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# **Testing control: Schools in Great Britain**

# Read and translate the following text

Education in Britain is compulsory (обязательный) for all children between the ages of 5-16.

School-children attend a primary school for 6 years. When students transfer to Secondary School at the age of 11, they do not take any examination, but their reports are sent on from the Primary School.

Secondary School. Most children go to a comprehensive (комплексный) school. “Comprehensive” means all-inclusive. They admit (позволять) pupils of all abilities. But there are also “grammar school” and “secondary-modern schools”.

The pupils have to pass an exam to go there. Grammar school - a school for children over the age of 11, who are specially chosen to study for examinations which may lead to higher education. Secondary-modern school - a schools for children over the age of 11, who are not expected (рассчитывать) to go on to higher study later. All types of secondary schools have the 5-year courses for pupils from 11 years up to the school leaving age.



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Pupils in all state schools in England and Wales study 10 main subjects: Core (центральный) subjects: English, mathematics, science; Foundation (основной) subjects: history, geography, a modern language, (art, craft and design), music, information technology, physical education. Religious education is also taught (преподаваться). Attainment (проверочный) tests are given at the ages of 7, 11 and 14, 16. At the end of a 5-year courses, at the age of 16, students sit the General Certificate of Secondary Education exams in as many subjects as possible. At the age of 16 about two-thirds of these pupils leave school and get job or apprenticeships (учеба). About one-third stays on at school until the age of 18, preparing themselves for higher education.



# Preparing for the university

The 6th Form. More ambitious pupils continue to study in the 6th form. They stay on at school for one or two years to prepare themselves for university. They have only three or four main subjects which are necessary to pass to advanced level exams at the age of 18. The school year is divided into three terms with the intervals between them during the Christmas and Easter holidays lasting about two weeks each and the summer holidays which begins rather late and is usually six weeks long. All kinds of out-of-class activities are part of school life in Britain. Students have a lot of opportunities for playing sports, attending different clubs and singing in a choir. Most schools have very good libraries which students use for reference work.

## №1. Translate the collocations into Russian.

Primary school, secondary school, comprehensive school, Grammar school, to study for examinations, the 5-year courses, state schools, preparing themselves for higher education

## №2. Match kinds of school with the description.

<b>Primary School</b>	
1/Secondary School	A)do not take any examination, study of a large set of objects, preparing for the exam for the certificate of ... education
2/Primary school	B)a school for children over the age of 11, who are specially chosen to study for examinations which may lead to higher education.
3/Secondary-modern school	C)children study from 5 to 11, study arithmetic, reading, writing, model, singing, painting they admit pupils of all abilities.
4/Grammar school	D)a schools for children over the age of 11, who are not expected to go on to higher study later.

№3. Answer the questions.

1) Is education in Britain compulsory for all children?

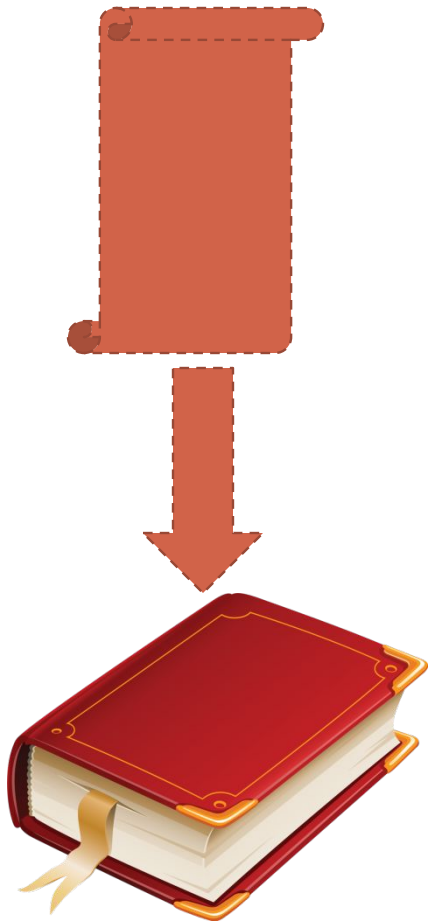
2) Have children to take any examination when they transfer to Secondary School?

3) What types of secondary schools are there in Britain? What are they?

4) What courses have secondary schools?

