**We have discussed about these rules and here there are our thoughts.**

1. Teachers should not be allowed to use red pens to correct exercises as this is psychologically harmful to students:  **I couldn’t agree more with this statement. I firmly believe that the color red ~~signals~~ negativity. So, if a teacher or professor does decide to use red pen when correcting tests, they should keep in mind it causes in some way ~~a~~ mental damage or at the very least it will make a child or even a young adult feel like a failure.**
2. Schoolchildren ought not to be given grades on tests, only general comments, so that they can’t compare themselves with other children.:  **I don’t think it is as simple as that, grades on tests aim to push students into recognizing where their lack of understanding lies , thus working harder to improve themselves. But on the other hand, grading does cause students to feel frustrated in the learning process.**
3. Secondary school teachers should never be made to teach more than four hours a day.

**I couldn’t agree more with this statement because it seems that longer hours of school have a huge impact on a student’s mind and work ethic. Having shorter hours would give students the chance to gain hours of sleep, hence improving both their academic performance during class and attention span.**

1. Children don’t need to be ‘streamed’ at school. Stronger pupils can learn as much in a class with weaker pupils as they would with those of their own level. **Yes, I strongly agree with this statement, it is not fair to isolate and exclude a student from his or her classmates based on their level of intellectual competence. However, the weaker students can slow down the learning process and therefore impede the stronger pupils from learning.**
2. Handwriting should no longer be taught at school, as it is irrelevant for children in the 21st century. **I would say the exact opposite, handwriting is and will always be relevant, I believe it should always be part of a child’s development. Good handwriting can have a positive effect not only on literacy levels but also on the memory development.**
3. Competitive sport should be banned in schools, so that children’s self-esteem is not affected by losing. **I totally disagree, competitive sports in schools have many benefits, such as boosting a child’s confidence or, even better, building it. Losing can help a child understand that it is okay to experience failure, it is only through failure that one can improve.**
4. Science teachers should be paid more than arts teachers as it is much harder to recruit.

**I disagree, even though the arts may be considered less popular with a lower number of students, teachers have studied and worked just as hard as science teachers. So why should they get paid less?**

1. Online learning and coursework can never totally replace traditional learning methods. **I completely agree with this statement. One of the main drawbacks online learning presents is the lack of face-to-face lectures, which give teachers the chance to observe whether their students are paying attention to the lesson.**
2. The people who decide on new education laws should be teachers, not politicians.

**That’s just how I see it, teachers with ~~a~~ cultural and intellectual experience should be able to decide on new education laws because they know what works and what doesn’t.**

1. Parents ought to reward their children for passing exams, for example with a cash payment. **Yes, obviously people always enjoy receiving rewards, this would without a doubt push a child into working harder. However, this could also hamper them from finding an internal motivation, for they would be primarily studying in order to receive their promised reward.**
2. Children shouldn’t have to memorise facts like multiplication tables and important historical dates, as the information is now instantly available on the internet.

**I believe that despite technological changes, in the last decade, learning multiplication tables and important historical dates enable students to develop efficient reasoning and problem-solving skills. For this reason, it is not about memorizing dates or numbers but rather cultivating and working on one’s intellectual abilities.**

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

**I definitely think that doing what you love and enjoying it will guide you to your future job. A university course should be enjoyable, but at the same time give you the necessary requisites to find a job.**