

**Note:** Translate this text to Spanish and then answer the questions below. Present the report on block paper or in notebook paper by hand writing. It is not permitted by computer

READING: ARTICLE - COLLEGE FOR KIDS?

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By Harriet Nelson

Pre-school education is changing. Once, elementary school was the place to learn 1-2-3 and A-B-C. But today, highly motivated parents have begun teaching these basics to their children before they start school.

Kindergarten has now become a mini-college, where geography, history, and even mathematics are taught. Small children are even given homework assignments. Professor David Shift, who is the Director of Early Childhood Education at the University of Highville, says, "We must simply accept the fact that children today know more than children did years ago."

Eleanor Idle, of the New School Institute, doesn't agree. "Children need to be children. They learn as they play. They don't need formal education this early. It just isn't normal. Soon they'll be given entrance exams for kindergarten. Very young children shouldn't spend their time worrying about grades and diplomas!" Dr. Idle believes that if there is already so much competition in kindergarten, there is no limit to how much there will be in high school. "We don't need to make it any harder on students than it already is," she says.

"After all, there were still many college graduates when playing was all children did in kindergarten." Many people who agree with Idle say that early childhood programs should offer subjects that children enjoy and do well in naturally, like art, music, science, and gym. After all, learning should be child's play.

- A. What is the difference between preschool education and elementary school?
- B. What does doctor Idle think about early childhood education?
- C. What is the difference between children today and children years ago?
- D. Why do you think that some parents teach the basic to their children?
- E. Do you think it is O.k to turn kindergarten in mini college?
- F. What do you think it happen when children are given complex homework?
- G. If students are taught more than after in garden, why students of before were better than students of today?
- H. What subjects should be taught according to Doctor Idle? Are you o' course with her? Say why?
- I. Ask sincerely this question: do you study to learn or to have just a 3,0 to win?
- J. Have you learned something in English this year? If yes, please, say what have you learned?

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