

Old-style Education

More and more school children in the USA are now wearing school uniforms. It is part of a return to traditional education which is sweeping the country from New York to California.

Earlier this year, a return to uniform was recommended. There had been two murders in American schools where the motive was envy of the victim's clothes. It was said that uniforms might stop «teenagers killing each other over designer jeans.» The change appeals to parents, too. It's much cheaper to buy a uniform than to pay out for expensive jeans and trainers.

A uniform is also thought to encourage a sense of discipline. Teachers believe that boys become less violent when they exchange their sweatshirts for a collar and tie. In Johnson Junior High School in Washington DC, where many pupils are Black, the children are being allowed to design their own uniforms with strong African themes.

Some American schools are also separating boys and girls for certain classes: they are segregating the sexes. Both girls and boys are said to perform better, the girls because they are less inhibited about participating in class with no boys to make fun of **them**, the boys because there is less motive to show off. In Johnson Junior High School, segregation started two years ago; now marks have improved, and boys are attacking the girls much less than before.

Completely single-sex schools, however, are unlikely to return in the public sector in the USA, New Jersey recently ordered one of its schools to abandon an experiment in segregation, citing a 1972 law against sexual discrimination in education. Opponents of segregation say that boy's schools might receive more resources than girls' schools. They believe too that children would lose the opportunity of learning how to behave towards the opposite sex.

However, American educationalists need to find radical solutions to the climate of violence in schools. In Johnson Junior High School, pupils have to pass through a metal detector and have a full-body search every day before going into class, in case **they're** carrying weapons.

I. **COMPREHENSION :** **15 Points**

A. **Are these sentences true or false? Justify.** **6 points**

1. In the U.S.A, people are in favor of traditional these days.

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2. American teenagers are thought to be well-behaved when wearing uniforms.

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3. The 1972 law allowed segregated schools.

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B. **Answer these questions :** **4 points**

1. Why was the uniform recommended in the American school ?

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2. List two reasons for the adoption of segregated schools.

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3. How did the Johnson Junior High school motivate children to wear the uniform

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C. **Complete these sentences.** **3 points**

1. Parents approved of the uniform as

2. Segregating the sexes in New Jersey may make.....and.....

3. Extreme measures such as metal detectors are necessary in order to

D. **What do the underlined words in the text refer to** **1 point**

1. Them (paragraph4).....

2. They (paragraph6).....

E. **Find in the text words that mean the same as** **1 point**

1. Cause (paragraph 2).....

2. Opposers (paragraph 5).....

Language : 15points

1-Use the words in capitals at the end of each sentence to make words which fit in the spaces : 4pts

- -Jane has got knowledge of teaching, but no practical experience. **THEORY**
- -Jane must have a good if she wants to be accepted. **EDUCATE**
- -Did you ever go? **MOUNTAIN**
- -Jane's dad runs arestaurant near the harbor. **FASHION**

2-Circle the correct words : 4PTS

- Jane is **available/ suitable** to start work immediately.
- Sue can learn lots of things at college, but she needs **practice/ practise**.
- Do you have any shoes that **fit / match** these jeans?
- How much do your **employee / employer** earn each month?

3-Complete the sentences with the right prepositions: 3pts

- Jane has applied the position of sales manager .
- Mr. John is tired because he has been duty at the hospital for hours.
- John must set an interview before he starts the work.

4-Circle the correct words : 4pts

1-I **had never thought / was never thinking** of becoming a doctor until you suggested it.

2-Do you think you will ever get used to **go / going** away on business so often?

3-George met Julie while he **had been/ was** working as a teacher.

4-We **used / would** go to the theatre every month when I was young.

- ◆ You want to get some experience of working in a hotel and you have just seen this advertisement. Read the notes you have made and write a letter applying for the job. (140-160 words)

WANTED

Give examples

I'd be good at this - say why

Polite, organised and friendly person who is available to work part-time (evenings and weekends) in our five-star country hotel.

Your job would include answering the telephone, taking messages, dealing with guests' questions or problems, and welcoming new visitors.

In return, we will give you a good wage, long holidays and a free room in the hotel for two nights every two months. *How much?*

If you think you're the person we want, write to us now and tell us why. *I am! Explain why*

Write to: Mr J Garnett, Personnel, Riverbank Lodge, Charleworth, Bedfordshire.



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