Charles compulsory exam secondary

 private train pass

The Czech education system operates on three levels: primary, **1……………………..……** and ***tertiary***.

At the age of six Czech children have to enter nine-year elementary school. Most schools are financed by the state. However, there are also **2…………………………**schools where you pay for ***tuition***. By law, the school-leaving age is 15.

There are many secondary education alternatives. The traditional secondary school (***grammar school***) prepares students for university and lasts four years. All the secondary studies finish with a ***final school-leaving* 3*…………………………..***in the fourth year, which ***comprises*** four subjects, two **4**…………………………: Czech and a foreign language and two ***electives***. Apart from grammar schools, students may attend secondary business schools or agriculture schools. Another option is ***secondary vocational schools***, which **5**……………………………….young people for jobs of bakers, mechanics, bricklayers or waiters.

In order to study at university, students have to **6** ………………………….. ***entrance exams***. Education at universities is free of charge in the Czech Republic. The most popular subjects include humanities, law or medicine studied at **7** ………………………..University in Prague or Masaryk University in Brno. The universities offer three-year-bachelor programmes as well as five-year-master programmes which finish with a final state exam and a ***thesis defense***.

Vocabulary: **schooling** – školní vzdělávání, **compulsory** - povinný, **curriculum** - učební plán, **vocational** - odborný, **comprises** – zahrnovat, **apprenticeship** - učňovský obor, **tuition** **fee** - školné, **tertiary** -vysokoškolské, terciární, **elective** - volitelný předmět, **entrance exam** - přijímací zkouška, **thesis defense** - obhajoba diplomové práce

Glossary critical thinking skills - BRE x AME - **child care** (BrE) x **day care** (AmE), **nursery school**(BrE) x **kindergarten** (AmE), **primary school** (BrE) x **grade school** (AmE), **secondary school** (BrE) x **high school** (AmE), **year** (BrE) x **grade** (applies only to elementary school and high school) (AmE), **university** (BrE) x **college** (AmE), college in Britain - refers to a specialized further education institution, teacher’s training college or to the sixth-form college – a state educational institution for students over 16, **marks** (BrE) x **grades** (AmE), **maths** (BrE) x **math** (AmE)