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People are  
like music.  
Some speak  
the truth while  
others are  
just noise.

# A Schoolboy at Eton

Eton College is the top public school for boys in the United Kingdom. The quaint title "public" means exactly the opposite of what it says, for most children cannot go to this type of school. The fees for public schools are so high that only very few people can afford to send their children there. Private education of this kind exists in no other country on the same scale.

"I know I should feel privileged being here at Eton. It's costing my father a fortune in fees, as he keeps telling me. But actually, I think it can be a handicap in life to go to a school like Eton. People think we're arrogant and snobbish, with no brains or talent.

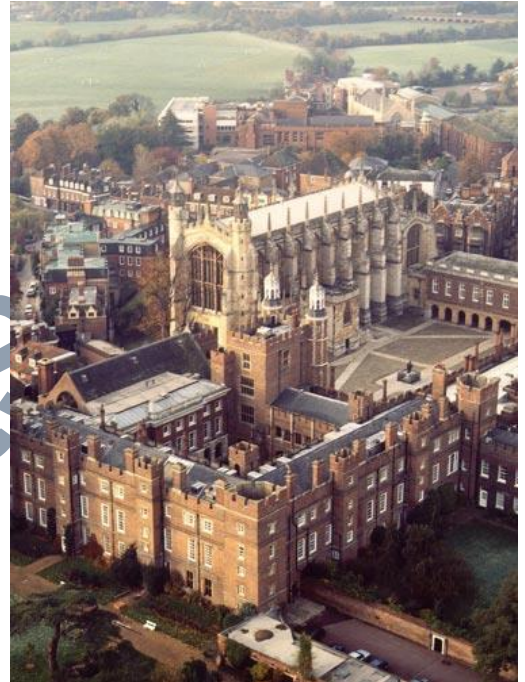
All right, so I'm not particularly brainy. I'm not the academic type. I don't want to go to university. I want to be a musician. At the moment I'm making a demo tape to send round to record companies and it's really annoying my old man."

Nick Harrington is eighteen and in his final year at Eton College. He's taking three "A" Levels this summer in Maths, Physics and Computer Studies. However, his teachers are not happy with his work. They think he's spending too much time playing his guitar and reading music magazines.

Nick has his own room at Eton where he sleeps and studies. He goes home for the weekend twice a term but otherwise doesn't get much freedom.

"We're allowed to go into town in the afternoons but we're not supposed to go into pubs. And we're certainly not allowed out of school after six o'clock in the evening. Last term the headmaster sent two boys home for a week because they met some girls in a pub. I think that's ridiculous. Anyway, I don't really care any more. I'm leaving school at the end of term and then I can do what I like."

Source: Blueprint Intermediate, Longman



## I- Reading Comprehension:

1-Tick the right option to talk about the general idea of text (0,5 mark):

- a- A schoolboy who is proud of being at Eton School.
- b- A schoolboy who is fond of his school days at Eton.
- c- A schoolboy who studies hard to have a successful future career.
- d- A schoolboy who doesn't appreciate studying at Eton.

2- Say true or false and account for your answer with details from the text (2 marks):

- a- For Nick, to study at Eton is a privilege: .....
- .....
- b- Eton School is very costly: .....
- .....

3- Give three details in the text to show that Nick isn't allowed much freedom. (1,5 mark):

- a- .....
- b- .....
- c- .....

4- What do the underlined expressions in the text refer to? (1 mark):

It (par 2): .....

My old man (par 3): .....

5- Find an expression in the text which means nearly the same as (0,5 mark):

Very intelligent especially at school or college: .....

6- Find an utterance in the text which expresses Contrast (0,5 mark):

.....

## II Language:

1- Complete with 6 words from the box (3 marks): *handed - could'nt - bring - private - to bring - pass - letting - acquaintances*

When I went away to college, my parents called me every day. I went away to a fraternity weekend retreat -a peaceful and..... place in which we can relax. Since we weren't allowed .....our phones,I told my parents that I would go away for three days and not to call me.



On the day we were coming back, the guy driving us got a call. He then .....me his phone and told me to call my parents.

It turned out, that when my parents .....reach me for 3 days, they came to my college, and went around my dorm and half the campus asking everyone if they had

seen their lost little boy. I was 18 at the time.

On top of that, since I was on their family cell phone plan, they looked up all the numbers I had recently called and texted. They proceeded to call everyone .....them know I was "lost" and asking if they knew where I was. This included girls that I had crushes on but barely knew, random classmates, and mild .....

When I got back to my dormitory, I found my cell phone with a bunch of messages of people asking if I was okay and letting me know my parents were looking for me.

For the next day, every 1 in 5 people I walked ..... would ask me if I talked to my parents because they were looking for me.

**2-Use the right form/tense of the words between parentheses (3,5 marks):**

As a teen in high school, I can safely say that I definitely loathe school. It's like a pain in the neck. I could **(hard)**..... remember that I liked school one day in my life. I **(play)**..... truant many times when I was at primary school. Teachers pile on homework, which causes a lot of stress. Finals and midterms are extremely **(stress)**..... .With homework and studying, I get 2 hours of sleep a night maximum during an average school week. There's also the fact of bullying, which is a real problem.. You also worry about **(fit)**..... in, you don't feel good enough, you compare **(you)**..... to your peers.. Moreover, there are the people who disrupt the class and prevent you from actually learning. I also hate waking up at 5am, and going to school until 3. My brain doesn't want to pay **(attentive)**..... for that long. The only things I enjoy about school is seeing friends, and marching jazz bands. I'm very passionate about music. I think I **(join)**..... a music club in the coming days.

**3-Match a sentence part from A to a sentence part from B to get a coherent paragraph. There is an extra sentence part in B. (1,5 marks):**

1-Monster parents often interfere in their children's personal	a- is "Prince/princess sickness."		
2-Because of this, these children often end up	b- tendencies towards aggression and violence to get their way, according to some researchers.		
3-A commonly-used term in Asia to describe this phenomenon	c-life and tend to cosset them.		
4- These children have also been seen to exhibit	d-to prevent monster parents		
	e- developing narcissistic personality traits and attitudes and tend to be overly-reliant on their parents.		
1+.....	2+.....	3+.....	4+.....

