

Text

Maria Montessori, an Italian physician, and educator is renowned for her revolutionary approach to childhood education. Her theory asserts that a child's education should respect different developmental stages, ' which extend from birth to 24 years old, with each stage having unique characteristics and learning potentials. The Montessori approach to education is highly individualized and involves a mix of activities and materials that focus on the development of creativity, problem-solving skills, and social interaction.

The classroom environment is arranged to provide an inviting place for children to explore and learn with independence. It includes tools like sandpaper letters, puzzles, counting games, and other sensory materials. Montessori emphasizes the importance of learning through discovery and self-initiated play. The Montessori method also encourages students to work at their own pace and find success in their own accomplishments, rather than striving for external validation or rewards. In Montessori classrooms, teachers guide rather than instruct, thus supporting the development of autonomy and initiative. Montessori believed that children, especially those under six, have an extraordinary ability to absorb information, which decreases as they grow older.

The role of the Montessori teacher is not to impart knowledge but to guide and facilitate learning, nurturing the child's natural desire to learn. Montessori schools use mixed-age classrooms, allowing children to learn from peers of different ages, fostering natural social interactions and collaborative learning. In contrast, traditional schools typically segregate students by age. Montessori students performed better in reading and math skills than students in other school programs.

The Montessori method have its pros and cons. On the positive side, it promotes independence, self-directed learning, and respect for individual learning styles. On the downside, it may not be suitable for all children. Some children may need more structure and direct instruction than what the Montessori approach provides. Also, Montessori schools can be more costly than traditional public schools, which can limit accessibility for some families.

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Reading comprehension: (15 mks)

1- Choose the suitable title that corresponds to the text: (1mk)

- Maria Montessori, the famous physician
- Maria Montessori, the innovative educator
- Maria Montessori and the neglected students

2- Correct these false sentences from the text: (4mks)

-a-In Montessori schools, teachers are the only holders of knowledge.

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-b-In Montessori schools, children from the same age learn in the same class.

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-c-Montessori schools are suitable for all types of learners.

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-d-Montessori education extends from birth to the age of 6.

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3- Provide words from the text meaning nearly the same as: (2mks)

- ✓ Independence.....
- ✓ Classmates:

4- What do the underlined words refer to? (3mks)

- ❖ Her (parag 1): refers to:
- ❖ Own (parag2) refers to:
- ❖ It (parag4) refers to:

5- Complete the following table with missing words from the text: (4mks)

Maria Montessori was famous for creating a new in education which encourages students to explore and learn with, and to work at their own However, some people still think that Montessori schools can be more Then traditional schools

6- Do you think that Montessori schools can be applied in Tunisia? Why? (1 mk)

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Language: (10 mks)

Task 1: Fill in the blanks with words from the box, there are 2 extra ones (4 mks)

- which -However- so -online -cards -coins- usually-of -money-right

Some parents still give their children notes andas pocket money, but many kids now have little contact with cash. A growing number families have been turning to the various payment..... and apps that have emerged to serve this market. Most of the card-and-app combos work in a similar way: kids get a contactless prepaid card to use in shops and Money is loaded on to the card, and the parents and child can monitor spending via the app. The adults can set spending rules they stay in control, such as deciding where the card can and can't be used. Meanwhile, money canbe split into various pots or goals., many of these services charge a monthly or annual fee. Other popular options include "Go Henry",is £3.99 a child a month.

Task 2: Circle the right option (3 mks)

Dropping (**from /to /out**) of school has picked up a great attention in the last couple of years with (**more /much /many**) famous entrepreneurs such as Steve Jobs, Bill Gates, and Mark Zuckerberg getting the highlights of being drop-outs themselves. (**On /At /In**) April, employers added 428,000 jobs and wages grew by a5.5% . For some currently enrolled college students, that may be too good to resist. "Students are choosing to earn over learn right now," Daniel Rosensweig, CEO of online education company Chegg, (**has recently said /has said recently / is recently saying**) in an interview on "Tech Check." They're taking fewer classes (**due to/ but/ so**) they can work more hours, he said. "And you really (**couldn't / shouldn't /won't**) blame them, right? It's a smart, prudent business decision for them.

Task 3: Put the words in the right tense/ form (3 mks)

The famous 18-year-old Flynn McGarry has had his eye on the kitchen for (**many**) of his life. Picking up a knife at the age of 10, the teen first (**teach**) himself how to cook using cookbooks and YouTube videos, a passion that would eventually evolve into formal (**lesson**) and apprenticeships, at some of the country's top restaurants. McGarry's natural talent helped land him a wave of early acclaim that included a feature on Late Night (**star**) Jimmy Fallon and a New York Times Magazine cover story. Now, while continuing work on his NYC tasting-menu pop-up Eureka, McGarry tells SAVEUR he plans (**open**) his permanent restaurant in 2017. When asked about (**he**)generation's obsession with food, McGarry concedes that social media has played a big role in it.



