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Le sujet comporte 4 pages
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I. READING COMPREHENSION

A. THE TEXT

1. Tash, a mother from the UK, explained that she and her husband went with their children to Thailand for two weeks in October - one of which was during the half term and another which was not during the school holidays. But after their amazing, exceptional trip, Tash was met with a whopping £320 fine, leaving her fuming.
2. Raging at the 'joke' fine, which sees each parent charged £80 per child for time off outside of term time, Tash took to social media to share her frustration at the letter she received from the council after she took her children out of school for seven days. Clearly not impressed, Tash said: "£80 per parent, per child, so apparently me and my husband are criminals now because we wanted to give our children a once-in-a-lifetime experience."
3. Following this, Tash questioned: "And what did they miss? A few spelling tests, some worksheets about rocks - brilliant. "Meanwhile, in Thailand, my kids were learning about an entirely different culture - they saw temples, met people from halfway across the world, tried new foods, they even learned some Thai phrases, but no, according to the system that's not valuable education." She also praised their trip for teaching her youngsters life skills, which she claimed "you can't teach in a classroom."
4. Tash acknowledged that she will pay the fine because the system says she has to, but admitted she "absolutely" does not regret it. Tash then questioned why there isn't any flexibility with this 'joke' of a rule. Tash went on and asked her TikTok followers: "Has anyone else been fined for taking their kids on holiday? I'd love to know, because I bet I'm not the only one that thinks this whole system is ridiculous."

The Sun, February 12, 2025

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B. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (12 marks)

1. Tick (✓) the statement that best conveys the message of the text. (1 mark)

- a. No classrooms, no true learning.
- b. Not all learning comes out of coursebooks.
- c. No rules, no respect for learning.

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2. For each of the following statements, pick out ONE detail from the text showing that it is false. (3 marks)

a. The fine made no difference to Tash. (paragraph 1)

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b. Tash brought the council to court to express her disappointment. (paragraph 2)

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c. Tash thinks that her TikTok followers have a different view regarding the educational system. (paragraph 4)

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3. Answer the following question with reference to paragraphs 1 and 2. (1 mark)

How many children does Tash have?

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4. Circle the two adjectives that best describe the educational system according to Tash. (2 marks)

rigid - permissive - unreasonable - innovative

5. Find words or expressions in the text meaning nearly the same as: (2 marks)

a. huge (paragraph 1):

b. unique (paragraph 2):

6. What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2 marks)

a. another (paragraph 1) refers to

b. which (paragraph 3) refers to

7. Give a personal justified answer to the following question: (1 mark)

Do you think it is wise to make kids skip lessons and go on a trip? Why? Why not?

I think because

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II. WRITING (12 marks)

1. Use the following notes to write a 4-line paragraph about The International Day of Living Together in Peace: (4 marks)

Foundation	December 8, 2017 / The UN General Assembly
Celebration	May / 16 / annual
Aims	- build / sustainable world / peace / solidarity / harmony - eliminate all forms / discrimination based / race/ colour / religion / disability / other status.

2. A friend of yours posted the following: "A healthy lifestyle is the foundation of a happy life."

Write a 12-line post on your Facebook page in which you express your agreement with this statement. Suggest at least 3 practical measures for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. (8 marks)

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III. LANGUAGE (6 marks)

1. Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the box. (3 marks)

but / near / influence / inside / exactly / pollutants / temperature / unpredictable

While you might think you're breathing easy indoors, away from the pollution of the outside world, new research has revealed that may be far from true. In a shocking new study, researchers found that pollution levels homes were not only higher but also more than outdoor air quality, which could even have a damaging effect on our brains. A team of scientists from the University of Birmingham used "low cost" sensors to measure in the air in three homes over two weeks and discovered alarming levels of indoor pollution. The sensors couldn't tell the researchers where the pollution was coming from, the study found that household location, ventilation, and occupancy patterns had a huge effect on the results. Meaning, things like cooking or house dust could indoor pollution levels.

2. Put the words in parentheses in the right tense or form. (3 marks)

All work and no play can make business travel very dull. That's among the main reasons why people travelling for work tend to like adding on a few days to the trip to take in whatever attractions the destination has to offer. The practice (**become**) so prevalent that the travel industry even has a word for it: "bleisure". It's not the most elegant of terms but the portmanteau word for the mix of business and leisure travel (**be**) pretty self-explanatory. Otherwise known as "workation", the practice almost certainly (**originate**) in the United States, where employees typically get just 10 days (**pay**) holiday a year. The idea of travelling to a two-day conference on a Thursday and adding on the weekend and bringing your partner for what's (**effective**) a subsidised mini-break is very alluring. So much so that it has now almost become the norm rather than the (**except**) In a 2022 survey of US business travellers, the American Hotel and Lodging Association found that 89% of participants wanted to include some holiday time in their next corporate trip.