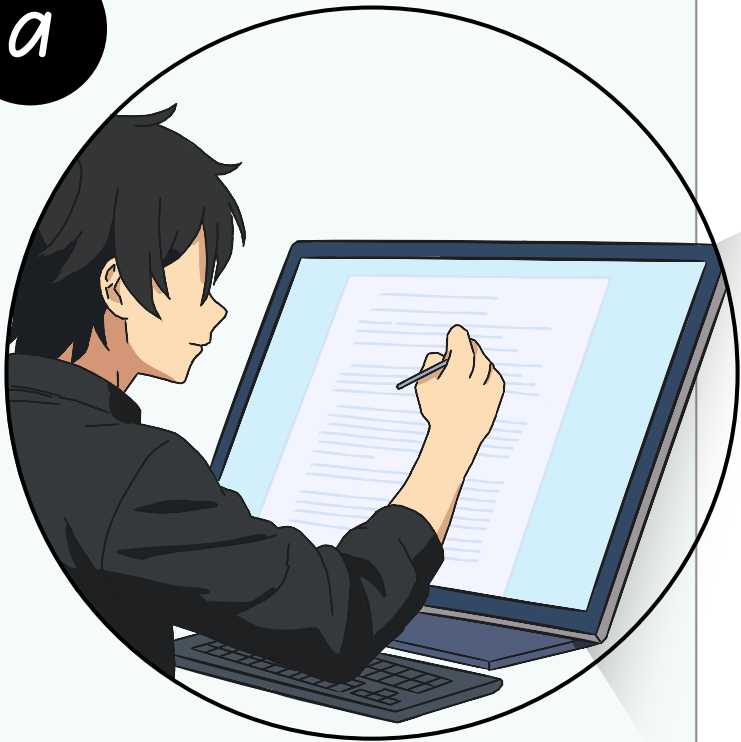


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**Question #1:** Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

*It is better to have broad knowledge of many academic subjects than to specialize in one specific subject.*

Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

**Response #1:**

Planning Future Ahead

College time is probably one of the most important times in a student's life. I believe this is so not only because we are students and we get our education at colleges but also it is a place where we actually shape our future by making our decisions now. Therefore while we are studying at college, we should think ahead and focus on what we expect from 'our' future.

In the country I live in, many students takes the national university entrance exam and after they receive their scores couple of months after they took the exam. Then comes the decision process, in which you are supposed to determine your college and department. As we might all guess, a student may not perfectly choose the department he wants to be educated in since he is quite young and inexperienced. The trend is that if you have higher scores, you are just placed to a college and a department you have selected.

Let's imagine a case in which the student is not satisfied with the department and field he has been placed. Since it is not always possible for students to be transferred to other departments, he will probably have to keep on with the field that he is supposed to study. However, if he keeps his area of study broad, he can have the chance to study about different topics he has been interested in and maybe he can continue his studies further away in time.

The question of whether having a broad knowledge of many academic subjects has also something to do with the year you spent in college. For instance, if you are an undergraduate student, it might also be a good idea to study wide range of topics coming from different disciplines. This would help you get a better understanding of yourself so that in turn, you can further define what you really want to do in future, whether to study in a different field, whether to join the work life or to go on further studying the subject in the prospective cycles of your education life.

Having a broad knowledge about many academic subjects may also come in handy when you are hired for a job that requires you to collate your vast amount of knowledge coming from different areas. Based on my experience, I can say that most multinational companies do have this tendency of hiring people who have broad knowledge about many academic subjects. These companies believe that they can use the manpower \*in terms of intellect\* in various areas depending on the time

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