

Niveau : 3ASL

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Third Term English Exam

Matière : English

Durée : 03h30



PART one: Reading and interpreting

Read the text carefully then do the activities

All children in the United States have to receive an education, but the law does not say they have to be educated at school. A number of parents prefer not to send their children to school. Children who are educated at home are known as "home-schoolers". There are about 300,000 home-schooled children in the United States today.

David Guterson and his wife teach their children at home. Guterson says that his children learn very differently from children in school. Learning starts with children's interests and questions. For example when there is heavy snowfall on a winter day, it may start a discussion or reading about climate, snow removal-equipment, Alaska polar bears, and winter tourism. Or a spring evening when the family is out watching the stars is a good time to ask questions about satellites and the space program. If the Brazilian rain forests are on the TV news, it could be perfect time to talk about how rain forests influence the climate, how deserts are formed, and how the polar ice caps affect ocean levels.

Home-schooling is often more interesting than regular schools, but critics say that home-schoolers might find it difficult to mix with other people in adult life. Critics also say that most parents are not well qualified to teach their children. However, most parents don't have time or the desire to teach their children at home, so schools will continue to be where most children get their formal education.

A-Comprehension:

1) Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer:

The reading passage is about children who:

- a-Refuse to go to school.
- b- Are educated at home.
- c-Go to public school.

2) Match each main idea with its corresponding paragraph:

Main ideas	Paragraphs
a-Disagreement about the advantage of home schooling	1
b-parent's choice concerning their children's education	2
c-Learning at home is closely related to daily life, events or to particular situations	3

3) Are the following statements true or false:

- a-Education in the US is not compulsory.
- b- In the US children can be educated at home by their parents instead of going to school.
- c-Parents teach their children in the same way as teachers do in school.
- d- According to critics children taught at home might become unsociable in adult life.

4) Answer the following questions according to the text:

- a-What are American parents free to do in the field of education.
- b- Critics mention two negative aspects of home schooling what are they?

5) Choose the best title:

- a-Education in the US.
- b- Private schools.
- c-Home schooling.

B- Text exploration:

1) Find in the text words corresponding to the following definitions:

a-Devices that are sent in to space and move around the earth or another planet
=S2=

b- People who express disapproval of something and talk about their bad qualities publicly=S3=

2) Give opposites to the following words by keeping the same root:

a-Educated ≠ advantage ≠

3) Put the following verbs into the correct form:

a-Parents (have to/select) interesting topics going ahead with school curriculum.

b- If you teach your child at home, he (not/get/on easily with) others

4) Complete the following conversation:

A.....

B-In my opinion home schooling is an inadequate way of teaching.

A.....

B-Because of the absence of competition and reward the child isn't always motivated.

Part two: Writing:

Choose one of the following topics:

Topic one: Your school magazine is making a report about education today. You have been asked to write an article about home schooling. Use the following notes.

- Give your article an interesting title.
- Summarize the way children learn.
- Comment on the positive and negative aspects of home schooling.
- Conclude about if home schooling is more interesting than regular school.

Topic two: John is David's friend. He heard that David is teaching his children at home. John wants to do the same with his children. He has sent a letter to David asking him a number of questions. Write a letter. sign John.

The Answers

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A- Comprehension :(14pts)

- 1- The right answer b: are educated at home. (01pt)
- 2- The ideas with the paragraphs: S1→b, S2→c, S3→a. (1.5pt)
- 3- True or false:
a-false, b-true, c-false, d-true. (02pts)
- 4- Answer the questions: (2.5pts)
a- To send their children to school or educate them at school.
b- Home schooling might find it difficult to mix with other people in adult life and most parents are not well qualified to teach their children.
- 5- The best title is : C Home-schooling(01pt)

B- Text exploration:

- 1- Synonyms:
a-satellites, b-critics. (01pt)
- 2- Opposites:
Uneducated , Disadvantage.(01pt)
- 3- Tenses: a- have to select, b-will not get. (02pts)
- 4- Conversation: (02pts)
A1: What's your opinion on home schooling?
A2:Why?

Writing: (06pts)