

Part II Text A

Comprehension

Text Organization

What are they?	Why are they given?	How to act on them?
1. Understand and admit your weaknesses.	You won't improve or grow unless you set goals on what skills you want to improve.	Complete a transferable skills survey.
2. Research. Read. Be aware.	<u>You need to understand and develop intangible skills to achieve your career goals.</u>	1) <u>Emulate the people you look up to.</u> 2) <u>Reading, researching, conscious learning.</u>
3. Get out of your comfort zone.	<u>You only get better with practice and experience. You will learn a lot about yourself and develop interests that you never thought possible.</u>	<u>Get out of your comfort zone at least once a month.</u>
4. Diversify your experiences.	<u>The more diversified your experiences are, the better you are able to find out your true passion.</u>	<u>Get involved in student organizations, volunteer, find part-time employment.</u>
5. Stop waiting for things to happen. Make them happen.	<u>If you want to get the career you want and to meet the people you want to meet, just do it!</u>	<u>Take charge and be proactive.</u>

Grasping the Main Idea

2, 4, 1, 3, 6, 5

Interpreting Difficult Sentences

1. A 2. B 3. B 4. A 5. A

Language Sense Enhancement

- 1) Finding out what you don't do well and trying to improve is just as important,
2) if not more important than 3) understanding what you are good at. College is the time



to 4) improve and grow and that will only happen if you have goals 5) set on what skills you want to 6) enhance. If you have never 7) completed a transferable skills 8) survey before, I encourage you to 9) give it a shot, as this can really 10) show you where you need more development.

Language Focus

Vocabulary

I. Basic Practice

1.
 - 1) The current president of our university will step down on 14th December and Prof. Wilcox will take her place.
 - 2) If you want to stand out at a social gathering, you'd better show your sense of humor, and be polite and friendly.
 - 3) I always looked up to my father, who showered love and attention on us and kept a roof over our heads even during the most difficult times.
 - 4) I froze at the sight of the car speeding towards me, and my feet seemed completely out of my control.
 - 5) Are you aware of the danger of smoking? Don't let me catch you again.
 - 6) This youth group volunteered to make over 250 lunches to give to the homeless living on the streets of Orange County.
 - 7) She never advertised her wealth. Instead she kept to a simple life.
 - 8) In these communities, children are often part of adult conversations and activities, as they are expected to learn from and emulate their elders.
 - 9) The more specific you can make your topic, the easier it will be for you to write your paper.
 - 10) Ms. Sullivan was invited to assume the role of mentor to four new employees.
 - 11) In September 2009, UNESCO added the Dragon Boat Festival to the Intangible Cultural Heritage list, the first Chinese festival to receive the honor.
 - 12) It takes years of professional training to become a doctor.
 - 13) There has been a growing pressure for small-scale farmers to diversify their income with non-farm work.
 - 14) I will soon complete my undergraduate studies in computer science and plan to find a job in this field.
 - 15) How can one build a career that isn't going to be stolen by robots?



2.

- 1) I was shocked to learn that our neighbor John, that nice-looking man, had been involved in the local gang.
- 2) Retirement gives me the time to sit back and enjoy life.
- 3) The driver's eyes strayed from the road ahead to the green fields on both sides.
- 4) The mother was critical of the writers and challenged them to create children's stories that were not about princes and princesses.
- 5) Having been cancelled for lack of money, the monthly Tea with the Professor was brought back thanks to Rebecca, who took charge and fought for it.
- 6) To make the most of your college life, in the first place you should set up goals.
- 7) Don't just panic. At the very least you should pick up that phone and call the help line.
- 8) All crops have been harvested in the past ten straight clear days. We really have had some good luck along the way.
- 9) We are all friends here. Why don't you give it a shot and speak English to us?
- 10) The sea level will rise unless we human beings take action to cut down on CO₂ emissions.

3.

- 1) You will find that those you look up to in history took control of their lives and would not allow anything to stop their progress. Most of all, they took/assumed responsibility.
- 2) To build a successful career, it is crucial to understand which tasks should be given priority, and never to stop challenging yourself. It is also of great help to ask your boss for feedback.
- 3) One of the most exciting things in our university is that undergraduates have the chance to work with famous professors and get involved in advanced research that might change the current ways of doing things. Why don't we give it a shot?

