Extract 1: Read the text below and answer the question that follows.

Do you dare? Useful secrets for home-schooling just this one awful year.

Jay Mathews

The Washington Post

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Marnie and Dennis Kenney, residents of Washington, D.C., just completed eight years of home-schooling their daughter, Raya, a fresh high school graduate. I asked what advice they had for people like my son and daughter-in-law, who found last spring’s online teaching and Zooming at home to be the only medium of education.

Dennis, a criminal justice professor, and Marnie, an interior designer, found a good range of teachers, many recommended by friends. They paid the instructors about $50 an hour. The one-on-one lessons, they said, cost them less than half of what they would have paid to put Raya in a private school.

Marnie said she had rough moments with Raya. She personally taught her daughter the subject ‘World Religion’ and had to be strict with her at times for being unresponsive. However, eavesdropping on the child when she was with other teachers was often a joy as she was very enthusiastic to learn from others’ perspectives.

“I’ve listened to their passionate discussions, witnessed her intense curiosity and sense of humor, and was a bit in awe of her willingness and ability to respectfully challenge what she heard,” Marnie said. “It was also assuring when I would hear her say, ‘I don’t get it,’ and the instructor would start over with a new approach. It is very comforting for a mother to know that her child is learning through different methods and enjoying it too.”

To the Kenneys, the most important difference between their home-schooling and what other parents had to do last spring, and will again have to do this summer, was the freedom to make their own decisions. Zoom call meetings were unnecessary. If the teacher or student did not like the scheduled lesson, they could do something else.

The richness of Raya’s extracurricular life was one reason she and her parents thought attending the local public school would have been a waste of precious time. Raya danced four or five times a week and played piano. She took horse-riding lessons and volunteered weekly at an assisted-living home. Also, she volunteered in several events in her community and established a foundation to build a national monument for the women who worked on the home-front during World War II. Moreover, Raya took Advanced Placement classes online.

Her parents are happy they took the home-schooling route. It must be said they are also relieved they will never have to do it again. (Edited)

Who did Raya prefer doing classes with: her mother or her teachers? Why? Explain your answer using supporting evidence from the above text and your own experiences. \*

ANS: Raya preferred doing classes with her teachers more than her mother as she could learn different perspectives from her teachers (Mathews,2020). As Jay Mathews (Mathews,2020) said in his article that Raya’s mother, Marnie had homeschooled her for eight years and at times she had to be strict with her daughter for being unresponsive. However when she was with her teachers, she seemed very enthusiastic to learn from others’ perspectives. Moreover she had passionate discussions with her teachers and asked them questions to learn from a different approach. As for my own experience, learning from different people and different perspectives has always made me eager to know more about the topic. While I did prefer learning from my mother at times but doing classes from different instructors helped me understand the topic from a different approach making the concepts more understandable. Since doing classes with different teachers helps to expand a person's range of understanding and makes them more eager by learning about different approaches and different views, Raya preferred doing classes with her teachers more than her mother.

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Extract 2: Read the text below and answer the question that follows.

Homeschooling in the UK increases 40% over three years

By Mariam Issimdar

BBC News

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The number of children being homeschooled has risen by about 40% over three years, the BBC has found. Across the UK 48,000 children were being home-educated in 2016-17, up from about 34,000 in 2014-15.

Mental health issues and avoiding exclusion are two reasons parents gave for removing children from classrooms. The government will publish new guidance on the "rights and responsibilities on home education" but councils want more monitoring powers. They are concerned about the quality of the education homeschooled children receive as well as "safeguarding" issues, such as the ability to properly protect children from abuse or maltreatment.

Dr Carrie Herbert, the founder of a charity for children outside mainstream education, said the rise in homeschooling suggested "something quite tragic about the state of the education system". She said she was concerned that some parents might also feel pressured into home-schooling their children to avoid exclusion or prosecution over poor attendance. "I'm not sure it's very useful anymore to put 30 children in one classroom with an adult all doing the same thing in the same way at the same time," said Dr Herbert, of The Red Balloon charity. "We should really be thinking more 21st century and outside the box about this and teaching online in real time can help do this."

Oliver Wood, from Thetford in Norfolk, was severely bullied at his former school before becoming a pupil of Red Balloon. The 15-year-old has autism and suffers from anxiety.

"Every school we were offered was looking at him like a problem to solve, rather than a person they could work with," said his mother, Sophie. Oliver hopes to take four GCSEs next June.

