

1 “My schedule is crazy.”

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

A Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

1. Tina has chemistry and engineering classes _____.
A. on Monday mornings B. every afternoon C. on Friday evenings
2. Tina has _____ classes on Thursday and Friday evenings.
A. chemistry B. engineering C. physics
3. Tina is majoring in _____.
A. physics B. math C. engineering
4. Tina is taking _____ elective class(es).
A. one B. two C. three
5. Jimmy hasn't read _____.
A. *Hamlet* B. *Macbeth* C. *Romeo and Juliet*

B Listen to the talk. Then choose the best answer to each question below.

6. What is Terry studying?
A. Chemistry. B. Business. C. Biology.
7. What does Terry do on the metro?
A. Sleep. B. Listen to music. C. Read the news.
8. Where does Terry go right after his first class?
A. To the library. B. To the quad. C. To the canteen.

C Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to each question below.

9. How does Tommy think he did in the test?
A. He thinks he did badly.
B. He thinks he did just so-so.
C. He thinks he did very well.

10. How does Gina prefer to study?
- A. She likes to slowly prepare.
 - B. She likes to cram.
 - C. She hates to pull an all-nighter.

Section B

➡ Listen to the following sentences and write down what you hear on the lines.

1. My _____ name is Zoe. She helps me choose the classes that best suit me.
2. I am so sleepy. I pulled an _____ studying last night.
3. You shouldn't _____ before a test. It isn't a good way to learn.
4. The _____ was so difficult. I think I might have failed.
5. Angela aced the _____. She got a 95.

Part II Vocabulary and Structure

Section A

➡ Fill in the blanks with words or expressions from the boxes.

concentrate grade due date dormitory assignments
schedule skip miss sort of volume

1. Please hand in your completed _____ by October 30th.
2. The manager was very busy. He got a very full _____.
3. She got a(n) _____ of 79 in the test.
4. I suggest we _____ over the details and get to the point.
5. People say I look _____ like my grandfather when he was young.
6. I've got an important meeting and I don't want to _____ the train.
7. Fewer than five percent of women have their babies on their _____.
8. Jenny likes living in the _____. It is very convenient and cheap.
9. The gasoline tank has a(n) _____ of over 20 gallons.
10. It's really hard to _____ with this noise around here.

Section B

➔ Match the words to the definitions.

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| 1. deadline | A. one of several things that influence or cause a situation |
| 2. factor | B. something that takes your attention away from what you are doing |
| 3. distraction | C. to be successful in a particular kind of job or activity |
| 4. achieve | D. to officially arrange to join a school, college, etc. |
| 5. enroll | E. a specific time or date by which you have to complete something |

Section C

➔ Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

- He doesn't work here, _____?
A. does he B. is he C. can he
- He is very tall, _____?
A. is he B. have he C. isn't he
- You don't play any musical instruments, _____?
A. are you B. have you C. do you
- You are my neighbor, _____?
A. am I B. aren't you C. am not I
- The dog was taken for a walk, _____?
A. wasn't it B. doesn't it C. isn't it
- She doesn't live far from here, _____?
A. does she B. is she C. can't she
- Ben would help if he could, _____?
A. would he B. wouldn't he C. will he
- You never listen to hip-hop, _____?
A. are you B. do you C. would you
- We are having steak for dinner tonight, _____?
A. won't we B. will we C. aren't we
- She has got beautiful hair, _____?
A. doesn't she B. wouldn't she C. hasn't she

Section D

- ➔ Complete the passage, using appropriate words.

Greek letter organizations are social organizations that exist in North American colleges. _____ 1 _____ (Male / Man / Manly) groups are known as fraternities and _____ 2 _____ (female / woman / feminism) groups are known as sororities. The first Greek letter organization was _____ 3 _____ (found / find / founded) in 1776. It took the name Phi Beta Kappa because the Greek letters stood for a motto: Philosophy is the guide of life. These days, there are _____ 4 _____ (much / many / too) kinds of Greek letter organizations. They are very _____ 5 _____ (unpopular / popular / population) and students can make friends and form important social networks.

Part III Reading Comprehension

Task 1

- ➔ Read the passage. Choose the best answer.

Greek letter organizations

Fraternities and sororities are male and female social organizations in North American colleges (usually for students). The word "fraternity" comes from the Latin word "frater", which means brother, while the word "sorority" comes from the Latin word "soror", which means sister. Greek letters are usually used as the name of a fraternity or sorority house, so fraternities and sororities are also known as Greek letter organizations.

There are many kinds of Greek letter organizations. Most are social organizations, as they exist to help students meet each other in a social setting. Others, however, are professional and exist to bring together students of a particular major. There are also service societies that organize campus or community service projects.

Greek letter organizations have their own emblems, such as colors, flags, flowers, etc. Members of Greek letter organizations often live together in a large house or a special part of the college dormitory.

The process of joining a Greek letter organization usually begins with a time known as rush week. This is a week of events designed for potential members to learn about the organization. After rush week comes pledge week, when you have to learn about the organization and take part in certain tasks. Sometimes, these tasks are known as hazing and can be dangerous in nature. Since 2005, over 60 students have died in the US due to hazing, most commonly as a result of drinking too much alcohol. Due to this, many organizations are now banning pledge week.

1. The word "soror" means _____ in Latin.
A. sister B. brother C. social D. sorrow
2. Fraternities and sororities are also known as _____ letter organizations.
A. Latin B. Greek C. Italian D. Indian
3. Which is not a kind of Greek letter organizations?
A. Professional organizations. B. Social organizations.
C. Bids societies. D. Service societies.
4. Greek letter organizations have their own emblems except _____.
A. colors B. flags C. bicycles D. flowers
5. Hazing can be dangerous because some students _____.
A. study too hard B. drink too much
C. become pledges D. exercise too much

Task 2

Read the passage. Choose the best answer.

Bullet journaling club

Do you want to organize your life? Start a bullet journal!

Bullet journaling has been described as "the analog tool for the digital age". What's more, it looks beautiful, it's fun and it will help you get organized and plan your life!

Bullet journals are for people who:

- like to make to-do lists
- are into goal-setting and habit-tracking

- like notebooks, pens, pencils, etc.
- would really like to keep a journal / diary, but are having trouble sticking with the habit

It's easy once you know how.

At first, bullet journaling might look and sound complicated, but once you get started, you'll wonder how you ever lived without it! It's a great way of keeping your plans for the future, your dates in the present and your memories of the past all in the same place.

Come and join us!

We are a friendly group of students who meet every Saturday morning to spend time working on our journals. Come along and bring your notebook and colored pens! For more information, contact nadia@journalclub.com.

1. What is this passage advertising?
 - A. A club.
 - B. A job opportunity.
 - C. A new restaurant.
 - D. A new short course.
2. What is bullet journaling?
 - A. It's a tool to help you write things down really fast.
 - B. It's a journal for you to write a diary on a train.
 - C. It's a way of organizing your life in a notebook.
 - D. It's a great new App.
3. Which of the following would probably not be interested in bullet journaling?
 - A. Someone who likes making to-do lists.
 - B. Someone who likes to keep a diary.
 - C. Someone who likes notebooks.
 - D. Someone who plans everything on his / her phone.
4. What can a bullet journal help you to do?

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| A. Record the past. | B. Plan for the future. |
| C. Organize the present. | D. All of the above. |
5. What do you need to bring with you to the meeting?

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| A. Your phone. | B. A notebook and colored pens. |
| C. Payment. | D. Some friends. |



Task 3

👉 Read the passage. Fill in the blanks (with no more than three words).

Dear students,

Welcome to a new academic year at Greenbank College. The entire college staff joins me in wishing you a very happy, healthy and academically successful year.

There are a couple of things I would like to draw your attention to. First of all, our IT Department has been very busy over the holidays, and some of you might already have noticed that we have a brand-new website. We are very proud of our new-look website, and hope that you will find it a valuable resource during the rest of your time here.

We have some other exciting news too. This year we will offer 10 students the chance to travel to China on a cultural exchange. Thanks to the hard work of the Foreign Languages Department, we have established links with a vocational college in Beijing, the capital of China. The trip to China will offer students a chance to learn Mandarin and stay in the homes of Chinese families. I'm certain that this will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. For more details on the cost of the trip and the application process, please contact Mrs. Ying in Building B.

I wish you all the best for the coming academic year.

