

II. READING PAPER

Duration: 60 minutes, 25 points.

Part 1 (4 points, 1 point per item). You are going to read some advice on choosing a university course. For questions 26–29, choose the statement from **A–F** which best summarises each paragraph. There is one statement that you do not need to use. There is an example (0).

How to choose a university course

- A** Think about your motivation
- B** Be ready to make changes
- C** Look at the course content
- D** Try to be honest with yourself
- E** Get ready to study hard
- F** Decide how you learn best

0. **A** The most important consideration when choosing your course is asking yourself why you want to study in the first place. Is it because you can see your exciting career ahead? Or is it because you want to get specific knowledge? By questioning yourself now, you can work out the exact path you want your course to take you on.

26. _____ It is difficult to get accepted onto popular courses, especially those which are in high demand. More importantly, some courses are hard to get in to, while others are too hard to succeed in completing. So you need to think carefully before applying for a competitive course. Are you sure you are capable of doing well in that course?

27. _____ To avoid making mistakes, make sure you review the course outline of the course you want to apply for. The outline is usually available on the website of the university. Have a look at the topics and the types of learning, assignments and examination tasks involved. This will enable you to form a rough idea of what lies ahead for you.

28. _____ Hopefully you have some idea by now of how you prefer to study. And hopefully the answer is not 'by crossing my fingers as I walk into the exam hall.' Some people study hard before final exams, others like regular tasks to keep them busy throughout the year. Some like to work in groups, others prefer to work individually. Choose whatever suits your study style and you will be more confident in your success.

29. _____ Yes, this is an important decision. But if you get there and you realise you have made a terrible mistake, it is not too late. Talk to the university staff, and see if there are better options for you there. Don't waste time staring at textbooks you have no interest in whatsoever. Remember, it is all about your passion – keep the excitement alive, and you will succeed.