

Read the passage below and do all the exercises that follow.

School Discipline

UK schools are allowed to discipline pupils who behave badly in various ways. But what exactly is bad behaviour? Playing truant which means staying away from school without permission from parents is considered to be a serious type of bad behaviour. Some other serious forms of bad behaviour involve smoking, hitting, swearing, stealing, not doing homework, cheating in exams, and calling a teacher or another pupil bad names (bullying). Not listening or not paying attention in lessons and running are seen as not-so serious types of bad behaviour.

UK school pupils who behave badly can be punished in different ways. Exclusion is considered to be the most serious punishment. If a pupil is excluded from school, he or she cannot come back and has to find a new school. Another form of punishment is suspension. When a pupil is suspended, they cannot enter the building or attend lessons until the school has a meeting about their case. Suspension can last from 1 to 45 days in a school term. The school usually gives work to do at home with the help of a special teacher. Another type of punishment is detention. When a pupil is detained, he or she is asked to stay at school at the end of the school day. The pupil must work for 30 minutes or an hour more before they are **allowed** to leave the school. Lines is another type of punishment. That means that the pupil who is being punished has to write a sentence many times on a sheet of paper; an example sentence: 'I must not shout in class.' This punishment is sometimes given during detention too.

Freya MacDonald, a 15-year-old pupil from Scotland, made the news in the UK when she refused to accept her school's punishment. Freya's family say that she was given detention a lot of times for trivial things such as drinking fizzy drinks in class and coming into school through a fire door. After her school gave her detention for the eleventh time, she went to a lawyer and took legal action against the school.

According to Scottish law every child has the right to education. Freya says that repeated detentions disrupted her education and made it difficult for her to learn. She refused to return to school until the school respected her civil rights. She wants the headmaster and her teachers to sign a letter to promise they will respect her rights. Hundreds of schools in Scotland were told not to use detention as a punishment because of Freya's legal action.

Many schools in the UK now give parents a home/school contract. This is a contract explaining the school discipline and rules. Parents must sign this document and agree that they accept the school rules. They are responsible for their child's behaviour and must respect the discipline methods used in the school.

A. Choose the best alternative according to the Passage

(5 x 2=10 marks)

1. According to the text 'playing truant' means

- A. using bad language
- B. hitting and swearing
- C. misbehaving
- D. not coming to school without parental permission

2. Which of the acts below is NOT considered to be a very serious form of bad behaviour?

- A. bullying
- B. stealing
- C. smoking
- D. not paying attention in class

3. What does 'allowed' in line 16 mean?

- A. permitted
- B. promised
- C. given
- D. seen

4. Which two forms of punishment are often given at the same time?

- A. suspension and exclusion
- B. exclusion and lines
- C. lines and detention
- D. detention and suspension

5. Freya MacDonald is mentioned in the text because

- A. her school refused to give her punishment.
- B. she did not accept detention.
- C. she was told to write a sentence several times.
- D. she wanted to make the news.

B. Indicate whether the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE. (6 x 2 =12 marks)

	TRUE	FALSE
1.The text is about different forms of bad behaviour and punishment in UK schools		
2. Cheating in exams is not seen as bad behaviour in the UK.		
3. Bullying is a serious form of bad behaviour		
4. When a pupil is detained, he or she has to find another school.		
5. All schools in the UK now give parents a home/ school contract to sign.		

6. Parents must respect the school's rules.		

C. Answer the following questions.

(4x2= 8 marks)

1. What does excluding a student from school mean?

2. Why did Freya MacDonal refuse to accept her punishment and ended up visiting a lawyer?

3. According to Freya what is the impact of repeated detentions on a student?

4. What is the purpose of a school contract given to parents?"

D. Complete the paragraph with only ONE word from the Passage.

(5 x 2 =10 marks)

Schools in the UK can discipline pupils who 1. _____ badly in different ways. Exclusion is thought to be the most serious form of punishment. That means that if a pupil is 2. _____ from school, he or she cannot return to the same school. Another form of 3. _____ is suspension. If pupils are suspended, they are not allowed to enter the school building or attend lessons until the school makes a decision on their case. 4. _____ is another form of punishment. When a pupil is detained, they must stay at school for 30 minutes or an hour more before teachers let them leave the school. Writing 5. _____ is another type of punishment which means that the pupil who is being punished has to write a sentence several times on a piece of paper.