

**Dictionnaire interdit.**  
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It is estimated that 1.1 million kids in the USA (2.2 per cent) are educated at home, usually by their parents. The phenomenon is growing in the UK too. It's estimated that 55,000 children are home schooled (0.5%). Sadly, more and more British parents are taking their children out of school because of bullying<sup>(1)</sup> and the stress of exams. British children sit 60 exams between the ages of 7 and 16. Homeschooled children don't have to sit any exams, but many choose to.

Alice, 14, was badly bullied at school and left last year. Her parents work, so she studies alone with a correspondence course. She is studying Maths, History, Biology, English and Physics for GCSE<sup>(2)</sup> exams. She hopes to go to university. She still has contact with some friends from school, but says it is boring being alone all day.

Alex, 15, found the stress of exams impossible. His parents decided he needed to find a career where he didn't have to sit exams. He loves being out in the country, so he is working with a gamekeeper and a shepherd<sup>(3)</sup> to learn their jobs. His mum gives him lessons too, but they hope he will start a paid job after he is 16.

Adapted from Easy going – September 2008.

Vocabulary:

<sup>(1)</sup> bullying: physical or verbal violence.

<sup>(2)</sup> GCSE: General Certificate of Secondary Education = exam you take when you're 14-15.

<sup>(3)</sup> a shepherd: un berger.

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**I . COMPREHENSION DU TEXTE (6 points)**

**A) Compréhension globale**

Cochez la bonne réponse :

- The document is:
- an extract from a novel
  - a magazine article
  - an essay
- The best title for this text is:
- Violence at School
  - Exams and Careers
  - Studying at Home

**B) Compréhension détaillée**

**1 - Relevez dans le texte :**

a) The 2 reasons for home-schooling:

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b) The sentence which shows that Alice would prefer to study at school:

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**2 - Retrouvez l'équivalent du groupe souligné dans le texte :**

• It isn't necessary for homeschooled children to sit any exams.

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• It was necessary for him to find an appropriate job.

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**3 - Dites si ces affirmations sont vraies ou fausses.**

Cochez la case V (vrai) ou F (Faux) et justifiez en citant le texte.

• There are more and more children educated at home in the UK.

V F.....

• Few British parents are happy to take their children out of school.

V F.....

• Alice's parents give her lessons.

V F.....

• Alice has lost contact with her friends from school.

V F.....

• Alex's parents would like him to have a salary when he is 16.

V F.....

**II . COMPETENCE LINGUISTIQUE (5 points)**

**A) Complétez ces phrases pour qu'elles correspondent au sens du texte**

- Alex hates (sit) ..... exams.
- Alice studies at home, so she (not go) ..... to school.
- Last year, some children at Alice's school (be violent) .....
- Now Alex is happy because he (learn) ..... to be a shepherd.
- In the USA, home-schooling is (common) .....than in the UK.
- Alex is (happy) ..... working outside than in a class.
- In Alice's opinion, studying at home is (interesting) ..... than studying at school.

**B) Complétez avec l'auxiliaire modal qui convient.**

- Alice is sad because she ..... see her friends every day (impossibilité).
- Alex is happy because now he ..... sit exams (absence d'obligation).
- In England, you ..... pass GCSE exams if you want to go to university (obligation).

**III . EXPRESSION ECRITE (7 points)**

**Ecrivez un paragraphe en anglais d'environ 50 mots sur ce que sont, selon vous, les avantages et les inconvénients de la scolarisation à domicile.**

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***Présentation et orthographe (2 points)***