1. Teachers should not be allowed to use red pens to correct exercises as this is psychologically harmful to students.

DISAGREE: It is important to highlight errors in order to make students aware of them; red is powerful and therefore useful for this purpose, although other colours can also be used.

1. Schoolchildren ought not to be given grades on tests, only general comments, so that they can’t compare themselves with other children.

AGREE: Grades on tests create competition among students in particular among schoolchildren and this can also create feelings of superiority and inferiority, so a general comment may be more useful.

1. Secondary school teachers should never be made to teach more than four hours a day.

AGREE/DISAGREE: I think that being a teacher is a very tiring job, so I think that after four hours of lessons one has to take a rest period of at least one hour so as to be efficient for another two hours at most.

1. Children don’t need to be ‘streamed’ at school. Stronger pupils can learn as much in class with weaker pupils as they would with those of their own level.

AGREE: Students need to be in contact with all types of children as they will be in real life, but it is also important to follow each student’s path and learning process.

1. Handwriting should no longer be taught at school, as it is irrelevant for children in the 21st century.

DISAGREE: The handwriting process in a child’s mind is very different from the process of typing on a computer and the development of both is important, but probably in the future handwriting will be totally replaced by technology.

1. Competitive sport should be banned in schools, so that children’s self-esteem is not affected by losing.

DISAGREE: competitive sports can help children improve their skills but it is necessary to teach children to be good losers.

1. Science teachers should be paid more than arts teachers as it is much harder to recruit them.

DISAGREE: science is as important as art and teachers must be paid identically.

1. Online learning and coursework can never totally replace traditional learning methods.

AGREE: a display can never replace real feedback of students in front of you.

Human contact and relationships that are developed in the classroom are fundamental.

9.The people who decide on new education laws should be teachers, not politicians.

AGREE/DISAGREE: the ideal thing would be a joint effort between teachers and politicians, thus making the most of the knowledge of both groups.

10.Parents ought to reward their children for passing exams, for example with a cash payment.

DISAGREE: Parents must teach their children the importance of learning as something for their future and not something that simply pleases them.

11.Children shouldn’t have to memorize facts like multiplication tables and important historical dates, as the information is now instantly available on the internet.

DISAGREE: the internet is simply a big and confusing container of information; the human mind needs to memorize things to understand them and apply them in real life.

12. A university course is supposed to be enjoyable, not just a route to a better job.

AGREE: learning should be pleasant for students because if they really like something, they will learn and apply it in a better way.