

QUESTION 1

1.1. READ TEXT A AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW (2.5 points)

1.1.1

- a. T While others think it is an essential part of a well-rounded education.
- b. F It (homework) is an intrusion of schoolwork into family life.
- c. T The amount of time that children and adolescents spend in school, ..., has greatly increased over the last century.
- d. F Finally, success in school has become increasingly important to success in life.
- e. T Studies reveal that girls devote more time to homework than boys.
- f. T It is clear that simply increasing the time spent doing it does not directly correspond to a universal increase in learning.

1.1.2.

- a. chore b. stir up c. compulsory d. upset e. rate

1.2. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW (2.5 points)

1.2.1.

- a. Parents want their children to do less homework so that they can have time to play.
- b. I don't like maths homework because of its (great/ enormous/ considerable) difficulty.
- c. Could you explain to me how to solve this problem?
- d. I don't want my children to do too much homework.
- e. They have been smoking since they were fifteen.

1.2.2.

- a. doubt, plumber
- b. pressure
- c. hut- put
- d. cheerful

QUESTION 2

2.1. READ TEXT B AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW (2.5 points)

2.2.1.

- a. F At least one company specifically states that its holidays are for the "over 30s".
- b. T For those who don't like to be herded and organised there are certain holidays emphasized for singles.
- c. F The number of available hotel rooms without the dreaded "single supplement" has increased.
- d. T Holidays don't have to have a singles tag to be the right ones.
- e. F Sometimes this type of holiday is termed "houseparty" when it is designed for much smaller groups of strangers accommodated in a large house or lodge. In most cases there is a chalet host who not only does the cooking but socialises with the group as well.
- f. T Serious wine lovers, botanists, geologists and so on are also catered for by specialised itineraries that might take them across the Channel to France or as far afield as South Africa.

2.2.2.

- a. dreaded b. tag c. are held d. overseas e. itineraries

2.2. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: (2.5 points)

What do "perfect holidays" mean to you? (Approximately 120 words)

QUESTION 3

3.1. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW (2.5 points)

3.1.1.

- a. This type of holiday, which is designed for smaller groups, is termed “houseparty”.
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- b. Many hotels hold keep-fit and dance programmes.
- c. It is not necessary for holidays to have a singles tag to be the right ones.
- d. He lives in Japan. However, he doesn’t speak Japanese.
- e. My last holiday was a long time ago.

3.1.2

- a. packages
- b. helped
- c. honest
- d. pear, bear

3.2. WRITE A COMPOSITION ANSWERING THIS QUESTION: (2.5 points)

If you didn’t have to do any homework, what would you do instead? (Approximately 120 words) **(2.5 points)**