

1. Who does UNISON represent in schools?

- a) only teaching assistants
- b) all school support staff (teaching assistants, cleaners, catering staff, technicians, admin, learner support, facilities staff, business managers, etc)
- c) teachers and teaching assistants

2. How much do members pay to attend a UNISON training course?

- a) £50 per day
- b) £100 per day
- c) nothing, they're free to members

3. Where does UNISON have a holiday centre which offers discounts to members?

- a) North Devon
- b) South Wales
- c) East Kent
- d) West Yorkshire

4. What is Skills for Schools?

- a) a training course
- b) a website for career development in schools
- c) a printed study guide

5. What free legal services does UNISON provide to members?

- a) free wills service
- b) free 30 minute consultation
- c) personal injury
- d) employment advice
- e) all of the above
- f) none

6. Who decides UNISON's policies?

- a) the members
- b) the General Secretary and President
- c) the staff

7. On what topics does UNISON provide specialist advice for members in schools?

- a) behaviour management
- b) administration of medicines
- c) dealing with excessive workloads
- d) all of the above

8. If you get more involved in the union do you get paid time off to attend courses if you are a...?

- a) steward
- b) union learning rep
- c) health and safety rep
- d) all of the above

Quiz Answers

- 1 b** UNISON represents all school support staff
- 2 c** Most UNISON courses are free to members. Contact your branch education officer to find out about UNISON courses in your area
- 3 a** UNISON has a holiday centre on the coast in North Devon called Croyde Bay where UNISON members can enjoy reduced price holidays
- 4 b** UNISON runs a website called 'Skills for Schools' which helps school support staff audit their skills, plan and develop their career and decide on future training opportunities: www.skillsforschools.org.uk
- 5 e** A whole range of legal services are available to UNISON members
- 6 a** Members decide and vote on policies at UNISON's national delegate conference
- 7 d** UNISON provides specialist advice and support for school support staff. This includes an online learning module on administration of medicines in schools, a specialist guide to managing behaviour in schools, and guide on tackling workload in schools. Additionally UNISON holds an annual schools seminar and a number of other regional training events and seminars for schools members.
- 8 d** You can get involved in the union by becoming a workplace rep in an area that interests you. You will get free training for all of these roles (steward, Union learning rep, health and safety rep) and time off with pay to attend the courses. ULRs can promote courses and workplace learning. In addition, you can be a workplace contact to help promote and communicate UNISON information to colleagues. Workplace contacts don't need to attend training and take on cases, but are important in being a communication point for members in schools.