

Application of academic skills tools exercise

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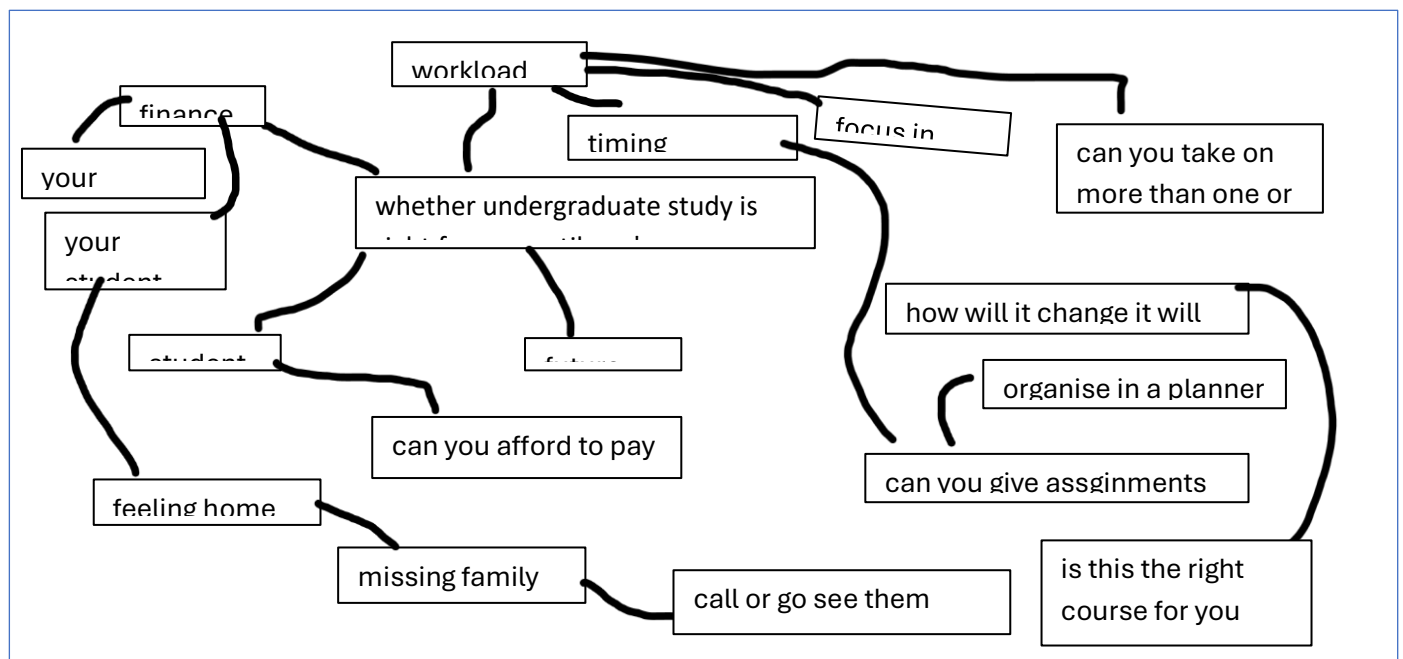
You will have 75 minutes to complete this assessment. It is divided into three sections: note-taking, paraphrasing and writing a paragraph.

1. Take diagrammatic notes from the passage below using the space provided:

It's difficult to know whether undergraduate study is right for you until you've experienced it first-hand. Many first-year students have second thoughts on their decision to go to university for a number of reasons. For example, you may have changed your mind about the career you'd like to pursue, and the course you're enrolled on is no longer suitable. Another common reason is that you're struggling to cope with the workload or aren't being challenged enough on the course; perhaps you don't respond well to the teaching and assessment methods or it's simply not what you expected. Thirdly, it might well be that the university you have chosen is too big or too small; you've stayed close to home and would like to move away or you moved further away and are feeling homesick. There might also be financial reasons. Maybe you cannot afford the tuition or accommodation fees, living costs are out of your budget or you're not comfortable with the idea of accumulating and dealing with student debt. Finally, let us not underestimate personal circumstances. You may have a disability or health issues that make university life difficult to cope with, you have a delicate family situation or you're finding it challenging to balance your studies with other commitments.

Adapted from: <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/applying-for-university/changing-or-leaving-your-course>

Space for your notes (max 12 marks):



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2. Paraphrase the following sentences (max 3 marks for each, max 12 marks in total):

a) It's difficult to know whether university study is right for you until you've experienced it first-hand. I believe its if you don't do it firsthand you will never experience the feeling of whether university is right for you not

b) Developing good study habits is essential for academic success.

Developing good study habits are essential for you because it will help you on how to write your assignments and referencing your work. It will help you with giving you a wider knowledge by learning new skills and helping you with time management

c) When you feel overwhelmed with your studies, consider adopting strategies to manage stress more effectively.

The strategies I'll take by feeling overwhelmed is by controlling time management, going to ask help from lecturers, looking through my notes and getting feedback back from lecturers.

d) Consistent reading practice can improve your writing skills.

I can help me with analysing on what writing about. It can help me with my vocabulary and grammar. It can also give me techniques to write an effective writing.

3. Write a well-structured paragraph (8 sentences) on the following topic:

The challenges of studying at a UK university.

Your paragraph must be written in full sentences (no bullet points) and in an academic style.

(max 16 marks in total)

The challenges of studying at a uk university that most student can struggle with can be paying for accommodation, paying for their university fees which can make life real hard. You can have also academic pressure, language barriers, home sickness there are many more factors which can make it challenging. The main reason is financial reason it is very expensive to study in the uk. The prices always go up which makes harder people to go to university and its more expensive for oversea students. So i would think about going to university myself and think hard before taking any action going forward.