

VOCABULARY FOCUS

Task 1. Complete the sentences with a word or expression from the box.

achieve, be expelled, colleague, compulsory, curriculum, diploma, fail, get a degree, graduate, handle, gap year, pass, revise, settle for, suitable

1. To succeed at university, you need to study hard and _____ regularly before exams.
2. Maria was very upset when she was told she might _____ if she missed more classes.
3. Learning how to _____ stressful situations is an important skill for students.
4. Attendance at some classes is _____, and you cannot skip them without a valid excuse.
5. After finishing secondary school, John hopes to _____ and continue to higher education.
6. It is important to choose a course that is _____ for your future career goals.
7. My best _____ from college helped me find a job after graduation.
8. If you don't _____ your exams, you may have to repeat the year.
9. Many students enjoy participating in extra-curricular activities beyond the formal _____.
10. She managed to _____ her Bachelor's degree with honours last year.
11. Taking a _____ can help students gain valuable life experience and clarify their academic or career goals.
12. Sometimes you have to decide whether to work harder or _____ less demanding goals.

Task 2 Choose the best word or phrase to complete each sentence.

1. Many students struggle to _____ stress during exam periods.
a) deal with b) give in c) get away d) make up
2. The final exam will be _____ in the main lecture hall.
a) done b) made c) kept d) held
3. When you don't understand something, don't hesitate to ask the teacher to _____ it again.
a) drop out b) go over c) get at d) keep up
4. It's better to _____ regularly than to pull an all-nighter the night before the exam.
a) cram b) study c) revise d) sail through
5. If you want to apply to a university, you should read the course _____ carefully.
a) curriculum b) syllabus c) prospectus d) timetable
6. Mark tends to _____ all his exams easily, often without much revision.

a) sail through b) fall behind c) cram for d) take on

7. He completed his degree with _____ and is now applying for a PhD program.
a) honesty) b) honours c) homage d) horror
8. You need to _____ a certificate to prove your language proficiency.
a) get b) achieve c) graduate d) fail
9. It's important to _____ your notes carefully before the exam day.
a) take down b) think over c) revise d) come round
10. There is no _____ that completing this course will improve your career prospects.
a) fear b) argument c) problem d) doubt
11. They will be _____ their diplomas at the ceremony next month.
a) given b) awarded c) assigned d) appointed
12. I always try to _____ my assignments on time to avoid penalties.
a) achieve b) submit c) settle d) revise
13. Many students find it hard to _____ with the fast pace of university lectures.
a) keep up b) fall behind c) pull out d) give in
14. She chose to study business for the _____ of advancing her career.
a) favour b) gain c) profit d) benefit
15. Students should _____ their mistakes carefully to improve their learning.
a) cross out b) take in c) go over d) drop out

Task 3. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. I was so nervous about the exam that I **could hardly** / **hardly could** sleep the night before.
2. You should try to **take** / **make** notes during the lecture to help you revise later.
3. When you study, it's important to **pay attention to** / **focus on** the main ideas.
4. I hope to **get** / **obtain** my diploma by the end of the semester.
5. The exam results will be **handed out** / **given out** next week.
6. Many students find it hard to **keep up** / **fall behind** when the workload increases.
7. She **graduated** / **left** from university with honours last year.
8. The course consists **with** / **of** lectures, workshops, and practical sessions.
9. Many students complain **about** / **of** the amount of homework they receive each week.
10. You need to revise **for** / **to** the final exam thoroughly to do well.
11. It's important to be capable **of** / **for** managing your time effectively.
12. Students often have difficulty **in** / **with** understanding complex scientific concepts.