* Compulsory education
* Levels of education
* Length of study
* Examinations
* Types of schools / Branches of study (grammar schools, etc.)

Přečtěte si následující text, budete potřebovat slovník, nezbytná slovní zásoba je vypsána pod textem v tabulce. Odpovězte na následující otázky (pošlete v souboru ve wordu). Pošlete do **21.3**. V tomto dokumentu jsou úlohy i na další dny, tak nic nepřehlédněte!

**The Czech education system is based on a long tradition beginning in 1774, when compulsory school attendance was instituted.**

Children start with **preschool**, and continue on to **elementary, secondary, university**, and **post-graduate education**. The classification system used in the Czech school system consists of a scale from 1 (best) to 5 (worst) that is used to evaluate the students’ work. Report cards (summary classifications) are given for each subject at the end of each term. Tests are usually once a week, the important part is also oral examination. Most schools are financed by the state. However, there are also private schools where you pay for tuition.

Children may enter **preschool** *(or kindergarten/nursery school – take a look below)* before they begin compulsory elementary education. Preschool institutions are intended to encourage early learning habits and social contact among kids, those skills are necessary for entering elementary schoo.l Preschools are not mandatory, children usually enter at the age of three.

Czech **elementary education** takes nine years, usually from the ages of 6 to 15. Children attend a regular 9 year elementary school, which is divided into two stages: a primary and lower secondary stage, where the primary stage consist of grades 1-5, while the lower secondary stage is grades 6-9. It is mandatory to have elementary school.

By law, the school-leaving age is 15. For those willing to continue, there are many secondary education alternatives. The traditional secondary school (grammar school) prepares students for university and lasts four years or longer if the students have enrolled earlier from elementary school. The studies may be focused more on humanities as well as science. Apart from grammar schools, students may attend many types of secondary schools - secondary business schools, health service secondary school, agriculture schools or our school – the book culture secondary school *(or High school of book culture – see below).* Those schools are so called professional schools – they prepare students for a specific field, whereas grammar schools prepare students for universitities. Apart from grammar schools a professional schools, for the talented ones, there are conservatories where you can study music or acting. Another option is secondary vocational schools, which train young people for jobs of bakers, mechanics, bricklayers or waiters. Those schools usually take three years and after graduation students receive their vocational certificate.

All the secondary studies finish with a final school-leaving exam in the fourth year. They are called maturita exam in the Czech republic. Some of the secondary vocational schools finish with maturita too. Maturita exam has two parts: in one part one students have exam from two subjects - Czech language and literature and the second one students can choose - either it is English/German, either Math.The second part of maturita exam is a school part and it depends on the type of school.

The main holidays are in summer (July, August) and they last 2 months. During the school year there are also autumn holidays in October (usually 3 – 5 days), Christmas holidays (2 weeks), spring holidays (eiter in February or March – 1 week), Easter holidays (March or April, usually 3 days).

In order to study at university, students have to pass entrance exams. Education at universities is free of charge in the Czech Republic. The most popular subjects include humanities, law or medicine studied at Charles University in Prague or Masaryk University in Brno.

**Most universities offer accredited bachelor’s, master’s, and engineering degrees**. A bachelor’s degree is usually a three-year course. Students can either leave their studies after these three years, or they can complete it by means of a final exam including the defense of a bachelor’s thesis, or may continue on to the master’s program, where they can achieve a narrower specialization. A master’s degree consists of either a five or six-year study program, or as a two-year program following the completion of a bachelor’s degree. After students pass these types of university studies, some continue their specialization through **doctoral programs**.

