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English ab initio – Standard level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension
Anglais ab initio – Niveau moyen – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite
Inglés ab initio – Nivel Medio – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura

Tuesday 10 November 2020 (morning)

Mardi 10 novembre 2020 (matin)

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1 h

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Text C

A student talks about her experience of homeschooling

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I left school in the third grade¹ because it is difficult to learn when there are 30 or more kids in each class. Most students don't get the
5 attention they need for a proper education.

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With homeschooling, you can learn as slow or as fast as you want. You must learn the required topics but you can choose what you learn on top of that. Your choice is not limited to the five or less options you get as extra classes if you are in school.

10 Someone who is in a school has a very restricting schedule — you have an exact amount of sick days or snow days² and holidays. A benefit of homeschooling is that you can work when you want so you can take a trip at any time of the year. I have been all over the world thanks to my choice of education.

15 In most schools, you learn with a textbook, but homeschoolers also learn with hands-on learning. It is difficult to have this type of learning in a classroom because of the number of students, but for homeschoolers it's an effective and exciting way to learn.

20 Some people think that homeschoolers have no social life. However, most homeschoolers take classes with other kids — sports or arts classes usually. In fact, I have met some of my best friends at classes like those. With homeschooling, you meet some really cool people, and you learn a lot from people who are different from you.

Homeschooling requires a lot of discipline. Once a year, all homeschoolers meet with a teacher who reviews the work they have done that year. You either pass or get a warning. If you get a warning, you have not done enough work and they will expect you to do a lot more of it the next year. If you don't pass the next year, you will be sent back to school, and no one who has enjoyed
25 homeschooling wants that. Homeschooling has its ups and downs, but it is an amazing experience altogether.

¹ third grade: the third school year of primary school. Students are usually 8–9 years old

² snow days: days when schools close because of snow

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