Red Balloon has an online school that follows a "normal" school day as much as possible. Its curriculum is tailored to suit the child's interests, with the aim of getting them back into the habit of learning, socializing with others and for some, returning to school. The charity has 93 pupils and has had to close its books until it can afford to hire more teachers. (Edited)

**ans**= Mariam Issimdar (Issimdar,2018) started the article with the use of logos by letting the readers know about the rising number of homeschooled children which is stated to have increased by 40 percent in three years. Furthermore she used logos to compare with the other side to create credibility saying that the government is concerned about the quality of education from homeschooling adding that it keeps students safe. Again she used logos and shared Dr Herbert’s opinion who thinks it is more helpful in this time to ensure online education rather than getting all students in a class doing the same thing in the same way which shows a good reason why homeschooling should be considered. Furthermore she (Issimdar,2018) uses logos to inform the readers about the home schooling charity Red balloon, that focuses on children’s interests and at the same time motivates them to learn and socialize as well. Summing up, the writer (Issimdar,2018) uses logos by using facts and statistics along with comparisons to persuade the readers about the different aspects of homeschooling in the UK.

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**To what extent did the writer successfully use logos to persuade the readers? Explain with examples from the text, what effects are being created on the readers through the use of its features.**

Extra:

Then again to show a real life example for not considering physical education the writer shared the story of Oliver Wood who was bullied and treated like a problem in his former school due to his autism and students getting abused in educational institutes is one of the biggest reasons for parents to consider homeschooling.

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3. Write a paragraph on "Positive Impacts of Homeschooling", synthesising from BOTH the texts in Part A of this Question Paper. Use APA citation and referencing styles (7th Edition) to incorporate relevant information from these texts.

**Ans:**

Homeschooling has become increasingly popular with time due its various positive aspects like making children more eager to learn from various perspectives, helping parents to deal with their children’s mental health issues as well as avoiding exclusion. When children are homeschooled their eagerness to learn from different approaches increase and they show more interest to learn about the topic. It also allows children to give their family more time and increase extra skills. According to Mathews (2020), Raya who was homeschooled by her mother for eight years preferred learning from her teachers as she could learn from different perspectives and showed more enthusiasm to learn. She could also give her parents more time and practice dancing, playing piano etc. While it is still a concern of the government if the students would get proper quality education from home schooling (Issimdar, 2020), homeschooling offers a lot of advantages that public schools can not provide for which it is being considered by many. According to Mariam Issimdar (Issimdar,2020) , Dr herbert said that it is better to give students online consultations than doing the same thing for 30 students in a class which shows how homeschooling keeps students on the focal point of the instructor and they can keep their own pace for learning rather than trying to fit in the crowd of different students. Moreover homeschooling keeps students from getting abused or getting bullied and being treated like a problem which is a common case for a lot of students in public schools. As Mariam Issimdar (Issimdar,2020) mentioned in her article that a student named Oliver Wood who was bullied in his school due to his autism considered homeschooling to solve this issue. Thus, It is proven that homeschooling has many positive impacts on a student.The practice of homeschooling is a great way of educating children because of the benefits that it offers to society.

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It is proven that homeschooling have a variety of positive effects on homeschooled kid even with the negative impacts that has been stated by the opposition of the issue. Homeschooling enable kids to procure a better technique in socializing and trained them to be independent and live independently. Most importantly homeschooled kids are able to appreciate family member more and thus procure a stronger bond with them.

As a conclusion the practice of homeschooling will be a popular way of educating children in the future due to the benefits that it offers to the society.

At home, students are the focal point of the instructor and not lost in the crowd in a classroom of 25 or more other kids. Homeschooled kids advance at their own pace which is clearly to their advantage whether they are fast or slower learners in particular subjects.

According to Mathews (2020), Raya who was homeschooled by her mother for eight years preferred learning from her teachers as she could learn from different perspectives and showed more enthusiasm to learn. When a child is homeschooled his eagerness to learn from different approaches increases and they show more interest to learn about the topic.

Shreya:

Extract 2

In the first paragraph the writer (Train your Brain, 2021) stated the importance of developing brain memory and thinking ability using ethos with a statement of a credible person Dr Jhon Morris who is the director of social and health policy research at the Harvard-affiliated Institute for Aging Research. Furthermore he used ethos and mentioned multiple researches of improving intelligence through many activities such as physical exercise , artwork etc. Again the author used Dr Morris to prove with credibility that it is more important to extend knowledge and skills than learning something new alone with his example of a casual golfer who should raise the bar of his existing activity which shows how the author wants to state the importance of increasing the ability of intelligence. He again mentioned the research that states that adults who engage in complex tasks for certain hours constantly have better results at their crafts. Moreover he ended the article with the credibility of Dr Morris which imposes on giving time and work on improving intelligence.

Reference:

Train your brain. (2021, February 15). Harvard Health Publishing. <https://www.health.harvard.edu/mind-and-mood/train-your-brain>