1. Imagine that you attend a university where undergraduate students must complete a special requirement in their final semester (term of study) before graduation. Students have the following two options.

-They can complete an intensive research project on an interesting topic that is related to their major field of study and then write a paper on that topic.

OR

-They can complete an internship, meaning they will receive university credits for temporarily working at a company where they will have an opportunity to learn about the business and gain professional experience.

Which ONE of these options do you believe would be best for students, and why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

I suggest to complete an intership.

1. Students finally need to find a job, a peroid of working experience will help them find a job.
2. An internship will assist students to understand the difference between reality and theory
3. Foods and drinks that contain high levels of sugar, salt, or fats have harmful health effects when consumed in great quantities. Some people believe that governments should make these unhealthy foods and drinks more expensive by taxing them. The tax (money paid to the government) would discourage consumption of unhealthy foods and drinks and raise money for future health-care costs. Other people believe that consumers buying foods and drinks should not pay any additional tax, even if the foods or drinks are unhealthy. Which viewpoint do you agree with, and why?

I agree to not add additional tax.

1. The boundary between healthy food and unhealthy food is not clear. The rise of daily food will have bad influence on residents life.
2. Usually the healthier foods and drinks have higher price.

3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is more important to give students prizes and awards for effort (trying, working hard) than for achievement (success, good grades).

 Not

1. The society or companies will judge your effort by achievement.
2. Efforts, usually, have no standard.

5. Imagine that you are considering taking action to improve your performance in order to get better grades (marks) at school or to get a promotion and higher pay at work. You are considering the following two actions.

-Doing additional work or extra assignments beyond what is required

-Participating more actively and contributing your own ideas more frequently in group discussions

Which ONE of these two actions do you think would be MORE helpful for improving your performance? Why?

 The additional work

1. Doing more can make you more familiar with the work, thus improving your performance.
2. Doing more can breed up the habit of insisting and many other positive habits.

6. One challenge for many workers in today’s society is making sure that they have the most up-to-date skills for the workplace. In response to this, a government decided to give money to all adults over the age of 25 to pay for one training course that could provide them with new skills. Do you think this is an effective way for a government to spend its money? Why or why not?

1. The new skills in nowadays can usually improve work efficiency. It’s worthy to invest this training.
2. It can breed up the habit of learning, which attaches much importance to individual. A man with this habit can solve many unknown problems more quickly.

7. Some parents today closely monitor their children's use of technology. For example, they might read the text messages that their children send to their friends with their phones. Parents feel that they are protecting their children by taking these measures, but some argue that they are violating their children's right to privacy. Where do you stand on this issue? Should parents be closely watching their children's online activity?

1. The news or massages or comments online contain much negative idea, which is harmful to a kid who does not have his own understanding.

2. Some apps can grab amount of time easily even if students have strong ability of self-control.

8. A university has money in its budget to do ONE thing to improve its facilities for students: it can either improve the quality of the technology (for example, computers and printers) that it provides for students. OR it can redesign spaces where students hold club meetings and gather with friends in their spare time to make these areas more comfortable and appealing. Which idea do you prefer, and why?

9. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Physical exercise is more important for older people than for younger people.

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People who do not work because they have enough money are rarely happy.

12. You may choose between two professors who will be teaching a course that you must take at your university. If the following statements are the only information available to you about the differences between the two professors, which professor would. you choose? Why?

-One professor was voted most popular in a survey of students about their teachers.

-One professor has just been given an award for outstanding research.

13. Job sharing is a type of part-time employment in which one position can be shared by two part-time workers; that is, the two people share the work, hours, and pay of one job. Job sharing opens more opportunities to people who have other responsibilities, such as taking care of their children or studying, and who need flexible working hours. Do you agree or disagree that job sharing is good for workers? Why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

14. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is better to take the most difficult or challenging classes in college or at university even if it means that you probably will not get top grades (marks) in them.

15. There is a debate among teachers at a school. Some teachers believe that students should do more of their school work using digital devices such as portable computers, tablets, and smart phones because it would help the students prepare for the modern twenty-first-century workplace. Other teachers, however, argue that digital devices should play a more limited role in school work because using them too much may have negative impacts on the students' education. Which view do you agree with? Why?

16. Imagine that people in your community have been asked to decide how to spend public money over the next year. One option for spending the money is to modernize and expand a public library. The other option is to renovate a bus station and increase the number of bus lines that connect the community with other areas. Which of the two options would you support, and why?

17. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The ability to cooperate is more valuable than the ability to lead.

18. Some people say that we should always follow our dreams, even if the dreams are very ambitious. Others think that we should focus on achieving realistic goals. Which view do you agree with?

21. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In some nations, students do not pay any tuition to attend universities. However, in other nations, students must pay to attend universities, and the cost of university tuition can be very high. Do you believe that all nations should use taxes (money collected from citizens by the government) to fully fund universities so that students can study for free? Why or why not?

22. Some tourists prefer to travel to places that are very popular with other tourists: In these places, there are usually large crowds of visitors waiting to see a famous attraction, such as a monument or historical building.

Other tourists prefer to travel to places that are not very popular with other tourists, so that they can enjoy a vacation in a place without large crowds of visitors.

Would you prefer to travel to places that are very popular with other tourists or travel to places that are not very popular with other tourists? Why?

23. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In order to succeed, it is better to be more like others than to be different from everybody else.

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is better to have friends who are intelligent than to have friends who have a good sense of humor.

2. Some children prefer to socialize (get together and have fun) after school with very little involvement from parents or teachers; for example, they enjoy games or activities that they can organize and play safely without help from adults.

Other children prefer to socialize after school by joining groups or participating in programs organized and monitored by adults.

Which way of socializing after school do you think is most helpful for children's development? Why?

3. E-mail has become the most used method of communication in workplaces. Employees use it to communicate with one another and their superiors, or the people who manage their work. But some employees suggest that workers should spend more time talking to one another in person or on the telephone instead. Which view do you agree with? Why?

4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Cars (automobiles) have a greater effect on society than airplanes do.

5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? At university, students get as much benefit from participating in student organization or club activities as they do from their academic studies.

2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The most important goal of education is to teach people how to educate themselves.

4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Movies are worth watching only when they teach us something about real life.

1. Imagine that students at your school are asked to spend one week away from school as volunteers (working without pay) to help the local community. Which of the following experiences would you choose? Why?

-Volunteering at a hospital

-Volunteering at a museum

-Volunteering at a nature conservation area to protect wildlife and the environment

2. At one high school, more of its students than ever before have been caught cheating on their homework assignments; for example, many students have asked other students to provide them with answers for assignments. The school is considering making a change to help decrease the number of students who cheat on homework. Which ONE of the following actions do you think will be most effective, and why?

-Asking parents to monitor their children as they do their homework and confirm that their children have not cheated

-Increasing the penalty (punishment) for cheating

-Asking teachers to create homework assignments that will make it more difficult for students to cheat

4. When you are working or doing school work, many factors can affect your productivity. Which one of the following do you think is the most important one?

-having an environment free of noise and distractions

-knowing that you will receive a reward (a pay rise or a better grade)

-doing something you are interested in

5. Many people feel homesick (have minor feelings of sadness because they are missing their home) when they travel to a new place. Imagine that you have the opportunity to travel to a new place and stay in that community for several months. If you felt homesick, which ONE of the following do you believe would be most useful in helping you feel less sad about missing your home? Why?

-Doing activities or eating foods that remind you of home

-Maintaining contact with people from home

-Trying activities or foods that are special to your now community

-Making friends in your new community