

SEMINAR 4 Cultural Differences Part 2 – Answer Key

Task 3

- 1 Where are the students from? **The United Arab Emirates (UAE), Korea, Brazil**
- 2 What is the main point each student makes about their education system? **The UAE: public (state schools, and private schools where you have to pay – these are seen as better. Korea: mostly state education; students have to work very hard. Brazil: money is important.**

Task 4

- 1 So you have two education systems?
- 2 So these private schools – how are they different?
- 3 **Do you have to pay to go to the private schools?**
- 4 **It must be expensive. Is it?**
- 5 **What about in Korea? Is it a similar situation or...?**
- 6 **Are the classes big? What about the classes?**
- 7 **Why? How is it different in Brazil?**
- 8 **Anyway, what about your universities?**

Task 5

- 1 Which **is** the best university in your country?
- 2 **Do** you prefer studying individually or in groups?
- 3 Why **are** you planning to study in English?
- 4 How **does** the university application system work?

Task 6

- A **Who** is responsible for student welfare?
- B **Which** university system do you think is better, state-owned or private?
- C **What** do you hope to learn this academic year?
- D **When/how** do lectures normally start, and long are they?
- E **Where** do you hope to work after you graduate?
- F **Why** is reading academic texts so difficult?

Task 9

Reporting verbs in **past simple and present simple:**
focused on, think, believe, is/are/was, argues

Words/phrases in the summary that students could use in their own summary:

The discussion focused on...; Some of the participants think (that)...; Other people believe (that)...; One view is that...; The main reasons for X are Y; Overall,...

Task 10 Sample text?