

## Secondary Education

In England, students go to secondary school at the age of 11. In the first two years **there**, all students study the same 12 subjects. They are: English, Maths, Science, Design, ICT, History, Geography, Art, Music, Sport and a foreign language. When students are 14, they will choose the subjects that they like. But some subjects are still compulsory like Maths, English, Science and Sport.

At the age of 15- 16, students take national exams called GCSEs (General Certificate of Secondary Education exams). If **they** pass these exams, some students (about 25%) will leave school and find jobs and the others (75%) will stay at school. They will 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.

### **Part One: (14 points)**

#### **A/- Reading Comprehension (07 pts)**

**Read the text carefully and do the following activities:**

**Activity One: (04 pts):** Answer the following questions.

- 1- What are the subjects that students study at secondary school?
- 2- Will students choose the subjects they like at the age of eleven?
- 3- What will students do if they pass GCSEs?
- 4- In which paragraph is it mentioned that in England there are state schools and private schools?

**Activity Two: (01 pts):** What do the underlined words refer to in the text?

1- There →

2- They →

**Activity Three: (02 pts):** Find in the text the synonyms and the opposites of :

Succeed = .....

Obligatory = .....

Last ≠ .....

Cheap ≠ .....

## **B/- Mastery of Language (07 pts)**

**Activity One: (03 pts):** Conjugate the verbs between brackets in the correct tense.

- 1- When I (to go) ..... to secondary school, I (to spend) ..... three years.
- 2- The students (not to succeed) ..... if they (not to study) ..... hard.
- 3- As soon as Riad (to get) ..... the Brevet Exam, He (to go) .... on vacation.

**Activity Two: (02 pts):** Reorder the following words to get coherent sentences.

- 1- pre-university / consists of / . / Algerian / schools / The / educational / three /
- 2- six / . / pupils / primary / grades / In / study / school /

**Activity Three: (02 pts):** Find in the text (2) words that have the sound / **θ** / and (2) words that have the sound / **ð** /

| / <b>θ</b> / : <b>Think</b> | / <b>ð</b> / : <b>The</b> |
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| .....                       | .....                     |
| .....                       | .....                     |

## **Part Two (06 points): Written Expression**

Your friend sent you an e-mail about his / her future plans. Send him / her an e-mail in which you talk about your **future plans** and **predictions if you get the Brevet Exam**.

**Use:**

**Time Conjunctions:** (When – After – Before – While – As soon as).

**Conditional I:** (If ..... will).

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