

## 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.