

I. Fill in the blanks with correct words

Before an exam, some students **cram** (1) _ _ _ it. Even if you're a genius, you'll have to do some revision. If the exam happens every year, you can revise by looking at (2) **p_ _ _ papers**. Some things can be memorised or **learnt** (_ _ _) (3) **by heart**. But **rote-learning** is not sufficient for most subjects. It is also possible to use **mnemonics**. However, all things considered, the best idea is to (4) **_ _ _ ry yourself in your books** and to study (5) **_ _ _ tensively** until you **know the subject inside** (6) _ _ _ .

Hints: (1,3) are prepositions



II. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms of one of the following words.

Skill, literate, security, number, mature, pass, tertiary, qualify, far, enrol, online, pass, discipline, acquire

'You are never too old to learn'. Do you agree with this statement?

Education is a long process that not only provides us with basic (1)..... such as (2)..... and (3)....., but is also essential in shaping our future lives. From the moment we enter **kindergarten** as small children, and as we progress through (4)..... and (5)..... education, we are **laying the foundations** for the life ahead of us. We must (6)..... ourselves to work hard so that we can (7)..... exams and gain the pass we will need to (8)..... **a good job**. We must also (9)..... valuable life skills so that we can fit in and work with those around us. And of course health education helps us to understand how we can stay fit and healthy.

For most people, this process ends when they are in their mid-to-late teens. For others, however, it is the beginning of a lifetime of learning. After they finish school, many progress to (10)..... education where they will learn more useful skills such as computer literacy or basic business management. Others will (11)..... **on** a programme of (12)..... education at a university where, with hard work, they will have the opportunity to (13)..... after three or four years with a well-earned (14) **degree/diploma**. After that, they may work for a while before opting to study for a higher degree – an MA, for example, or a PhD. Alternatively, they may choose to attend an evening class after work or, if they have a sympathetic employer, obtain day release so that they can study during the week. And if they live a long way from a college or university, they might **follow** an (15)..... **course** using the Internet. In fact, it is largely due to the proliferation of computers that many people who have not been near a school for many years, have started to study again and can proudly **class themselves as** (16)..... students.

We live in a fascinating and constantly changing world, and we must continually learn and acquire new knowledge if we are to adapt and keep up with changing events. Our schooldays are just the beginning of this process, and we should make the best of every graduate to develop ourselves, whether we are 18 or 80. You are, indeed, never too old to learn.