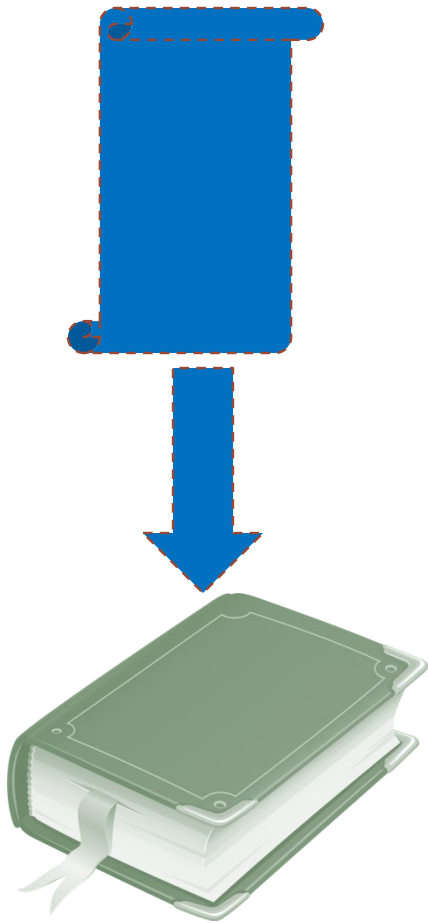
5) What subjects does Pupils in all state schools in England and Wales study?

6) When are attainment tests given?



## №4. Fill the gaps in the sentences.

- They stay on at school for ... years to prepare themselves for university.
- They have only ... main subjects.
- They learn subjects which are necessary to pass to advanced level exams at the age of ...
- The school year is divided into three terms with the intervals between them during the ... and ... holidays lasting about two weeks each and summer holidays.
- Students have a lot of opportunities for ...



# School year in Great Britain

The English academic year runs **from September to July. (с сентября по июль)**

Schools are open **for 195 days (195 дней)** each school year. The children attend school **from Monday to Friday (с понедельника по пятницу).**

## Holidays / Vacations

There are **3 terms (3 четверти)** in academic year.

Event	ENGLAND	SCOTLAND
School Year Begins	Approx 4 September	Approx 20 August
Sept Weekend	-	Fri & Mon of 3rd wk in Sept
October	5 days (Wk 3 or 4)	5 days (Wk 2 or 3)
Christmas	2 weeks	2 weeks
February	5 days	1 day
Easter	2 weeks	2 weeks
May day	1 day	1 day
May (end of)	5 days	-
School Year Ends	3rd week in July	Last week in June

Spotlight on schools. Private school in Britain are called public. Why?





# THE ANSWERS

**№1.** Начальная школа, средняя школа, общеобразовательная школа, грамматическая школа, готовиться к экзаменам, 5-летние курсы, государственные школы, подготовиться к высшему образованию.

**№2.** 1.A 2.C 3. D 4 B

**№3.** 1. Education in Britain is compulsory for all children at the age of 5 – 16.

2. No, they haven't.

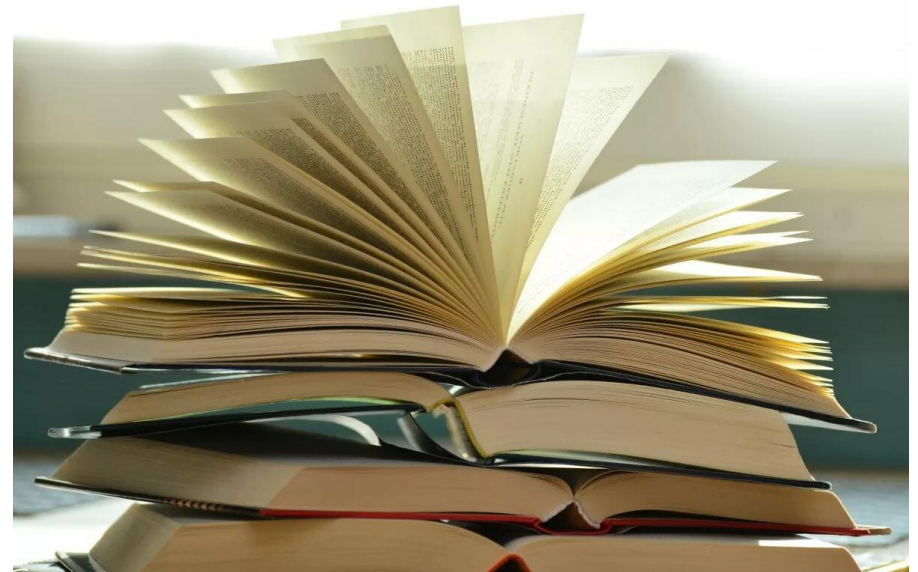
3. There are 3 types of secondary school in Britain/ They are comprehensive school, grammar school and secondary-modern school.

