

Hanan Al-Hroub was a poorly paid teacher in the West Bank. Then she won the \$1 million Global Teacher Prize. The committee praised Mrs. Al-Hroub's "play and learn" method, which she still employs.

Besides her clown outfit, Mrs. Al-Hroub uses balloons, hula-hoops, toy cars and puppets to explain her lessons. Her aim is to make the classroom a calm and fun place where children can forget about the struggle of daily life and open their minds.

"We play first, and when we play, we learn," she said. "The kids don't even realise they are learning."

In addition to the toys and balloons, which she pays for with her own money, she uses videos and even PowerPoint in the classroom. For the first month of a new school year, her eight-year-old pupils may not even see an exercise book.

Parents often refuse the focus on play. That soon changes, Mrs. Al-Hroub says, when they realise that her methods improve behaviour – especially in troubled kids – and academic results. She also sees it as her duty to build their characters. "No to violence" is a motto in her classes.

A- Choose the correct answer. (50)

1. Mrs. Al-Hroub's pupils forget their ----- in her classes.

- a. struggles b. lessons c. homework d. names

2. She teaches in a -----.

- a. primary school b. preparatory school c. high school d. college

3. The committee ----- Mrs. Al-Hroub methods.

- a. didn't like b. liked c. didn't praise d. taught

4. At first, parents ----- the focus on play.

- a. accept b. like c. admire d. refuse

5. Mrs. Al-Hroub has always wanted to be a -----.

- a. teacher b. manager c. doctor d. professor

One day, an unemployed man went to apply for a job with Microsoft as a cleaner. The manager said: "Let me have your e-mail address, so that I can send you a form to complete and tell you when you can start." The man said that he had no computer or email address. The manager: "Well, then, that means that you virtually don't exist and therefore can't be employed." The man looked at the last £10 in his wallet and thought of buying tomatoes in bulk. Within less than 2 hours, he sold all the tomatoes at 100% profit. Repeating the process several times that day, he ended up with almost £100 before going to sleep that night. Getting up early every day and going to bed late, he multiplied his profits quickly. After a short time he bought a cart to transport several dozen boxes of tomatoes. By the end of the second year, he became the owner of a fleet of trucks and the manager of a staff of a hundred former unemployed people, all selling tomatoes. Planning for the future of his wife and children, he decided to buy life insurance.

B- True or False (50)

6. The man applied for a job at a computer company.
7. The company refused him because he didn't have any money.
8. He increased his money by working at Microsoft.
9. He stayed poor for the rest of his life.
10. He bought life insurance.

C- Choose the correct answer. (100)

11. She had a problem in the bank, so she asked to meet the -----.

- a. manage b. management
c. manager d. managing

12. He has no money; he has been for months.

- a. employed b. unemployed
c. employment d. unemployment

13. Life doesn't on Mars.

- a. exist b. existence c. existed d. exists

14. I was when my nine-months brother could walk

- a. astonishment b. astonished
c. astonishing d. astonish

15. I from my brother under the table now.

- a. hide b. am hiding c. hides d. hid

16. She usually in her grandparents' house when she goes to Homs.

- a. stay b. is staying c. stays d. stayed

17. My mother fried eggs and cheese for dinner.

- a. prepares b. is preparing c. prepared d. prepare

18. He at 7 a.m. on weekdays.

- a. wake up b. is waking up
c. has woken up d. wakes up

19. Don't forget to take your umbrella. it

- a. rains b. rained c. was raining d. is raining

20. She is fit because she always as an exercise.

- a. is running b. was running c. runs d. ran

D- Ask questions. (50)

21. A: -----?

B: She is reading a newspaper upstairs now.

22. A: -----?

B: We are visiting our cousins next week.

23. A: -----?

B: The birds return to the island every morning.

24. A: -----?

B: She usually stays in her grandparents' house when she goes to Homs.

25. A: -----?

B: I go to the gym three times a week.