

**I. READING**

When you have made a decision you want to do a course, whether you would like a better job, a career change, or just to learn something new, you should think carefully first. Your qualifications verify that you have gained knowledge or developed skills. For some careers such as law or medicine, it is vital you have specific qualifications. For others, like journalism, it helps to have a particular qualification.

Most universities set entry requirements for degree courses. Adult entrants do not always need formal qualifications, but evidence of recent study, professional qualifications or applicable work experience. It is not always necessary to have a qualification. Working knowledge, such as having an ability to use computer software, can be just as important. Your motives will help you to choose the best course to achieve your goals.

There are vocational and academic courses. Universities offer higher education qualifications, such as academic first degrees and more vocational diplomas. For a career in plumbing, a vocational course is essential. For teaching you need a degree. However, for many jobs, you have a choice between academic and vocational courses. If you like doing things with your hands and working manually, a vocational course is better. You might prefer an academic course if you like analyzing, researching and presenting arguments.

Be confident of your goal. If you have decided on a particular job, get an idea of what the job is about and if you will like it. Read careers information, and speak to people currently doing the job. This research is definitely worth it. It is better to take your time rather than do a course that is about a job you might not really want. By acting so, you will make sure that you do not waste any time or money. If you are intending to get a particular job, do voluntary work while studying. If you are doing a foreign language (e.g. English) course and want to be a journalist, you could be a radio host or write for the student newspaper.

**1. According to the information presented in the article, what does an academic course imply?**

- ☐ A) learning practical skills  
☒ B) learning research methods  
☐ C) learning how to work manually  
☐ D) learning how to develop basic computer skills

**2. Complete the statement with the appropriate ending „Students who want to study law .....**

- ☒ A) must have certain qualifications.”  
☐ B) need no qualifications to start a course.”  
☐ C) should ask about the other students on the course.”  
☐ D) might benefit from open-learning course.”

**3. Looking back at the article, what is a good thing to do if an entrant wants to go into journalism?**

- ☒ A) to become a radio presenter  
☐ B) to work manually  
☐ C) to do some voluntary work  
☒ D) to write for a student newspaper

**4. Based on the information given in paragraph 2, what do mature entrants need to have to do a degree course?**

- ☐ A) formal qualifications  
☒ B) professional qualifications  
☒ C) relevant work experience  
☒ D) proof of recent study

**5. Taking into account the information presented in the article and contemplating, what does vocational course imply?**

- ☐ A) learning how to introduce arguments  
☐ B) learning how to do some research  
☐ C) learning how to improve your theoretical knowledge  
☒ D) none of the options are correct

**II. COMMUNICATION AND VOCABULARY****6. A: How does acting make you feel?**

B: .....

- ☒ A) Very nervous beforehand and then quite excited when it all went well.  
☐ B) Possibly not since I was at school.  
☒ C) It's a bit nerve-wracking.  
☒ D) I think it's really great because you don't have to be yourself for once.

**7. A: Tourists are especially at risk from pickpockets, aren't they?**

B: .....

- ☐ A) Well, I'm sure that information will be really helpful to everyone and especially to tourists.  
☐ B) The real trick is to make people notice some things but not others.  
☒ C) Yes, and that's because pickpockets know exactly what they're going to look at.  
☐ D) The pickpockets see that and so they know exactly where it is.

**8. A: Tell me, what do you think are good sides of the job?**

B: .....

- ☒ A) Obviously I get to see the world pretty much for free.  
☐ B) Probably the jet lag, that's quite bad.  
☐ C) You know, you have to work around it.  
☐ D) I wouldn't change it for the world.

**9. A: What weather conditions are the most dangerous when flying a plane?**

**B: .....**

- ☒ A) Probably when the wind suddenly changes its direction.  
☐ B) Both take-off and landing can be dangerous.  
☐ B) There's a critical moment just before take-off when the plane's accelerating.  
☐ Г) If there's sudden and severe turbulence, you could be thrown all over the cabin.

**10. A: Have you ever done any high-risk sports or activities?**

**B: .....**

- ☒ A) Not really, except for potholing.  
☒ Б) Yeah, I've jumped out of a plane.  
☒ B) I've caved, I've climbed, I've white-water rafted. Do they count?  
☐ Г) I've never done skiing, but I think that would be exciting.