4. Secondary schools have 5-year courses.

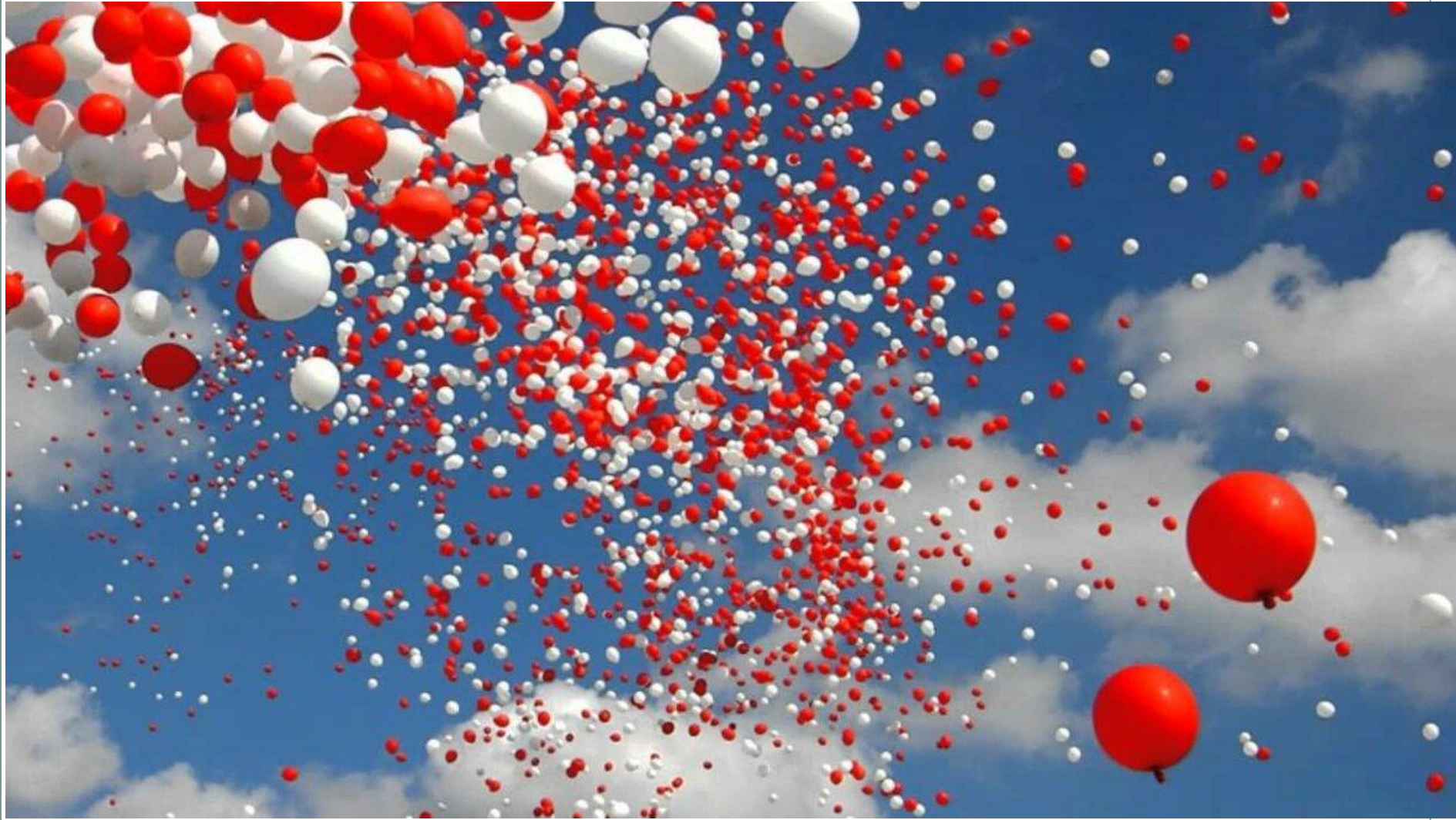
5. Pupils in England and Wales study 11 subjects: English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Modern language, Arts and Crafts, Music, Information technology, PE, Religion.

6. Attainment tests are given at the ages of 7, 11 and 14, 16.

**№4.** - 10r2 – 3 or 4 -18 – Christmas and Easter – playing sports, attending different clubs and singing in a choir.



# THANKS FOR ATTENTION!



## The sources of literature:

• <https://nsportal.ru>

