

You are going to read an article in which six students talk about their university. For questions 43–52, choose from the students (A–F). The students may be chosen more than once.

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Which student

- is studying at a university that was not their first choice? 43
- has found it easier to make friends at university than they had expected? 44
- wishes they had more time to take part in social activities? 45
- chose their university partly because a relative had recommended it? 46
- complains about the travelling time from their accommodation to the city centre? 47
- wants to continue studying at the same university after they graduate? 48
- praises the approach to teaching at their present university? 49
- decided to study at the university because of its location? 50
- sought the opinions of current students before choosing a university? 51
- is finding student life less expensive than they had expected? 52



My university

Six first-year students say what life is like at their universities.

A Zehra Erdogan

There's a club here for just about every sport or social activity you can think of, and they're a great way to get to know other students. I'd wondered whether I might feel lonely here with my family so far away, but I needn't have worried. There's a group of us who get on really well, and two are already talking about doing research here once they've finished their first degrees. That's my aim too.

B Ben Robertson

I had to take out a loan to cover my costs as a student here, but I quickly found there were all kinds of expenses I hadn't thought of, such as the cost of getting into town and back from the student village, where I live. The buses aren't cheap and it takes ages to get there, too, but I didn't check that when I chose this university. That's something I could have done quite easily online, but unfortunately I didn't. Actually, the main reason I came here was to be with my friends, who applied at the same time as I did.

C Anika Mishra

I found it relatively easy to settle in here, just as I thought I would, really. I'd done some research on the various places offering the course I wanted to do, and what I found particularly helpful were the online comments by people actually studying in each one. Actually, this one had always appealed to me as my aunt did a research degree here and said it was a good place to live and study, though unlike her I think I'll move onto another university once I've graduated.

D Lotte Peeters

Before I came here, people had been telling me I'd find it hard to live on my government grant, but that hasn't really been the case because during my free time I'm nearly always in the halls of residence with the other students. There's so much to do there that it doesn't matter that they're quite a long way from the university, which is right in the centre of town. In fact, I can't do half the things I'd like to do because I'm a medical student and I'm just too busy studying to join any more societies or clubs.

E Pablo Flores

Universities in different parts of the world tend to be quite similar in some ways, such as the international mix of students, the atmosphere and even the buildings, but something I like about studying here is that you spend a lot of your time in seminars with a tutor. So, nearly a year on, I'm actually quite relieved I had my application rejected by the top university on my list: if I'd gone there I would have spent all day taking notes in lectures. The only downside is that the cost of living is quite a bit higher in this country.

F Maxim Kuznetsov

As I have family and friends living in several nearby countries, I needed to be somewhere close to an airport offering budget flights. So studying here looked ideal, and though I've noticed prices are quite high in the city, there's plenty to do on campus and I rarely need to go there. Actually, the only time I do that is when some of my old friends come to visit me, and on those occasions we take the train. There's a good service into town, and I can get a discount by using my student card.

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style.

- 1 You have had a discussion in your English class about the importance of studying particular subjects at secondary school. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

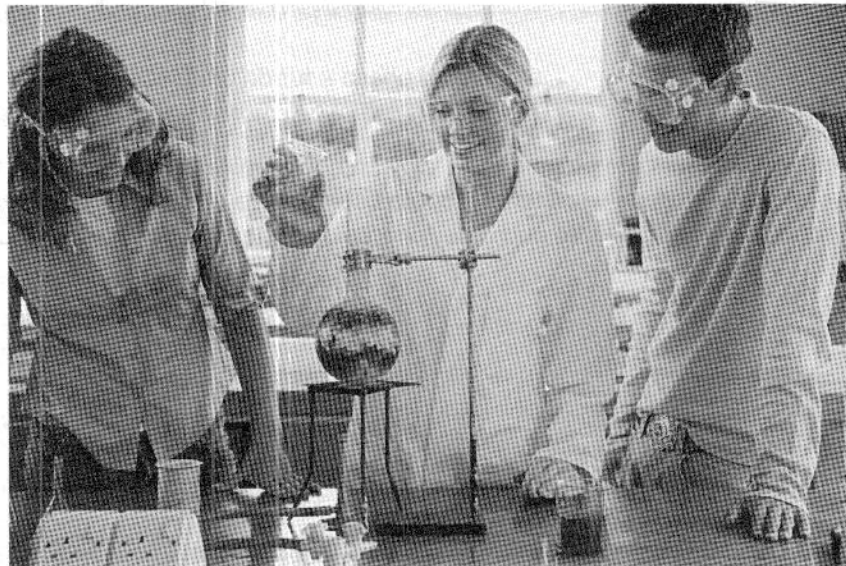
Write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

All students should study science subjects in every school year.

Notes

Write about:

- 1 interesting lessons
- 2 future careers in science
- 3 (your own idea)



Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2–4** in this part. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style.

- 2 You see this announcement in an English-language magazine.

The best advice I have ever had

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

Who gave you that advice? Why was it so helpful to you?

Write an article answering these questions. We will publish the best articles in our next edition.

Write your **article**.

- 3 You see this advertisement in your local English-language newspaper.

Shop assistants wanted for summer work

We require shop assistants to work with English-speaking customers in our department stores this summer. Positions are available in the following departments:

- fashion
- music
- electronic equipment

Write to Emma Murphy at Holiday Stores saying which department interests you and why, and explain why you would be suitable for the job.

Write your **letter**.

- 4 A number of English-speaking students are planning to stay with host families in your country this summer. The teacher has asked you to write a report on what times people usually have their meals there, what differences there are in the kinds of food that young people and older people prefer, and which dishes you would particularly recommend.

Write your **report**.