

SKILLS**READING**

- 1 Read the article and choose the correct answers.

Schools of the future

Dr. Dirk Jardine is an educationalist and a visionary. His job is to dream of what schools will be like in years to come.

'Schools are going to look very different,' he says. 'Traditional desks and blackboards will disappear from the classroom, as will books and notebooks. There will be *smartboards* everywhere. These are boards connected to a computer which can memorise everything written on them and can give you an instant printout. Teachers will love using them.

Each classroom will have special paint on the walls which will change colour depending on the mood of the class, the time of day, or the activity the teacher wants to do. For tests, for example, the walls will be white and the virtual notice boards will disappear. For conversation classes there will be a mix of colours and patterns to help interaction between students.

There will be changes in the methods of teaching, the school timetable, the type of sports played and many other aspects of education.

The advantages will be great. Students will enjoy the experience of learning much more. They will also learn faster. It has been calculated that learning will have accelerated by 100% by the year 2050.'

- 1 Dr. Jardine thinks that schools
 - A will change a bit in the future.
 - B will change a lot in the future.
 - C will change if they are technical institutes.
- 2 Teachers will find computerised *smartboards*
 - A a useless additional tool.
 - B rather difficult to use.
 - C very useful in teaching.
- 3 The colour of the walls in a classroom will change
 - A because of the weather on a certain day.
 - B because the teacher is in a bad mood.
 - C because the teacher wants to do something different.
- 4 The changes will affect
 - A how students travel to school.
 - B how their school timetable is organised.
 - C what subjects they learn.
- 5 Dr Jardine believes students
 - A will learn faster in the future.
 - B will pay more to go to school.
 - C will enjoy using *smartboards*.