VOCABULARY SET 16: GAP YEAR

Vocabulary:

1. **absorb knowledge** (collocation): tiếp thu kiến thức
2. **an accelerating trend of sth** (collocation): xu hướng tăng nhanh
3. **appealing** (adj): hấp dẫn
4. **be better prepared for** (collocation): được chuẩn bị tốt hơn
5. **diverse cultural settings** (np): môi trường văn hóa đa dạng
6. **enrich oneself with** (collocation): làm giàu bản thân với gì đó
7. **enter adulthood** (collocation): mới trưởng thành
8. **firm determination** (collocation): quyết tâm mạnh mẽ
9. **formal schooling** (collocation): trường lớp chính thống
10. **physically demanding job** (np): công việc yêu cầu cao về thể lực
11. **scarcity** (n): sự thiếu hụt
12. **tertiary education** (np): giáo dục sau phổ thông

Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. There / accelerating trend / young people / travel abroad.

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2. It / take / firm determination / complete / tertiary education.

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3. By / read books / students / enrich oneself with / new knowledge.

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4. Formal schooling / not / appealing / to / those / just / enter adulthood.

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5. People / work abroad / absorb knowledge / diverse cultural settings.

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6. Vietnam / physically demanding jobs / be / often / underpaid.

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7. Trend / gap year / lead / scarcity / intellectual workforce.

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8. Since I students / can / provide / working experiences / during / gap year / they / be better prepared / future jobs.

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9. High-schoolers / need / decide / whether / wish / pursue / tertiary education / not.

10. There / be / scarcity / qualified professionals / Vietnam / hospitality industry.

Task 2: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

absorb knowledge (collocation)	enter adulthood (collocation)
an accelerating trend of sth (collocation)	firm determination (collocation)
appealing (adj)	formal schooling (collocation)
be better prepared for (collocation)	physically demanding job (np)
diverse cultural settings (np)	scarcity (n)
enrich oneself with (collocation)	tertiary education (np)

Some students prefer to take a gap year between high school and university, to work or to travel. Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

In today's world, there has been an 1_____of students taking a break from studying before pursuing 2_____. While this trend is beneficial to some extent, I am firmly of the opinion that its shortcomings are weightier for the followers of this trend.

A gap year may enable students to 3_____real-life experiences that are beneficial to their future. These may include having a paid job, from which those who have just 4_____may learn many working skills, such as communication, teamwork and following orders. As a result, the youngsters taking a gap year are 5_____for their future jobs. Some may also travel the world and 6_____of 7_____and from different geographical contexts. In this globalised world, such knowledge is essential for developing a successful career.

However, I strongly believe the disadvantages of taking a gap year for recent high-school graduates are serious, far outweighing the advantages.The primary reason is that the young can be overwhelmed by the unwanted difficulties of life outside of school campus. For example, a 8_____can be exhausting for most school-leavers. Another significant reason is that to the youngsters without 9_____, earning money and living without the discipline of 10_____could be more 11_____than returning to school after the gap year. Consequently, there could be a 12_____of intellectual workforce in the future as there will be fewer university students.

All in all, I personally believe that there are some serious drawbacks associated with a gap year that far outweigh the potential gains.

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