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| **compulsory** | povinný | **agriculture school** | Střední zemědělská škola |
| **classification system** | klasifikace | **Professional highs/secondary school** | Střední odborná škola |
| **Report cards** | vysvědčení | **conservatory** | konzervatoř |
| **School term** | pololetí | **secondary vocational schools** | Střední odborné učiliště |
| **Private shool** | Soukromá škola | **vocational certificate** | Výuční list |
| **Tuition** | školné | **school-leaving exam** | Maturitní zkouška |
| **Preschool/kindergarten/nursery school** | školka | **Bachelor degree** | Bakalářská titul |
| **mandatory** | povinný | **Master´s degree** | Magisterský titul |
| **Elementary education** | Základní vzdělání | **Doctoral programs** | Doktorandský program |
| **attend** | Navštěvovat, docházet do… | **Defense of thesis** | Obhajoba diplomové práce |
| **Grade** | Známka, stupeň, školní třída |  |  |
| **Primary stage** | První stupeň |  |  |
| **Lower secondary stage** | Druhý stupeň |  |  |
| **Grammar school** | Gymnázium |  |  |
| **Secondary business school** | Obchodní akademie |  |  |
| **Health service secondary school** | Střední zdravotnická škola |  |  |

**Questions:**

1. Describe clasification system in the Czech republic.
2. What is a report card? When is it given?
3. Are preschool institutions mandatory? What can kids learn there?
4. Describe elementary education in the Czech republic. How is it divided? What kind of subject do children have there?
5. Which options do children have after completing elementary education? Write them.
6. Is secondary education compulsory in the Czech republic?
7. You want to study medicine – what type of high school is the best?
8. You want to be a nurse – what type of high school is the best?
9. How about a cook? Actor?
10. What are our school-leaving exams like?
11. What must you do to enter a university?
12. How long are the school summer holidays?

Poznámky:

**Školka: více způsobů jak vyjádřit:**

preschool
nursery school (this is more in BrE)
kindergarten (in the US, this is reserved for the year before a child starts first grade – předškolní rok)

**High school or secondary school?**

High school – střední škola, pojem užívaný v USA, secondary school – také střední škola, pojem užívaný v UK.

**20.3 a 24.3 – OPAKOVÁNÍ MATURITNÍCH TÉMAT**

Podívejte se na následující otázky a odpovězte na ně – prosím anglicky a celou větou ☺ Napište je do souboru ve wordu. Pro ty, co budou mít vše správně, bude možnost malé jedničky! Hodnotit budu faktickou správnost, rozsah, gramatiku! Pošlete do **24.3**. Nejsou tam zahrnuty ještě školské systémy, zbývající snad pošlu během víkendu.

Btw: sporty jsme dělali už v prváku, měli jste k dispozici tyhle materiály:

<http://www.bridge-online.cz/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/24_typical_sports_english_speaking_countries.pdf>

Některá další témata máte i zde, doporučuju přečíst:

<http://www.bridge-online.cz/maturitni-temata/>

**1) Describe Halloween (origings, when, how is it celebrated)**

**2) Describe Thanksgiving (origins, when, how is it celebrated)**

**3) Describe Easter (origins, when, how is it celebrated)**

**4) How do we divide literature?**

**5) Explain (write a full sentence in English) following. Write one example if you can:**

Fable:

Myth:

Limerick:

Tragicomedy:

Fantasy:

Legend:

**6) What is a difference between novel, short story and romance? Explain if full sentences.**

**7) How do we divide bookshops? Do you know any famous bookshops in English speaking countries? Name 3.**

**8) What is the difference between bookshop and bookstore?**

**9) How do we divide libraries? Do you know any famous library in English speaking countries? Name 1.**

**10) Describe your school (location, type of school, branch of study, equipment, subjects, exams, events…). Use at least 50-70 words.**

**11) Name 3 popular sports in the UK. Name 3 popular sports in the USA. Name the most popular sport in Canada and name the national sport there. Name 3 popular sports in Australia and 2 popular sports in New Zealand. What is Haka**?

**12) What should a good CV include?**

**13) What is an application letter? What should you write there?**

**14) Complete:**

The highest peak of the USA:

The biggest state of the USA:

The smallest state of the USA:

One national park of the USA:

One landmark in San Francisco:

The biggest lake of the UK:

The capital city of Wales:

The national flower of Scotland:

The name of the head of the UK:

How is the UK divided: