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(應英系)

閱讀寫作測驗 試題

Reading and Writing :

Learning English is a fashion in Taiwan. It has become a top priority for most parents who can afford to send their children to English classes outside regular schools. The Minister of Education has made a resolution, starting September 2001, that English will be included in the curriculum of the school system in 5th grade rather than in 7th grade as it- is now. However, many of the private schools have already started their English teaching in 1th grade. This idea of early-start is so appealing to many parents that the business of children English cram schools is blooming prosperously everywhere. One may find English cram schools offered classes to students from 3-4 year old to senior citizens in small towns or big cities.

Of course, this phenomenon brings out many concerns from educators. Some scholars argue that children at this stage are developing and reinforcing their skills of cognitive and elective domains, motor skills, their native language and culture, etc., and that learning a foreign language will interfere and interrupt this process of growing. Is it worth taking precious learning time and effort at this stage to study a foreign language? Another question is how early would be considered early enough? When exactly is the appropriate moment to start learning a foreign language? It is heard oaf that students from those English kindergarten with teachers of native speakers of English have difficulty in adjusting in the regular elements classrooms. They simply have no clue what the appropriate behaviors are in Chinese classrooms. Most of all, what kind of professional qualification have these foreign teachers had? Are they certified elementary teachers? How much do they know about Chinese culture and language? Do they intend to train Chinese learning English, or they are teaching Americanized Chinese? These questions puzzle many people and scholars.

You, yourself, have been an English learner for many years. You must have a lot of experiences and say about this matter. Please : based on your personal learning experience and opinion, state your response to this issue within 100 words.