**11. That sounds like a difficult situation. I wouldn't like to .....**

- ☒ A) be in your shoes. ☐ Б) fill your shoes.  
☒ B) step in your shoes. ☐ Г) drop the other shoe.

**12. He finally passed his driving test! He's over the moon!**

- ☐ A) depressed ☐ Б) exhausted  
☒ B) happy ☐ Г) surprised

**13. The test is on Friday. I've .....**

- ☐ A) got it off my chest.  
☐ Б) pulled my leg.  
☐ B) eaten my heart out.  
☒ Г) got butterflies in my stomach.

**14. Our new Executive Manager is rather a ..... I don't even know whether he likes me or not.**

- ☐ A) heart of gold. ☐ Б) pain in the neck.  
☒ B) cold fish. ☐ Г) backseat driver.

**15. A ..... on a flight made the pilot land in the desert.**

- ☐ A) kidnapper ☐ Б) smuggler  
☐ B) robber ☒ Г) hijacker

### III. GRAMMAR

**16. When I first ..... Denis what happened, he ..... me. He ..... that I .....**

- ☐ A) had told / didn't believe / thought / was joking.  
☐ Б) told / didn't believe / had thought / had joked  
☐ B) told / hadn't believed / was thinking / was joking.  
☒ Г) told / didn't believe / thought / was joking.

**17. The fire spread through the building very quickly, but fortunately everybody .....**

- ☐ A) was able to escape. ☐ Б) could escape.  
☒ B) managed to escape. ☐ Г) was about to escape.

**18. I wish I ..... tomorrow, but unfortunately I do.**

- ☐ A) don't have to work  
☒ Б) didn't have to work  
☐ B) wouldn't have to work  
☐ Г) won't have to work

**19. Where .....? Which hairdresser did you go to?**

- ☐ A) did you cut your hair ☐ Б) have you cut your hair  
☐ B) did you have cut ☒ Г) did you have your hair cut

**20. A: Have you decided where to go for your holiday yet?**

**B: .....**

- ☐ A) Yes. I go to Jamaica  
☒ Б) Yes. I'm going to Jamaica  
☒ B) Yes. I'm heading for Jamaica  
☐ Г) Yes. I'll go to Jamaica.

**21. Everything ..... well. We ..... any problems yet.**

- ☒ A) is going / haven't had ☒ Б) is going / didn't have  
☐ B) went / didn't have ☐ Г) isn't going / have had

**22. The football match had to be ..... because of the weather. (cancelle)**

- ☐ A) made up ☐ Б) went off  
☐ B) split up ☒ Г) called off

**23. I must hurry. My friend ..... annoyed ..... on time.**

- ☒ A) might be / if I'm not ☒ Б) will be / if I'm not  
☐ B) would be / if I won't be ☒ Г) will be / unless I'm

**24. I asked ..... people to show me the way to the station, .....**

- ☒ A) a few / but none of them could help me.  
☐ Б) few / and some of them could help me.  
☒ B) several / but no-one could help me.  
☐ Г) a little / and neither could help me.

**25. I didn't believe them at first, but in fact ..... was true.**

- ☒ A) everything that they said ☐ Б) which they said  
☒ B) everything they said ☒ Г) what they said

**26. I haven't seen Janice for ....., I've forgotten what she looks like.**

- ☒ A) so long ☐ Б) so long time  
☐ B) a such long time ☒ Г) such a long time

**27. The more electricity you use .....**

- ☐ A) your bill will be higher.  
☐ Б) will be higher your bill.  
☒ B) the higher your bill will be.  
☐ Г) higher your bill will be.

**28. Does Jane want ..... with her or does she want to go alone?**

- ☐ A) me coming ☒ Б) me to come  
☐ B) that I come ☐ Г) that I will come

**29. A: What time will you be at home tonight?**

**B: .....**

- ☐ A) I'm not sure. I must be late.  
☒ Б) I'm not sure. I might be late.  
☒ B) I'm not sure. I may be late.  
☐ Г) I'm not sure. I ought to be late.

**30. I wonder why Johnathan ..... so nice to me today. He isn't usually like that.**

- ☐ A) was ☐ Б) is  
☒ B) is being ☐ Г) has been