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As questões de 1 a 15 deverão ser respondidas com base no texto a seguir.

### Homeschooling – a Better Way to Learn?

1           Increasing numbers of parents in the U.S. are choosing to teach their kids at home. In fact,  
2 the U.S. Department of Education estimated that, in 1999, around 850,000 children were being  
3 homeschooled. Some educational experts say the real figure is about double this estimate, and the  
4 ranks of homeschooled children appear to be growing at a rate of about 11 percent annually.

5           At one time, there was a stigma associated with homeschooling; it was traditionally used  
6 for students who could not attend school because of behavioral or learning difficulties. Today,  
7 however, more parents are taking on the responsibility of educating their children at home due to  
8 dissatisfaction with the educational system. Many parents are unhappy about class size, as well as  
9 problems inside the classroom. Teacher shortages and lack of funding mean that, in many schools,  
10 one teacher is responsible for thirty or forty pupils. The result is often that children are deprived of  
11 the attention they need. Escalating classroom violence has also motivated some parents to remove  
12 their children from school.

13           Advocates of homeschooling believe that children learn better when they are in a secure,  
14 loving environment. Many psychologists see the home as the most natural learning environment,  
15 and originally the home was the classroom, long before schools were established. Parents who  
16 homeschool argue that they can monitor their children's education and give them attention that is  
17 lacking in a traditional school setting. Students can also pick and choose what to study and when to  
18 study, thus enabling them to learn at their own pace.

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### GLOSSARY

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| 1. homeschooling – educação domiciliar | 6. lack of funding – falta de dinheiro |
| 2. figure – quantidade                 | 7. deprived – carente                  |
| 3. ranks – números                     | 8. advocates – defensores              |
| 4. behavioral – comportamental         | 9. school setting – local onde estudar |
| 5. shortages – escassez                | 10. pace – ritmo, velocidade           |

**1)** The text “Homeschooling – a Better Way to Learn?” was picked up from

- A) a newspaper.
- B) a magazine.
- C) a book.
- D) a leaflet.
- E) the Internet.

**2)** The text shows us that

- A) teachers in U.S. prefer to teach the kids at school.
- B) most parents in U. S. are teaching their children at home.
- C) kids in U.S. are teaching their parents at home.
- D) parents in the U.S. are choosing to study with their kids at school.
- E) teachers, parents and kids in the U.S. are studying at home.

**3)** According to the information provided by the text the U.S. Department of Education and some educational experts

- A) discuss about homeschooling difficulties.
- B) argue about homeschooling priority.
- C) disagree about the ranks of homeschooled children.
- D) agree about problems inside the classroom.
- E) reprove the traditional education system.

**4)** Parents are unhappy about

- A) school size, problems inside libraries, violence and teacher shortages.
- B) class size, problems inside school, violent teachers and student shortages.
- C) library size, problems inside the classroom, violent students and lack of funding.
- D) school size, violence inside library, student and teacher shortages.
- E) class size, lack of funding, teacher shortages and violence inside classroom.

**5)** According to the last paragraph which of the following sentences is **FALSE**?

- A) Lawyers believe that children learn better when they are in a secure and loving environment.
- B) Parents who homeschool can monitor their children’s education.
- C) The home was the classroom before schools were established.
- D) Students can learn at their own pace.
- E) Psychologists consider the home a natural learning environment.

**6)** A long time ago, there was a stigma associated with homeschooling because it was used for

- A) students who didn’t like school.
- B) students with a lot of money.
- C) students whose parents were dead.
- D) students with disabilities.
- E) students with brilliant minds.

**7)** The words **ANNUALLY** (Line 4), **TRADITIONALLY** (Line 5) and **ORIGINALLY** (Line 15) are classified as

- A) adverbs.
- B) verbs.
- C) link words.
- D) nouns.
- E) adjectives.

**8)** The words **LEARNING** (Line 6), **TAKING** (Line 7) and **EDUCATING** (Line 7) are respectively

- A) verb / noun / adjective.
- B) adjective / verb / verb.
- C) noun / verb / adjective.
- D) noun / adjective / noun.
- E) adjective / verb / noun.

**9)** The Conjunction **HOWEVER** (Line 7) suggests

- A) doubt.
- B) contrast.
- C) addition.
- D) condition.
- E) conclusion.

**10)** "... more parents **ARE TAKING** on responsibility..." (Line 7). In this sentence, the verbal tense is

- A) present perfect continuous tense.
- B) present perfect tense.
- C) simple present tense.
- D) future continuous tense.
- E) present continuous tense.

**11)** In the sentence "**Many psychologists see home as the most natural learning...**" (Line 14). **NATURAL** is an Adjective. In which degree is it used?

- A) Superlative Degree
- B) Positive Degree
- C) Comparative Degree expressing superiority
- D) Comparative Degree expressing equality
- E) Comparative Degree expressing inferiority

**12)** The lexical item **WHO** (Line 15) refers to

- A) advocates.
- B) parents.
- C) psychologists.
- D) schools.
- E) environment.

**13)** The lexical item **THEM** (Line16) refers to

- A) schools.
- B) parents.
- C) attention.
- D) children.
- E) children's education.

**14)** The best translation to the word **ENABLING** (Line 18) is

- A) adaptando.
- B) intitulando.
- C) possibilitando.
- D) enumerando.
- E) nomeando.

**15)** Which of the words below is **only** formed by a **Suffix**?

- A) Dissatisfaction
- B) Unhappy
- C) Homeschool
- D) Shortage
- E) Remove