

GRADE 12A — ENGLISH 'CORE' (SEMESTER ONE)

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Theme 1: Starting University (VCB Task)



VERSION A (Marks: 5)



Read the text below. Choose the correct vocabulary option for each gap (1-5).

Starting university is a major life transition, but it can also be a (1) _____ time. Students often feel (2) _____ and need to develop new coping mechanisms. Learning to (3) _____ your study time for (4) _____ assignments is crucial. Remember to (5) _____ stress and look after your mental health.

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| 1. a) reduce | b) terrifying | c) cope |
| 2. a) terrifying | b) homesick | c) prioritise |
| 3. a) prioritise | b) reduce | c) urgent |
| 4. a) campus | b) urgent | c) anxiety |
| 5. a) reduce | b) cope | c) prioritised |

VERSION B



(Marks: 5)

Read the text below. Choose the correct vocabulary option for each gap (1-5).

Living away from your family on a large (1) _____ can make you feel (2) _____ at first. This change, while positive, may cause some (3) _____ about making friends or (4) _____ deadlines. To effectively (5) _____ with these feelings, students are encouraged to join clubs and talk to tutors.

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| 1. a) opportunity | b) campus | c) reduce |
| 2. a) urgent | b) homesick | c) terrifying |
| 3. a) anxiety | b) campus | c) prioritised |
| 4. a) prioritizing | b) reduction | c) deadline |
| 5. a) cope | b) reduce | c) prioritize |

