

## UNIT 5 - HIGHER EDUCATION

## I. PRONUNCIATION

**Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others.**

1. a. academic	b. campus	c. apply	d. entrance
2. a. receive	b. achieve	c. increase	d. creative
3. a. tutor	b. subject	c. study	d. result
4. a. scary	b. challenge	c. psychology	d. course
5. a. require	b. society	c. twice	d. applicant

## II. LANGUAGE FOCUS

*Choose the one word or phrase -a, b, c or d - that best completes the sentences.*

### III. READING

*Fill in each blank with one appropriate word from the box.*

graduates	through	formerly	condition	finals
tuitions	education	concern	doctorate	grant

After school many British students go to university. They apply to several universities (16) \_\_\_\_\_ UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admission Service) and receive offers of a place on (17) \_\_\_\_\_ that they achieve certain grades in their A levels.

A first degree, the Bachelor's degree, generally takes three years. Most courses end with exams called (18) \_\_\_\_\_. Results are given as classes: a first is the highest class, seconds are often split between upper second and lower second, and below that is a third. (19) \_\_\_\_\_ may add the letters BA (Bachelor of Arts) or BS (Bachelor of Science) after their name. Some graduates go on to study for a further degree, often a master's degree or a (20) \_\_\_\_\_.

Students in Britain (21) \_\_\_\_\_ had their tuition fees paid by the state and received a government (22) \_\_\_\_\_ to help pay their living expenses. Now they receive only a loan towards their expenses, and have to pay £1000 a year towards (23) \_\_\_\_\_. The new arrangements have caused a great deal of (24) \_\_\_\_\_ both among students and among members of the public who believe that (25) \_\_\_\_\_ should be free.

*Read the instructions to apply for admission to a college or university in Viet Nam and in the U.S.A, then decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).*

#### APPLICATION PROCEDURE(S) IN VIET NAM

*Applicants are required to take the National Entrance Examinations before being admitted to higher education institutions. Application forms for these examinations must be submitted before the deadline, often in April. An application fee must be included.*

*Application for admission cannot be processed without a high school diploma; so high school students have to pass the national school-leaving exam in early June. Points will be added to the Entrance Examination scores for those who hold an excellent high school diploma.*

*The National Entrance Examinations are held in early July. And results will be notified in*

late August.

*The acceptance notice will be sent to you if your scores meet the requirement of admission. Copies of your academic records should be submitted in time before the new school year.*

#### **FRESHMAN APPLICATION PROCEDURE(S) IN THE U.S.A**

*Students are required to complete the following steps when applying for admission as a first-time freshmen student:*

*An application for admission must be completed. Application can be obtained from the institution's admissions office. An application fee must be included.*

*Official high school transcripts must be sent to the institution's admissions office before the deadline. An official GED Certificate may be used in the absence of a high school diploma.*

*The scores on either the SAT or the ACT must be submitted. Colleges and universities use these scores to help predict a student's future success in higher education. High school students usually take these examinations in their junior year or early in their senior year.*

- 1. Vietnamese students have to take an entrance exam to go to a college or university.
- 2. In Viet Nam, a high school diploma is not needed to enter a higher education institution.
- 3. Vietnamese students who have an excellent high school diploma will have the advantage over the other students.
- 4. Students in the USA have to take the Entrance Exams to colleges or universities.
- 5. No application fee is required in the USA.
- 6. A GED Certificate may help American students qualify for admission to a college or university.
- 7. American students take the SAT or ACT test in high school to be qualified for higher education institutions.