

The text



1-When I was eight, my parents sent me to a boarding state school in the South West of England. Those were the most terrible days of my life.

2-there were rules for everything. We had to keep quiet in the study-hall for hours. We had to be quiet in our bedrooms, too, and everything else in the school building. We had to keep our bedrooms and our clothes perfectly clean. We had to work hard in every class and be very, very polite to all the masters. In fact, we had to behave in a way which was completely unnatural for normal eight-year old boys. The headmaster used to punish us for the slightest mistake we made.

3-The cane ruled our lives. The headmaster's cane was about three feet long, thin, white and unbelievably painful. It had absolute power over us. We were terrified of it, and did everything we could to avoid it. But it was impossible. There were hundreds of rules we had to follow. Sooner or later, everybody broke a few.

4- "The headmaster wants to see you in his office". When I heard those words, I was too terrified to move. But I had to go anyway to learn about my crime.

"Come in! Ah yes, it's Bob. Well? Bob, I've heard you were talking in the study-hall last night".

"Please sir, I broke my pen. I had to talk to Jenkins for a minute, sir, to ask him for another one".

"You mustn't talk in the study-hall, bob. You know that".

"But sir, I needed to borrow a pen to finish my exercise!"

"No excuses, boy! You have to follow the rules here, like everybody else. You must obey the school rules! I'm going to teach you a lesson, bob. Come here. Stand by the window. Now, touch the tops of your shoes..."



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Pioneer Prep. School Gabès	Full-Term Test n°1	Date: December 15 th
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Name	8 th form 1/5/7 N°.....	score...../20

I-Reading Comprehension (6 marks)

1- Tick the right alternative (1m)

Bob recalls

a- a happy school memory

B- a terrifying school memory

c- school rules



2- The following statements are false. Correct them with details from the text. (2ms)

a- The headmaster punished the students when they made big mistakes.

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b- The headmaster did not punish Bob for his mistake.

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3- Answer the following questions.(1.5 ms)

a- Were the pupils scared of the headmaster's cane?

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B- Why did the headmaster call Bob to his office?

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c-Why did bob ask Jerkins for a pen?

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4-What is the function of the following statement ? (1m)

" There were hundreds of rules we had to follow."

5- What does the underlined word in paragraph 3 refer to? (0.5m)

"a few" refers to

II-Language (8 marks)

1- Circle the right alternative (3 ms)

Most kids say they don't like school. In fact, school is one of (this/that/ the) best parts of a person's life. Think about it. The hours are (short/long/leisure), usually just six hours a day. On top of that, you get many (holiday/break/holidays). You get to do many experiments, learn a musical instrument, and share fun with peers at the extra-curricular activities sessions. What is there not to like? Food for example? Well everyone (agreeing/ agrees/agreed) that school lunches are not the best in the world, but you can always bring a (packed/packet/package) lunch or a cold meal. So enjoy your school life as much as you can and while you are still in it because it is a mistake (on/in/not) to.



2-Put the words in the right tense or form (3ms)

Dear Norman,

I'm very happy you're going to visit me next week in Toronto. There are really many things we can (do)..... together. On the first day we can visit the town. You're going to see that Toronto is totally different from Paris. It is full of interesting sites. Then we can do some shopping. I know that you're (interest)..... in the history and culture of the places that you visit. So after lunch we (go)..... to the national museum where there is a large (collect)..... of artifacts and statues of important people. It's really a wonderful place! In the evening we can go to the cinema. The next day we will go on a trip to the countryside. I'm sure you (like)..... that very much. It's very beautiful. But we can't go (swim)..... in the sea because the weather is still very cold at this time. You (be not go)..... to have much time to stay with us but it's great fun to see you and spend some time together.

Yours Nora

3-Fill in the blanks with the right items from the box (2 ms)

Hymns / may / incorporates / compulsory / education / snacks

In England and Wales, secondary school is for children from the ages of 11 to 16 or 11 to 18. Secondary school Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 of the National Curriculum (Year Seven to Year Eleven). After Year 11, they leave school but must stay in some form of until they are in the equivalent of Year 13/Upper Sixth. This could involve doing A-Levels or BTECS at a sixth form college, vocational diplomas at college or an apprenticeship. The last year group that could leave education after Year 11 was the Year 11 class of 2012.

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