

1 Education

Answer key

1 Suggested answers

Who it is written for, e.g. students, teachers, non-experts, etc.
 Whether the author is an expert
 What type of text it is
 What the author's aim is

2 1 to persuade

2 It is likely to be from a textbook or journal, but could also be in the education supplement of a more serious newspaper.

3 Parents, teachers or trainee teachers, education ministers; to evaluate the curriculum from a different perspective

3 1 Yes. The text title mentions social and moral issues, such as class and gender inequality, so it might give some examples of how a child develops morally and socially.

2 No. The text title doesn't mention anything about learning styles or teaching methodologies.

3 Yes. The text title mentions a curriculum, although we would need to know more about the contents of the text to identify if it is useful for this discussion of curriculum and success.

4 Suggested answer

A hidden curriculum is a way of influencing people's values, attitudes and behaviour.

5 1 Low-income and/or African American or Hispanic

2 It teaches them to take orders, be punctual, follow rules and experience boredom until they become frustrated and their academic performance falls.

3 It made them feel less important, lowered their self-esteem and discouraged them from taking certain classes.

4 Yes, in maths and reading tests

5 No, because if girls get good grades, it doesn't mean the grades are taken away from the boys.

6 White children are more likely to score higher than African American and Hispanic students due to economic disparities.

6 a The opinions are in favour of the statement.

- Methods of learning and teaching change in relation to income. Schools with lower-income students focus more on rote learning and memorization, and schools with students from more affluent backgrounds focus on analysis and critical thinking.
- The simplification of the curriculum for low-income earners can cause frustration. This may lead to the lower attainment of qualifications and thus impact on earnings.

- The curriculum used to impact on the professions that girls and boys entered, with girls not doing well in traditional 'male subjects' such as maths and the sciences.

- Students learn far more than just the subject matter at school, including beliefs, values, attitudes and behavioural expectations, which form part of the socialization process.

b She would agree with the statement.

c The study was based on only one country and one education system; we don't know the extent or nature of the research, i.e. How did they gather their data? How big was the sample size? Who gathered the data, and why?

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Other information can include spelling, pronunciation, word class, common collocations and word family.