

Focus on Foster Care

English and maths quiz

Maths

- 1 Out of a total of 500 interviews with young people aged 16–18, who had completed their GCSEs in 2001, 2002 or 2003, 85% said they would rather pass their GCSEs than appear on *Fame Academy*. How many young people would rather appear on *Fame Academy*?

- A 50
- B 75
- C 225
- D 425

Answer:

- 2 Fifty-two million text messages were sent throughout the UK on the day the GCSE results were announced. If the profit was 11p per text, how much profit was made that day?

- A approximately £570,000 profit
- B approximately £500,700 profit
- C approximately £5.7 million profit
- D approximately £5 million profit

Answer:

- 3 If there were 59,500 looked after children and 3,500 were placed for adoption, what ratio would this represent?

- A one child in every seven is placed for adoption
- B one child in every 17 is placed for adoption
- C one child in every ten is placed for adoption
- D one child in every 15 is placed for adoption

Answer:

- 4 This information was included with the instructions on how to dilute a concentrated squash: *Imperial (UK) 20 fluid ounces = 1 pint = 0.568 litres*. Approximately how many fluid ounces are there to a litre?

- A 30 fluid ounces
- B 26 fluid ounces
- C 42 fluid ounces
- D 33 fluid ounces

Answer:

English

- 5 This is an extract from an article about food labelling.

What the label claims

The colourful packs show pictures of fruit unwinding into long strips, with large flashes pointing out that a packet contains between 65% and 76% fruit and fruit juice. They contain 'all natural colours and flavours', and claim to let children 'unwind the fruit fun for ever'. But the fruit in the picture is not necessarily the main fruit ingredient for that pack. The blackcurrant flavour, for instance, relies mainly on pear purée, from concentrate, for its fruit content, with blackcurrant purée making up just a fifth of the fruit portion.

The purpose of this extract is to:

- A sell the product
- B to advise against buying the product
- C explain that the label may mislead readers
- D say that the labelling is inaccurate

Answer:

- 6 This extract is taken from the findings of a two-year study, commissioned by television broadcasters and regulators.

Children get sex lessons from soaps

What most startled the researchers was the precocity of youngsters and the ease with which they discussed subjects formerly considered taboo for minors. A nine-year-old girl told researchers that exposure to sex and marriage break-ups on television was 'normal', adding: 'They are a part of society even if you don't agree with them.'

Which word best describes the researchers' response to their findings?

- A disappointment
- B approval
- C surprise
- D horror

Answer:

- 7 Which of the following quotes below contains a spelling error?

- A 'the findings should be treated with caution'
- B 'their body's change and life just takes over'
- C 'television's impact could be overestimated'
- D 'they feel they know more about life than their parents'

Answer:

- 8 Read this quote from a parenting newsletter and then answer the question.

What's so terrible about being two?

Two-year-olds have this marvellously inquisitive mind, but absolutely no experience from prior learning to understand 'safe or harmful', 'good or bad', 'right or wrong'. As such, they simply set out to explore the world, as it is available to them. Until they learn or experience otherwise, all objects are neutral. Objects have no inherent worth and are not yet known for causing either pleasure or pain. It's only when the child experiences the object that they can experience its value. Value to the two-year-old is usually a function of the pleasure an object can bring to the child. Pleasure is derived from touch, taste, sight, sound and scent. Some things are pleasurable and 'fun' while others offer neither amusement nor any particular pleasure. Other items, like the taste of a sour lemon, may cause displeasure and children soon learn to avoid these.

The challenge facing parents and carers is to pre-empt negative outcomes from the child's exploration and learning while maximising the opportunity for positive outcomes.

Which words could mean the same as 'pre-empt negative outcomes'?

- A avoid bad experiences
- B stop them injuring themselves
- C limit the child's exploration
- D show the child what to do

Answer:

- 9 Read this extract from the article *Parents' Guide to Writing* by Judith Puddick.

Teaching today builds on children's pre-school learning. Early writing attempts are encouraged and praised and children are given opportunities to 'read' their writing to a friend or to the teacher. Their vocabulary is developed through discussion, reading and hearing quality texts read aloud; they are taught to notice the ways that authors use language to create particular effects. Children are encouraged to use existing texts as models for their own writing and most importantly they are treated as real writers from the start with a genuine purpose and audience for their work.

The purpose of the author in this text is to:

- A provide hard, factual evidence
- B illustrate through example
- C describe current practice
- D present an argument for consideration

Answer: