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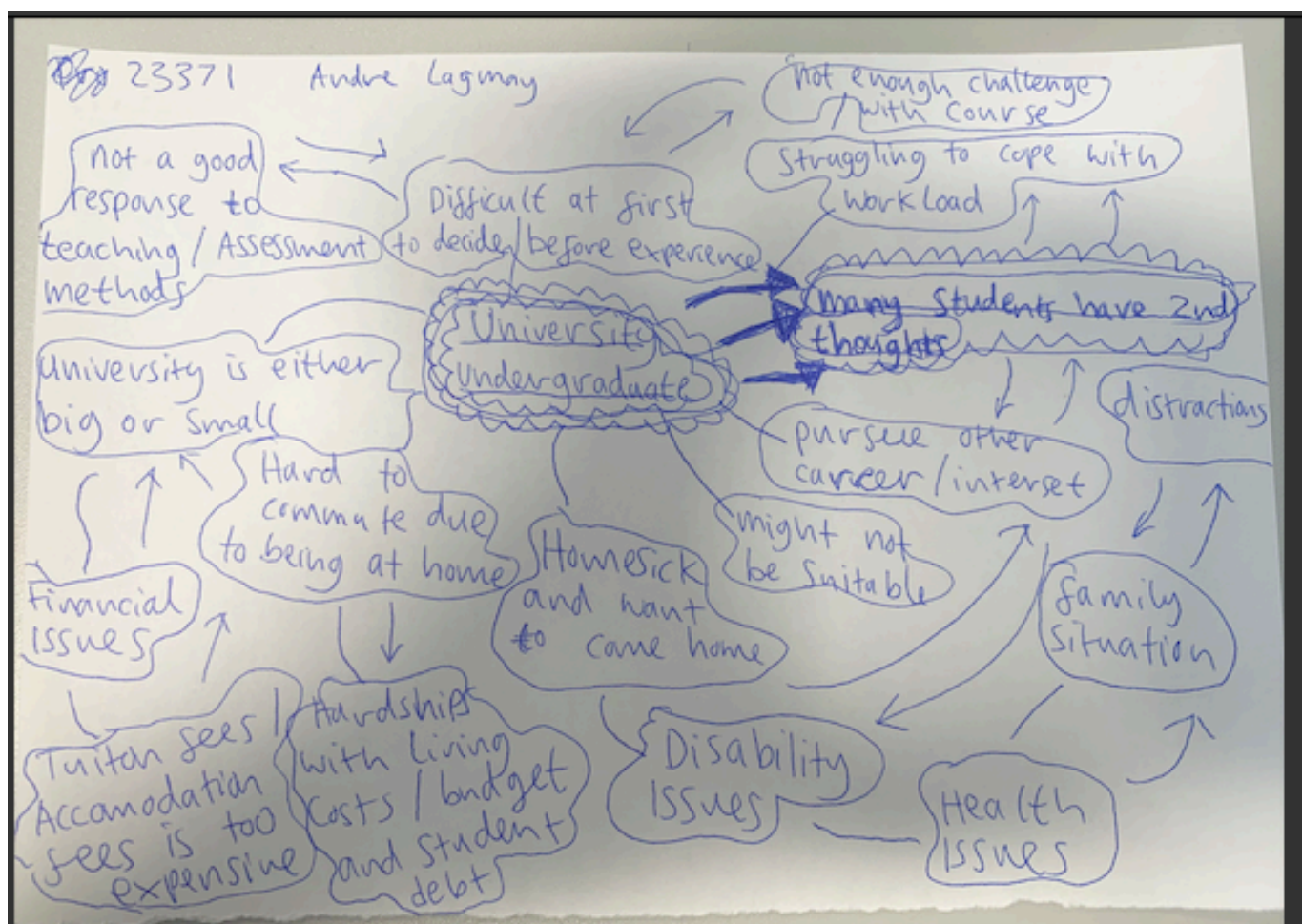
You will have 75 minutes to complete this assessment. It is divided into three sections: note-taking, paraphrasing and writing a paragraph.

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):



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.

It is complicated to see if University study is correct for you until you have been through it at first.

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

Improving an excellent study practice is key for academic progress

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

When you feel crushed with your studies, think about adopting an effective plan to manage stress.

d) Consistent reading practice can improve your writing skills.

Continuous reading practice can better your writing abilities.

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)

There are a lot of factors of why there are many challenges when it comes to studying at a UK university. Firstly, the cost of living is a key factor as living expenses in places like London can be very high which can cause financial hardships. Secondly, high academic pressure is another problem as it involves high demanding work and peer pressure with intense heavy load of studies. Next, we have homesickness as being away from your family can cause a student to not want to be at the university. Another problem includes social connections as finding coming friends and relationship with others can be very challenging and there could be cultural differences between different types of people. People might find accommodation issues to be a major problem as the expenses are costly and finding a place to settle whilst in university can be very challenging. Language barriers is a main problem as international students might face difficulty in interactions with other students who might not be able to communicate due to language barriers. Finally, Mental health is a great issue as the pressures of academic life can strain a persons well being and can lead to anxiety and worst, depression.