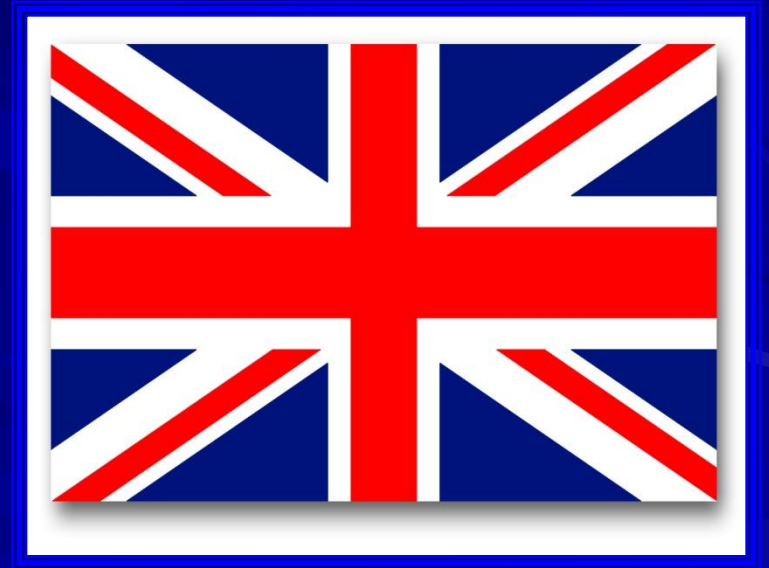


Education in Great Britain



The Education System

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School Education

Further Education

Higher Education

Primary school

Secondary school

School Education

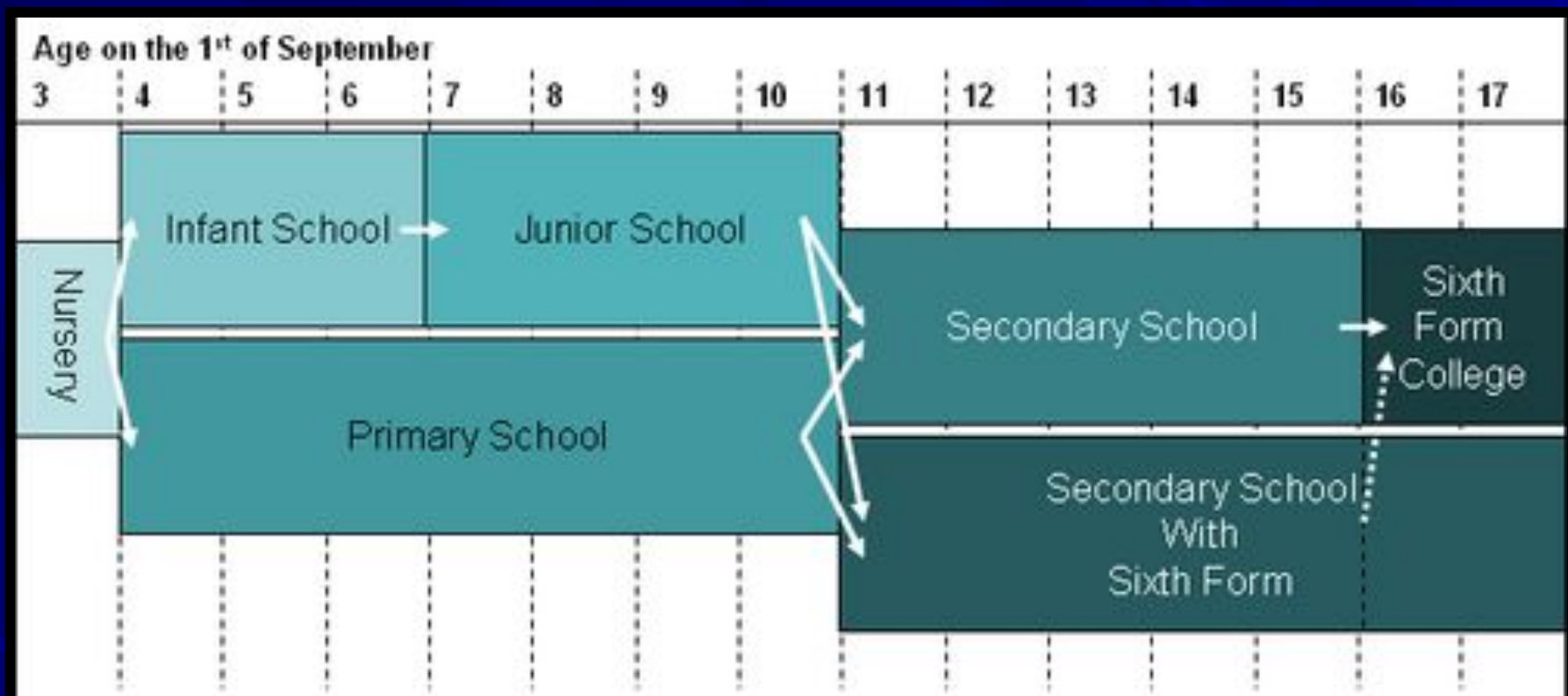
- Compulsory education from 5 to 16
- Primary education is given to children between the ages of 5 - 11
- Soon to be extended to 18
- Students follow the National Curriculum
- There is no requirement to 'graduate'



Further Education

- Usually for students between 16 and 18
- Prepares for university or for a vocation
- A wide variety of examinations, including 'A' levels, baccalaureate, Scottish Highers





Primary School Subjects

- One teacher teaches:
 - Art
 - Analysis
 - Drama
 - English
 - Geography
 - History
 - Mathematics
 - Scottish Gaelic (in Scotland)



Secondary School Subjects

- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology and design
- Information Technology
- English
- Modern Languages (French, German, Spanish)
- Geography
- History
- Social Education
- Religion
- Cooking
- Music
- Physical education
- Greek and Latin (grammar and independent schools)

Secondary schools examinations:

The pupils may take examinations leading to the

- - certificate of secondary education (CSE),
- - general certificate of education (GCE).

Further education

- England, Wales, Northern Ireland
 - 3 or more 'A' levels taken at age 18
- Scotland
 - Highers
- Alternative
 - International Baccalaureate

Higher Education

- There are more than 200 universities in Britain
- Mostly teach a broad range of subjects



Undergraduate Courses

- Usually only three years
- Specialise in one subject
- Entrance requirements
 - Good English proficiency
 - Previous examinations

Postgraduate courses

- Masters
 - Can be teaching or research based
 - Usually examined by dissertation
 - One or two years
- Doctorate
 - Always research, never taught

University degrees

- Bachelor's degrees
 - B.A., B.Sc., B.Ed.
 - Usually three years
 - Note Scottish and Oxbridge M.A.s
- Master's degrees
 - M.A., M.Sc., M.Phil.
 - One or two years
- Doctorates
 - Ph.D., D.Mus, etc.
 - Three to five years

Classification of degrees

- Bachelors:
 - 1 (first class honours)
 - 2.i (second class honours, first division)
 - 2.ii (second class honours, second division)
 - 3 (third class honours)
 - Pass (ordinary degree)
- Masters:
 - Distinction
 - Pass
- Doctorate
 - Pass



Answer the questions

1. What stages is the system of education in Great Britain divided into?
2. Is school education compulsory, or not?
3. Between what ages is primary education given?
4. What schools are primary schools divided into?
5. How are schools giving a general education called?
6. How are secondary school examinations called?
7. What is CSE?