Kind regards,
Prof. Pauline Black
Greenbank College

1. This letter is from Prof. Pauline Black, who wants to _____
_____ all the students to a new academic year.
2. Prof. Pauline Black also wants to let the students know about the
school's brand-new _____, which has been designed
and built by the IT Department.
3. Prof. Pauline Black hopes that the website will be a(n) _____
_____ for students at the college.
4. Another exciting piece of news is that the school will offer 10 students
the chance to travel to China on _____.
5. For _____ on the cost of the trip and the application
process, please contact Mrs. Ying in Building B.

Task 4

➡ Read the words and expressions used in schooling. Find the items equivalent to (与……等同) those given in Chinese in the table.

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| A—senior | B—fail a test | C—with flying colors |
| D—freshman | E—sophomore | F—grade |
| G—skip classes | H—deadline | I—assignment |
| J—semester | K—project | L—feedback |
| M—bone up on | N—credit | O—make a study plan |
| P—learn by rote | Q—graduation ceremony | |

Examples: (G) 逃课 (F) 目标导向的

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| 1. () 考试未通过 | () 大获全胜地 (通过考试) |
| 2. () (高中或大学的) 一年级新生 | () 截止日期 |
| 3. () 作业 | () 项目 |
| 4. () 反馈 | () (为考试) 苦读 |
| 5. () 毕业典礼 | () 学分 |

Task 5

➡ Read the passage. Fill in the blanks (with no more than three words).

How can freshmen avoid a college stress?

When you're away from the safety of home, the support of your childhood friends and the rules of your parents, it's easy for things to slip out of control. Follow our three tips to keep your first year as stress-free as possible.

Call home.

Yes, you get it—you've left home! You don't want to run to your parents with every problem, but you do need to know that you can ask for help when you need it. Most parents would rather help their children out before things get really bad. So, if you're short of money and you don't know what you're going to eat for the next week, call home. You won't regret it.

Don't burn the candle at both ends.

If you stay up all night partying and get up early, you'll soon find yourself catching every cold and virus on campus. Be sensible and keep the parties for the weekends. Your wallet will thank you for that too.

Surround yourself with friends.

A problem shared is a problem halved. This means that the more friends you have, the happier your college experience will be. So make sure you don't miss out on great opportunities such as special interest clubs and organized trips.

1. What is the purpose of this passage?

The writer wants to help _____ to avoid feeling stressed in the first year of college.

2. What does the writer suggest students do if they are short of money?

The writer suggests that students _____.

3. What does "burn the candle at both ends" mean?

It means to _____ till very late and get up early.


4. What should students do to be sensible in terms of health and finances?

They should save parties _____.

5. What does the writer suggest students do to make more friends?

The writer suggests students take part in special interest clubs and _____.

Part IV Speak Now

-  **Directions:** Work with a partner. You have a tight schedule and get stressed out. Create a conversation based on the clues.



Student A

1. Greet B. Ask what the matter is.
2. Ask B what strategies he / she use to plan time.
3. Offer to go shopping with B to choose him / her a new diary.
4. Suggest that B drop one of his / her less important things so as to focus on core subjects.




Student B

1. Greet A. Explain that you're stressed out because your schedule is so busy, and you don't have time to do all your work.
2. Tell A that you used to keep a diary, but you think you've lost it.
3. Accept A's offer gratefully, but say that you're not sure a diary will help solve all your problems.
4. Agree with A and tell him / her about what you might be able to give up.

Useful Language

- *Hey, what's up? You don't look too happy.*
- *Oh, I'm just a bit stressed out. My schedule is really crazy!*
- *What strategies do you use to help you get organized?*
- *I guess I'm not a very organized person.*
- *Let's go shopping! I'll help you choose a diary.*
- *Why don't you drop some less important things?*
- *I guess it wouldn't hurt to drop table tennis for a few weeks.*

Part V Writing

 **Directions:** Make a study schedule for the week ahead. Consider the following:

- assignments to hand in
- lessons to revise
- relaxing activities

Part VI Relax Now

Joke 1

—Isaac Newton was sitting under a tree when an apple fell on his head and he discovered gravity. Isn't that wonderful?

—Yes, if he had been sitting in class looking at books like us, he wouldn't have discovered anything.

Joke 2

—Peter, you know you can't sleep in my class.

—I know. But maybe if you were just a little quieter, I could.

Joke 3

A mom calls out to her son, "Harry! Wake up! You'll be late for school."

The son replies, "Mom, I don't want to go to school! The teachers and students hate me! Give me one reason I should go!" The mom yells back, "You should go because you're the principal!"