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## The Second Term Test N°2

Read the text carefully then do the following activities.

Finland is recognised worldwide for its top ranking education model. Foreign delegations frequently visit the country to try and discover the secret of its success. Euronews spent a day at a school in the capital Helsinki to find out more about the philosophy behind the Finnish system.

Finland has the shortest formal teaching hours in Europe and the best educational results. Finnish children stay with the same class and the same teacher for at least six years –which makes school like an extension of home.

In Finland, competition to become a teacher is so fierce that all teachers have a Master's degree. Heljä Misukka, the Secretary of State for Education, told Euronews: "What is also maybe quite special in Finland is that teachers are quite autonomous in what they do, so they can, for example, choose the materials they like or the pedagogy they use. They have a lot of freedom in their work." The focus is on music, sport and the arts. Children learn by playing and experimenting in groups, like the science class. Playtime is an important part of learning. There are a lot of breaks and even in winter children are encouraged to play outdoors. The children are trusted.

However, Charles Lead beater, a global education analyst told us: "We shouldn't think that it is the only model that we should follow; it's one very effective model in teaching, learning and schooling, but it's not necessarily the only, or in some cases the best, model to improve education."

(Adapted from euronews.net/learningworld)

### A/Comprehension and interpretation

1- Are the following statements true or false? Write T or F next to the statement.

- a- Finland is a European country.
- b- Teaching is the last job on earth that Finnish people think about.
- c- Subjects like music, sport and arts are a priority in the Finnish education system.
- d- Finnish educational system is not the only successful model in the world.

2. Answer the following questions.

a. What did Euronews visit Finland for?.....

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b- Are teachers in Finland independent? justify .....

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b- What are the secrets behind Finland's success? Name two .....

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3- In which paragraph is it mentioned that being a teacher in Finland is challenging? .....

4- What or who do the underlined words in the text refer to?

its (§1) .....

They (§4) .....

5- Circle the letter that corresponds to the right answer.

The text is : a-prescriptive

b- descriptive

c-argumentative

B/Text Exploration:

1-Find in the text words or phrases close in meaning to:

a- internationally (§1) = .....

b- emphasis (§3)=.....

2- Devide the following words into roots and affixes.

Recognisable - discover – encouraged – ineffective

Pre	Root	Suffix
.....	.....	.....
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3-join the pairs of sentences using the given connectors. Make the necessary changes.

a- Teachers create a relaxed atmosphere. (unless)  
b-Learning will take place.

a.She works hard . ( in order that)  
b.She wanted to enter the medicine faculty.

a.Good teachers are essential to high-quality education. (both.....and)  
b. Devoted parents are essential to high-quality education.

a. Bullying is not high in Finland. ( neither.....nor)  
b. Truancy is not high in Finland.

4-Ask questions that the underlined words answer.

✓ The competition to become a teacher is fierce.

✓ Children stay with the same teacher for six years.

✓ Foreigners frequently visit the country.

5- Fill in the gaps with the following words

highly - success – for - enjoy

Teachers are at the heart of Finland's ...1.... All teachers are experts and are all associated with a university ...2... research work and applied pedagogy. Besides, they are ...3... respected in society and ...4...full academic freedom

**Best of Luck**  
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