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Education

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Education is something that accompanies us all our lives. Since childhood, as soon as consciousness appears, we continuously learn. Our parents are the first easy-going teachers for us. They *not only* teach us, *but also* help us realize the importance of learning. After all, *if* we do not want to learn, *then* no one can teach us. *Of course*, every teacher has his own approach, as the great scientist Albert Einstein said: "I never teach my students. I only try to provide them with conditions in which they can study." Some may not understand this method or even criticize its approach. However, he wanted to emphasize that first there should be a desire to learn from the students themselves.

In Russia, education can be divided into compulsory education – children attend school from the first to the ninth grades, and non-mandatory, which includes pre-school education, general secondary education, secondary vocational and higher education. Education in the country is free, *but unfortunately*, there is a strong difference between education in large and small cities. In the latter, children sometimes drop out of school, often skip classes, that teachers even begin to encourage attendance, in fact, the 80s and 90s even existed corporal punishment. *Fortunately*, public education is improving, corporal punishment is now prohibited, most schools have good student attendance, and continuous assessment is conducted according to a single curriculum and everyone can get a free higher education.

The Chinese education system is very similar to the Russian one. There is also a stage of compulsory and higher education. At the end of school, graduates take an exam, similar to the Russian Unified State Exam. There is a free higher education, *however*, with a very high competition that even paid tuition is considered a great success. Because of this, a competitive environment begins from childhood, motivation and a high pace of learning. It differs from such systems, *for example*, the American one. Starting from the 6th grade, students can choose their own subjects, which is not available in Russia or China. In high school, compulsory subjects are further reduced and remain mostly elective subjects. In the United States, private and single-sex schools are very common, which are often attended *not only* by Americans, *but also* by foreigners.

*Personally*, I see more pros than cons in distance education: there are always classes that you can review, you can watch when it's convenient for you, at a convenient speed, without wasting time on trips. You can also receive, take assignments and communicate with the teacher remotely, which is also a positive factor. Among the disadvantages, *as for me*, it is also

difficult for many teachers to explain the material in a high-quality remote format, and the answers to some questions are more difficult to explain remotely than in person.

Higher education is strongly based on self-teaching, tutorial reading, and teacher assistance. *I believe* that it should not be free for everyone, but only for those who have worked hard while studying at school. While studying at the university, we are constantly learning in an interesting direction for us, and the teachers help us, so we get used to constantly learning and learning something new on our own.

Thanks to the fact that universities create conditions for learning, such as, for example, hall of residence, people from different parts of the country can get into the best universities. *So*, I have chosen SPbPU because it was the best university with the direction I was interested in.

*It seems to me* that our education is very lacking in the connection between school and university education. Students have a poor idea of the directions they can go to, and pass global exams are rare, such as a session at the institute. *Because* of this, they often do not work in their profession, they study worse at the institute, it is more difficult to get a good grade on the exam.

*In conclusion*, I would like to say that education is an important part both for the state and for everyone. We should support the desire to learn at any age, because throughout our lives we need to develop in order to achieve what we really want.