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I тур

8 клас

Аудіювання

The new timetable

I was twelve when I came to Maywood School, three years ago. Like most schools in the USA, classes began at 8.00 am. However, the headteacher, Mr Bergman, thought there was a problem, because so many students were either missing the first class or arriving late. My classmates and I often found it hard to keep our eyes open in the mornings, so lessons were no fun for us. Our marks weren’t good too.

In the end, Mr Bergman asked the school doctor for advice. The doctor explained that because teenagers’ bodies are growing so quickly, they need more sleep than adults and children. But their body clocks make it hard for them to go to bed before 11.00 pm, so the best time for them to wake up is around 8.00 am.

Mr Bergman decided to try an experiment. He changed the start time for lessons to 9.00 am. The school still opened at 8.00 am and teachers used the extra hour for preparing lessons.

I didn’t think the new timetable would make much difference, but I was wrong. I felt much better! Everyone’s marks became better, and we all felt healthier. Also, more students had time for a hot breakfast together in the cafeteria.

After three months Mr Bergman asked teachers, students and parents if they wanted to keep the new timetable. Everyone did.

I тур

8 клас

Аудіювання

Listen to a text read aloud twice and do the following tasks.

Task 1. Mark the statements T (true) or F (false)

1. The author and her friends enjoyed their lessons before the experiment. (false)
2. The doctor said that the best time for teenagers to wake up is 8.00 am. (false)
3. During the experiment the lessons began an hour later. (true)
4. Students had more time in the morning for breakfast. (false)
5. The experiment finished after five months. (false)

Task 2. Choose the correct answer a, b, or c

1. The author came to Maywood School when she was
2. 2
3. 8
4. 12
5. The headteacher was worried because
6. students were missing all classes
7. students were coming late for the first lesson
8. teachers were coming late for lessons
9. The doctor told Mr Bergman that teenagers
10. work too hard
11. are like children
12. need a lot of sleep
13. What happened during the experiment?
14. the school was open earlier
15. teachers had more free time
16. classes began later

5 When the author heard about the timetable

1. she didn’t think the students would do better
2. she was happy about it
3. she felt bad.

Il тур

8 клас

Читання

Read the text and do the following tasks.

Ben Charles is an American teenager and like many other sixteen-year-olds, he loves doing sports. Perhaps he’s playing basketball right now. He’s also very interested in clothes and fashion. He enjoys collecting sports shoes - trainers. He calls them ‘sneakers’. His collection consists of shoes for playing tennis and basketball, and trainers for meeting his friends.

There’s a difference between Ben and his friends. He’s got a small business which makes and sells sports shoes. Ben doesn’t sell his shoes because he would like to be rich; he sells them to help others. All Ben’s trainers look the same and they all cost $50. When you buy Ben’s trainers, he gives a free pair to someone who hasn’t got the money to buy them.

It all started two years ago when Ben found a photo of a young child without shoes. At that moment Ben understood that he’s very lucky. There are a lot of young people around the world who can’t buy trainers. Unlike Ben, they have to play sports like basketball without shoes.

If you’d like more information about Ben and his trainers, you can find him on Facebook or visit the SavesByB website.

Task 1. Mark the statements T (true) or F (false)

1. Ben Charles comes from the USA. (true)
2. Ben’s winning the basketball match right now. (false)
3. Some people can get a pair of Ben’s shoes without paying for them. (true)
4. Ben has to play basketball without shoes. (false)
5. Ben often visits the SavesByB website. (false)

Task 2. Choose the correct answers A, B, C or D

1. Ben has got many
2. pairs of shoes
3. sport clothes
4. tennis balls
5. websites

2. Ben started his business when he was

1. thirteen
2. fourteen
3. fifteen
4. sixteen
5. Ben sells his sport shoes because
6. he wants to have much money
7. he doesn’t need trainers any money
8. he wishes to help others
9. trainers are of top quality
10. Ben started a small business when he
11. collected many shoes
12. met many friends
13. saw a photo of a child without shoes
14. travelled around the world
15. On the website you can learn more about
16. Ben and his friends
17. Ben and his sneakers
18. children without shoes
19. young people around the world

III тур

8 клас

Творча письмова робота

1. We must master many lessons during our life, only it gives us progress and real knowledge. Do you agree with it? How do you learn and master your lessons?
2. Is your home a centre of affection for your friends and family? What do you do to keep your home a happy place and guard it carefully?
3. The time has come to make your own way in the world. What are your plans for the future?

III тур

8 клас

Усне мовлення

1. If you could be in any TV show, which would it be? Would you be a new character or an existing one? How would you introduce yourself into the show? How would your presence affect the plot?
2. Shakespeare wrote, “All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not? How does this quote apply to your own life?
3. Choosing a career path can be a difficult decision. What should be one’s motivation in choosing a career path? When you have a family to support, is it fair to choose a job that gives you personal satisfaction even if the salary is lower than other available jobs? How can people balance their professional and personal lives?
4. You have got an amazing chance to meet with a celebrity (living or dead) for one hour. Who would you meet and why? What questions would you ask this person? What would you like to tell him/her?
5. What is your favourite subject? Why? How will this subject help you in the future? Would you recommend this subject to someone else? How do teachers make lessons interesting for you? What role do you play in your own education?
6. Some argue that ‘street smarts’ are more important than ‘book smarts’. What are the most important lessons you've learned outside your school? Do the lessons we need in life come mostly from school, or not? What does it mean to have a ‘full’ education?
7. Supermarkets are becoming more widespread and popular in the modern world, while traditional markets (bazaars) are becoming less common. Where do you or your family do most food shopping? What advantages and disadvantages do you see with modern supermarkets? Do you think that traditional markets will disappear? Why or why not?
8. “Travelling is no longer necessary because modem technology has made it possible to learn about the rest of the world from computers and televisions.” Do you agree with this statement? Why do people like traveling? Do you think foreigners could really understand Ukrainian life and culture without visiting Ukraine? Justify your opinion.
9. People are often interested in foreign people and cultures. Which foreign culture do you find most intriguing? Which tradition from that culture would you like to experience? How has the classical understanding of that culture evolved overtime? What are the advantages and disadvantages of accepting foreign traditions into your own culture?

10Journalism is a vital and challenging profession. Why is journalism important? If you were a journalist, what kinds of news stories would you enjoy reporting about? Who would be the first person you would interview and why?

1. Choose a favourite holiday. Explain why you like this holiday so much. Tell a story from your life that illustrates what this holiday means to you. Explain how your family traditions are typical for Ukraine.
2. Many people look back on their childhood fondly and remember a favourite toy. What was your favorite childhood toy and why? What are the characteristics of a good toy? How do the toys of today differ from the toys in the past?
3. “If you don’t have something nice to say, then don’t say anything at all.” How do you feel about this American saying? Do you keep quiet when you want to criticize someone or do you say what is on your mind? In which kinds of situations is it more tactful to keep your criticism to yourself and when is it more important to contradict someone?
4. “Don’t judge a book by its cover” is a popular English idiom. How do you interpret this phrase? Describe a time when you misjudged someone or something based on appearances. What value do you think our culture places on appearances, and is it appropriate? Justify your opinion.
5. You want to cook something special for your parents. What would you choose to cook and why? Is it your favourite dish? What are its ingredients? What equipment and utensils do you need to cook it? What can make this dish especially tasty?
6. A person you know is planning to visit your town or city. During what season would you recommend him or her to visit it and why? What do you think this person would like and dislike about spending time in your town or city? Why? What areas of interest would you show her or him first?