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SUBIECTI (Reading Comprehension) (25 p)

You are going to read an article in which four young people talk about their school. For questions 1-10, choose from the people (A-D). The people may be chosen more than once:

These are the views of four teenagers about their schools

A. Cecilia

I really like my school. It's much better than my last one. It's so modern, and I don't just mean the building. The teachers have modern attitudes and are very open and friendly, and genuinely want to help if we have problems. Teaching standards are high, too. Lots of people go on from here to university, which is what I want to do. The only drawback is that I have forty-minute bus journey each way every day, because our house is way out in the middle of nowhere. That makes it difficult to see friends after school. Anyway, apart from that I'm finding it a lot of fun. I also love the food in the canteen, there's always a lot of choice and many of the options are healthy, which is important to me.

B. Cathy

My school has its good points and bad points, like any school, I suppose. The worst thing for me is the uniform. I hate looking like everyone else. Still, rules are rules, I suppose, but sometimes I think that the staff live in the dark ages. We're not allowed to wear any jewellery or make-up, for example. Mind you, my parents don't let me wear make-up either! What I do like is that we're not such inside the school all the time. Last month, for example, we went on a geography field trip to the Lake District. It was incredibly beautiful and a lot of fun. I wish we did this more often.

C. Jerry

Overall I'd have to say my school is okay. However I would like to see more equipment, such as up-to-date computers, interactive white boards and a better science lab. One other thing I'd like to do is sack the cook; I've given up lunch and bring my own. In other respects I think it's a good school. I'm studying French and German, and last year they organized a week away for us at a language school in Paris. That was great, and I learnt a lot.

D. Jake

If you asked me how to improve my school, I'd say knock it down and start again. It must be at least two hundred years old, and it's freezing in winter. The central heating system only works half the time. We do have a good gym, though, and it has some pretty cool stuff in it. Apart from the gym, all we ever do is football for the boys and netball for the girls. It would be nice if we had some tennis courts, but I can only dream! One thing is that in the last year I've made some new friend here, and we see a lot of each other after school, so it's not that bad. Another good thing is that we get a lot of self-study periods, even if some people use them just to sit around and chat. The dress code is pretty relaxed too.

Which person says that

they don't like the dress code?	1
there are interesting school trips abroad?	2
the teachers are understanding?	3
the building is in poor condition?	4
they live a long way from their school?	5
they'd like more school trips?	6
it has improved their social life?	7
the teaching staff are old-fashioned?	8
the school meals are awful?	9
there's a limited choice of sports?	10

SUBJECT II (50 POINTS) For & against essay

Read the following article on home schooling and then write an essay on the advantages and disadvantages of parents educating children at home. Write 300 words on this issue.

Up to 150,000 children are taught outside mainstream schools and numbers are "believed to be growing steadily", said the Commons schools select committee.

In a report published on Wednesday, it was suggested the trend was driven by parents' failure to get sons and daughters into their preferred school, coupled with the impact of testing and a perceived rise in bullying.

MPs said there was also growing evidence that some children were being effectively forced out of school by head teachers and local councils.

Parents were "coerced to deregister" children from school because of problems with their examination results, attendance or behaviour, said the report.

The findings will raise fresh fears that schools are prioritising their reputation and league table position over the needs of individual children.

SUBJECT III (25 points)

You discuss the situation with your colleagues and form teacher and decide to help George. Using the excerpt appropriately, write a letter to the local "Save the Children" organization, reporting the situation, asking them to help you contact him and to take measures that can help the boy continue his studies. (180-200 words)

"I'm thinking of quitting school. I've never been a good student, and it's not like I plan to become a doctor or a lawyer or anything like that. I want to be a master mechanic; maybe open up my own auto-repair shop someday." (George, 16 years old)

Most parents would probably be distraught if their youngster announced that he intended to drop out of high school. In today's job market, not having a college degree can be a roadblock to many careers; lacking a high-school diploma closes off even more avenues. Overall, young people seem to understand the financial consequences of leaving school prematurely. From 1990 through 2016, the ratio of high-school dropouts among men and women ages sixteen to twenty-four declined steadily from about one in four to one in ten.

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