4.

- 1) For me, there is no better way to relax than listening to music.
- 2) There is no better way to learn than by first-hand experience.
- 3) For many Chinese, there is no better way to spend the winter holidays than a stay on Hainan Island./For many Chinese, there is no better place to spend the winter holidays than Hainan.
- 4) Mary found herself crying on her husband's shoulder by the time their son got into the airplane that would take him to another country for four years.



- 5) The rainforest in which we found ourselves wandering was as lovely as any we had ever visited.
- 6) As the last few weeks of the semester came, students found themselves racing against time to complete papers and review for the final exams.

II. Word Formation

- 2) Salt this fish so that we can eat it at a later date.
n. → v. 把这鱼腌起来以后再吃。
- 3) Sometimes one just needs a good cry.
v. → n. 有时候人就是需要痛哭一场。
- 4) Email me your address. I'll show up at 7 p.m. sharp.
n. → v. 把你的地址发到我的电子邮箱。我下午七点会准时到。
- 5) Professor Smith is reading a very old book. Its pages are yellowed by age.
a. → v. 史密斯教授在读一本非常古旧的书。书的纸张因为年代久远都发黄了。
- 6) The rise in oil price doesn't stop people from driving in most cases.
v. → n. 大部分情况下, 油价上涨不会使开车的人减少。
- 7) If you ask too many if's, you will find it too late when you finally take action.
conj. → n. 如果你问太多“要是……会怎么样”, 等你最终行动时会发现为时已晚。
- 8) Can you text Jessie that the professor wants to see her in his office this Friday?
n. → v. 你能发短信告诉杰西教授要她周五去他的办公室吗?
- 9) If you're not careful, some downloads may damage your computer.
v. → n. 要是你不小心的话, 有些下载的东西会损坏你的电脑。

III. Collocation

- 1) Self-reflection is crucial to personal and professional development.
- 2) We must be aware of the importance of taking charge and making things happen.
- 3) Transferable skills are not specific to any job.
- 4) I get extremely nervous about/of large social situations.
- 5) You need to be intentional with your learning.
- 6) I'm tired of you asking me what to do all the time.
- 7) Shanxi Province is rich in coal.
- 8) When I finally met him, I found he was completely different from his photograph.
- 9) Adam is so hungry for success that he'll spare no efforts to achieve it.
- 10) China has been famous as "the World's Factory" for 30 years or so.



Comprehensive Exercises

I. Cloze

College is probably the first time for you to share a bedroom with someone outside the family. Don't just 1) sit back and accept whatever comes out of the relationship between you and your roommate. 2) Take action to make it not only smoother but also more fruitful. 3) In the first place, universities now use a computer program to match roommates. Through it you could 4) advertise your likes, dislikes, and daily routines and find out a lot about others', but do not be too 5) specific or too demanding, because the body of students is 6) diversified and no two persons are 100 percent alike. Once you've found a roommate, it is 7) crucial to make a roommate agreement, listing individual 8) responsibilities and ways to deal with disagreements. As the two of you settle down, you need to be 9) aware that your actions, which were perfectly OK when you had a room to yourself, may not be acceptable to your roommate. You need to try to put yourself in your roommate's shoes: for example, are you happy when someone plays loud music as you try to study? Also, you need to keep an open mind to the differences between you and your roommate. If you can improve your 10) social skills and deal with such everyday problems in a wise way, you'll end up greatly 11) enhancing your college experience.

II. Translation

Many parents like to give priority to their children's academic and professional development. At the beginning of a new school year, parents come in great numbers to colleges, carrying luggage for their children, who have only a schoolbag on their back. Once at the dorm, the children just sit back and play with their phone, because their parents will take charge of everything. During the semester, parents call their children or send them WeChat messages almost daily to find out what they are up to/what they are doing. Other than that, they are actively involved in WeChat group discussions with other parents, eager to find out about the current hot jobs, how to apply for advanced studies/graduate school, and who their children should emulate. Yet the fact is, children will have to live on their own ultimately. Once they enter college, they are adults. Parents might as well let their children give it a shot and deal with everyday problems by themselves. At the very least they should allow their children a degree of freedom. In this way, college students will have a chance to diversify their experiences and enhance their social skills.

