

Application of academic skills tools exercise

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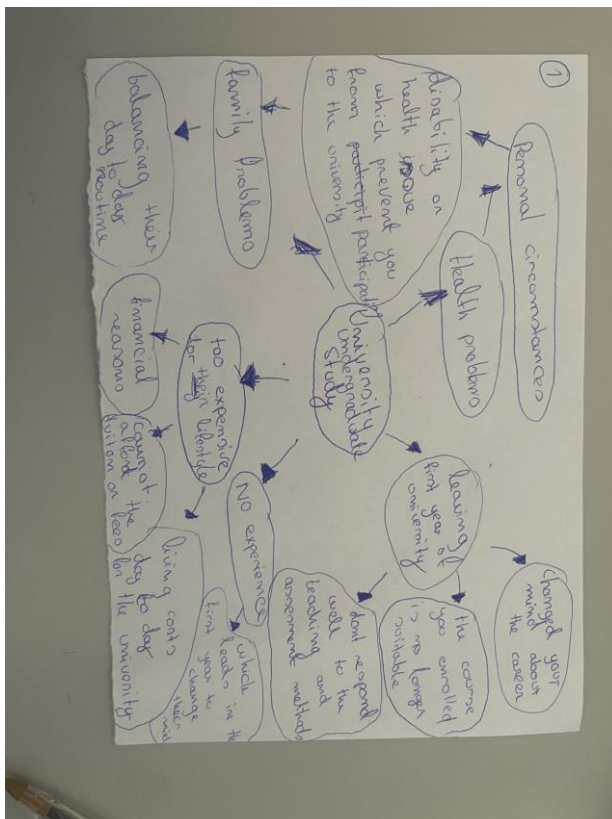
You will have 75 minutes to complete this assessment. It is divided into three sections: note-taking, paraphrasing and writing a paragraph.

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.

-You'll best know whether university study is suitable for you when you experience it firsthand; therefore, you have no prior knowledge of what it's actually like.

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

-Developing advanced study habits is necessary for your academic success.

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

- Taking into consideration ways to manage stress more effectively can help you accomplish removing unnecessary, overwhelming stress caused by your studies.

d) Consistent reading practice can improve your writing skills.

-Wanting your writing skills to be better and improve is achievable when you're consistent with practicing your reading

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)

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Studying at a UK university can be very enjoyable. However, every school has its challenges, for example at a UK university you must start by having an idea of a goal you'd like to achieve and a career you'd like to learn about for your future. Daily expenses are one of the common challenges at a University in the UK, student debts and daily accommodation to a new environment. Attendance is a need to be considered serious in school, submitting your assessments and doing your homework is important which leads in you taking part and being presentable. When you enrol in the university, it's going to be quite confusing due to the change of your routine, which can sometimes lead to stress. One of the challenges you ll meet at the university is time managing. You ll have to figure out adapting your day-to-day life with the university, organizing a new routine and making time for schoolwork too, this can be more challenging when you have kids and having to make time for school too. Adapting into this new lifestyle can be challenging but it can change your life forever.