Section 3

DAN: Hi Jeannie. How's it going?

JEANNIE: Oh, hello Dan. Pretty well, thanks. Have you managed to (1)…… ……the course yet?

DAN: Yes, that's all sorted out now, thanks. It took long enough, though. It was practically a year ago that I applied to my (2)…… …… and it took them six months to turn me down.

JEANNIE: That's really slow.

DAN: And I thought I (3) ……, but it seems I was mistaken. So then l asked the boss of the company I used to work for if they would sponsor me, and much to my surprise, he said (4) …… ……

JEANNIE: But what about college grants and scholarships? There must be some you could apply for.

DAN: Yes, there are, but they're all so small that I decided to leave them until I was desperate.

JEANNIE: Uhuh.

DAN: And in fact I didn't need to apply. My parents had been saying that as I already had a job, I ought to support myself through college. But in the end they (5)……, so now I've just about got enough.

JEANNIE: That's good.

DAN: So now I can put a bit of effort into meeting people - I haven't had time so far. Any suggestions?

JEANNIE: What about (6) ……?

DAN: Oh right. You joined several didn't you?

JEANNIE: Yes, I'm in the drama club. It's our first performance next week, (7)……, and I've got behind with my work, but it's worth it. I'm hoping to be in the spring production, too.

DAN: I've never liked acting. Are you doing anything else?

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JEANNIE: I enjoyed singing when I was at school, so l joined a group when l came to college. I don't think the conductor stretches us enough, though so I'll give up after the next concert. And I also (8) ……It's fun, but with all the rehearsing I'm doing, something has to go, and I'm afraid that's the one.

DAN: Do you do any sports?

JEANNIE: Yes, I'm in (9) …… I'm not very good, but I'd really miss it if I stopped. I decided to try tennis when l came to college, and I'm finding it pretty tough going. I'm simply not fit enough.

DAN: Nor me. I think I'll give that a miss!

JEANNIE: I'm hoping it'll help (10) ……, but it'll probably be a long haul.

DAN: Good luck.

JEANNIE: Thanks.

DAN: How are you finding the course?

JEANNIE: I wish we (11) ……

DAN: What? I'd have thought we had more than enough already. All those people saying clever things that I could never think of – it's quite interesting, but I wonder if I'm clever enough to be doing this course.

JEANNIE: I find it helpful to listen to the other people. I like the way we're exploring the subject, and working towards (12) ……

DAN: How do you get on with your tutor? I don't think I'm on the same wavelength as mine, so I feel I'm not getting anything (13) …… …… It would be more productive to read a book instead.

JEANNIE: Oh, mine's very demanding. She gives me lots of feedback and advice, so I've got much better at writing essays. And she's helping me (14)…… ……the end-of-year exams.

DAN: Do tell me, I (15) ……

JEANNIE: Well, the first thing is to find out exactly what's required in the exams.

DAN: Mm. Would it help to get hold of some past papers?

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JEANNIE: Yes. They'll help to make it clear.

DAN: Right, I'll do that. Then what?

JEANNIE: Then you can (16) ……., based on what's most likely to come up. I put these on a card, and read them through regularly.

DAN: Uhuh.

JEANNIE: But that isn't enough in itself. You (17) ……. ……., to see how you can fit everything in, in the time available. Then keep it in front of you while you're studying.

DAN: I've done that before, but it hasn't helped me!

JEANNIE: Maybe you need to do something different every day, so if you (18)……. into small tasks, and allocate them to specific days, there's more incentive to tackle them. With big topics you're more likely (19) …….

DAN: Good idea.

JEANNIE: And as I revise each topic I (20)……. about it - then later I can read it through quickly, and it helps fix things in my mind.

DAN: That's brilliant.

JEANNIE: I also write answers to questions for the exam practice. It's hard to make myself do it, though!

DAN: Well, I'll try. Thanks a lot, Jeannie. That's a great help.

JEANNIE: No problem.

DAN: See you around.

JEANNIE: Bye.

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