




You will hear three dialogues related to education and work. Fill in the blanks with the missing words and phrases. 



EXTRACT 1

I know some of you are thinking 'what's the point of going to university anymore? The job market is so competitive, wouldn't it be better ①.....as quickly as possible?' Well, there is some truth in that. Depending what field you want to ②....., a degree might not be necessary. But, in my experience, studying a course in further education is about much more than simply ③..... It's also about the life experience it offers. You'll have encounters, episodes and relationships that will eventually shape who you are as an individual. At 18 it's very difficult to state definitively who you are – sometimes that can take a lifetime – but ④..... will give you the time and the exposure to go some way to working it out. It will also improve ⑤..... and provide you with a broader base of contacts for future networking. Having said that, it is a big decision. You have to consider the cost of a course both in time and money before making that decision. You have to ask yourself, 'What's best for me?' And the answer won't always be university.



EXTRACT 2

William: Mrs Hopkins, have you got a moment? I wanted to explain about yesterday.

Mrs Hopkins: OK. What have you got to ⑥.....?

William: I wanted to apologise for missing the meeting with you. I had my times mixed up and when I realised my mistake it was too late. I know that's not an excuse, but I felt it was important for me to explain and I was hoping we could arrange another meeting. I realise you're very busy and this has been a waste of your valuable time and I fully understand if you don't have ⑦....., but I feel that this meeting is important.

Mrs Hopkins: Thank you for your ⑧....., William. I must admit I wasn't best pleased by ⑨....., but you're right, this is an important meeting. I suppose that's why I was so surprised you didn't show. What you decide to study next year will have ⑩..... your options in the future.

William: So, can we arrange another meeting?

Mrs Hopkins: Mmm, yes, speak to my secretary to ⑪.....

William: Thank you so much, and I promise this time ⑫.....



EXTRACT 3

Richard: Are you all right, Laura? You don't seem yourself today.

Laura: I know, Richard. I'm just worried about tomorrow. I got an interview for that position we talked about but I'm really nervous that I haven't done anything like it in the past. I just hope ⑬ because I really want it. I think it would be perfect for me and I truly believe I could be great at it.

Richard: Oh, ⑭ I know interviews can be ⑮ , and even though it's ⑯ , the best thing for you would be to try to relax and get ⑰ You're not going to give a very good impression if you're tired and ⑱ under your eyes. Why don't you watch your favourite film tonight? That ⑲ And it's a good idea to pick out your outfit before you go to bed so ⑳ about what to wear in the morning. Good luck for tomorrow, and just remember, the interview is also for you to see if you like the look of the place.

