



PRUEBAS CORRESPONDIENTES A LOS PREMIOS EXTRAORDINARIOS DE BACHILLERATO ESTABLECIDO POR LA LEY ORGÁNICA 1/1990, DE 3 DE OCTUBRE, DE ORDENACIÓN GENERAL DEL SISTEMA EDUCATIVO.

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COMPUTER REGISTERS PUPILS' MOVES

High technology came to the classroom yesterday to control pupils at a school in Southampton. Teachers, too, will have their every move recorded in the computer.

A third-year class at St George's School, Bassett, became the first in Britain to clock in for lessons when they returned from their Easter holiday. They were provided with "smart cards" the size of credit cards that the whole school will use in September if the experiment is a success.

Calling the roll has become a thing of the past. Instead, cards are "swiped" through 42 computerised reader points at main entrances and classroom doors before school and at the start of each lesson. Details on attendance are then stored electronically. David Caswell, the headmaster of the 500 pupil Roman Catholic secondary school, persuaded his governors to lay out 10,000 for the system. He expects to get back 11,000 in extra teaching time within the year. "We will save 20 minutes at the start of each day, which will be spent on English and reading, and that will amount to something in the region of 138 teacher days in a full year". So far, there have been no objections and the system passed its first technical test.

"There are many advantages for the teachers and pupils", Mr Caswell said. "Because we are able to tell exactly where everyone is at any given time, we can give pupils a lot more freedom of movement around the school, and staff will have to spend less time on administrative tasks".

By John O'Leary, higher education correspondent.

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1-3 ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT. DO NOT COPY PASSAGES FROM THE TEXT.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES ONLY IN YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

1. COMPREHENSION.....(3 marks, 1'5 per question)

- a) Will the pupils of St. George's school find it more difficult to play truant when they have to clock in? Why?
- b) What are the main advantages of this system for David Caswell?

2. LEXICON.....(2 marks, 0'5 per question)

- a) Find one synonym in the text for: CONVINCED
- b) Find one synonym in the text for: SPEND A GREAT SUM
- c) Find one synonym in the text for: CAN
- d) Find one synonym in the text for: PIECES OF WORK TO BE DONE

3. GRAMMAR.....(2 marks. 0'5 per question)

- a) Change this sentence into Reported Speech:
"We will save twenty minutes at the start of each lesson", he said.
- b) Change this sentence into the Passive voice:
David Caswell persuaded his governors to lay out 10,000 for the system.
- c) Fill in the blanks with the proper words.
The headmaster wants(a) to clock in(b) the teachers will be able to where they are at any moment.
- d) Finish the sentence with your own words.
The headmaster expects not only to save money.....

4. PRODUCTION.....(3 marks)

Do you think this system would work in your school? Why or why not?
Write 80-100 words. Do not copy passages from the text.