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Part 1

Choose the answer A, B, C or D that best completes each space in the text.

The school systems in Japan and England

The school systems in Japan and England are similar (1) that students have to take exams. However, in Japan (2) school can set entrance exams. (3) contrast, English schools do not usually have entrance exams. (4) the end of (5) time at school, students in (6) countries have to take exams to enter (7) university. (8) are places for everyone with (9) right qualifications, but very good grades are required to get (10) the best universities.

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1.
A. because
B. to
C. so
D. in

2.
A. each
B. all
C. most
D. few

3.
A. Of
B. The
C. In
D. For

4.
A. In
B. At
C. For
D. To

5.
A. a
B. their
C. this
D. his

6.
A. both
B. this
C. each
D. two

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7.

- A. the
- B. to
- C. for
- D. -

8.

- A. It
- B. They
- C. There
- D. These

9.

- A. all
- B. the
- C. a
- D. some

10.

- A. through
- B. into
- C. among
- D. in

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Part 2

Describe the table. Write **150** words. Use the information in the table to describe similarities and differences:

- Between the school year, terms, and day
- In average class size
- In the compulsory number of school years and uniform.

	Number of compulsory school years	School year	Division of school year	School day	Average class size	School uniform
Australia	11	End of January to mid-December	4 terms	9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.	16 pupils	Yes, in some schools
South Korea	11	March to February	2 terms (semesters)	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	30 pupils	Yes
Russia	10	September to end of May	4 terms	8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	26 pupils	No

You can use this space to write a plan for Part 2 (this is not marked):

Turn over to write your answer.

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Part 3

Write a short essay about the following topic. Write **250** words. Use the ideas below in your answer, and state your opinion in your conclusion. You may add your own ideas.

Topic: Some people claim that a university degree is essential in order to have a successful professional career. To what extent do you think that this is true?

Include your ideas about:

- What makes a successful professional career
- How a university degree can help people to have a successful career
- People who have been successful without having a university degree

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