths, English, science, and sport) are still compulsory.

At the age of 15-16, students take national exams called GCSEs (General Certificate of Secondary Education exams). After these exams, about 25% of students leave school and find jobs. The other 75% stay at school. They study two, three, or four school subjects and take advanced level exams('A levels') when they are 18.

Most students in England (about 90%) go to state secondary schools. State schools are free. The other 10% go to private schools. Some of these schools are very famous, and very expensive. For example, it costs about £24,000 a year to study at Eton College!

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Part One:

A/ Reading comprehension.

Read the text carefully and do the following activities.

Activity One: Read the text then answer the following questions. (02Pts)

-Which exams do students take at the age of fifteen/sixteen? (0.5Pt)

-Do they study all the subjects at the age of 14? (0.5Pt)

-In which paragraph is it mentioned that some students work after the GCSEs exams? Justify. (01Pt)

Activity Two: Say “True”, “False” or “Not mentioned”. (03pts)

- English children begin secondary school at the age of twelve.
- Some subjects are obligatory at the age of fourteen.
- In private schools, English students have to wear uniforms.

Activity Three: -Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to: (01Pt)

-Kids=....., -Well-known=.....

-Find in the text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to: (01Pt)

-stay≠....., -different≠.....

B/ Mastery of language.

Activity One: Supply the right punctuation and capital letters where necessary.

(02Pts)

as soon as I pass my BEM exam I will travel to dubai

Activity Two: Choose a, b, or c to complete the following sentences. (01.5Pts)

-In Algerian public schools, pupils.....wear pinafores

a-have to b-don't have to c-should

-I.....foreign languages if I go to the university.

a- studied b-will study c-study

-When school....., I'll go to Ghardaia.

a- finished b-will finish c-finishes

Activity Three: Add the right suffix to form names of jobs. (01.5Pts)

-Direct →

-Psychology →

-library →

Activity four: Cross out the word with a different vowel sound. (02PTs)

-Vowel sounds	-words
/æ/	-bat -start -exam -cat
/i:/	-see -team -niece -bed
/D/	-got -lot -bought -pot
/ʊ/	-Two -book -pull -foot

Part Two(06PTs)

Your English pen friend asked you for information about the Algerian Educational System to write an article for her/his school magazine. Write him/her an e-mail about the Algerian educational system. Answer the following questions to help you.

- When do Algerian children start school?
- Which exams do they take?
- Which subjects do they study?

Good Luck