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School and Learning Collocations: Study Habits, Exams, and Academic Skills

Easy | Medium | A1 | Elementary | Beginners | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Auxiliary verb | Infinitive | Noun | Past tense | Phrasal verb | Phrase | Preposition | Verb | Collocations | Vocabulary

1. Help complete this teacher's feedback by selecting the correct word for each gap.

"Maria has shown great improvement this term. She consistently _____ assignments on time and has learned to _____ thoughtful questions in class. I'm confident she will _____ her academic potential next year."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) submits
B) delivers
C) provides

Blank 2

A) pose
B) make
C) create

Blank 3

A) achieve
B) reach
C) gain

2. Choose the correct phrase to complete the teacher's advice.

"To succeed in university, you need to ___ good study habits early in your academic career."

Select one.

A) make
B) create
C) develop
D) build

3. Fill in the blanks to complete this student's reflection on her learning journey.

"This semester I've learned to _____ attention during lectures instead of daydreaming. I also _____ valuable experience working on group projects. Now I feel ready to _____ more challenging assignments next term."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) take
B) get
C) pay

Blank 2

A) made
B) did
C) gained

Blank 3

A) face
B) meet
C) tackle

4. Complete Sam's study tips blog post! Choose ALL the correct study method collocations.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** attend lectures
- **B)** visit lectures
- **C)** submit assignments
- **D)** give assignments
- **E)** meet deadlines
- **F)** catch deadlines

5. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences about developing academic skills.

Sarah wants to _____ her writing skills before starting university. She has decided to _____ in a summer academic writing course to prepare herself.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** improve
- **B)** worsen
- **C)** ignore

Blank 2

- **A)** enroll
- **B)** quit
- **C)** avoid

6. Choose the correct word to complete the professor's explanation about effective learning.

"Students who actively participate in discussions tend to ___ knowledge more effectively than those who just listen passively."

Select one.

- **A)** get
- **B)** take
- **C)** receive
- **D)** acquire

7. Complete the study counselor's advice by selecting the appropriate word for each gap.

"To succeed in your exams, you should _____ a study schedule and stick to it. Don't forget to _____ practice tests regularly. Most importantly, try to _____ confidence by reviewing your progress each week."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** make
- **B)** create
- **C)** draw up

Blank 2

- **A)** take
- **B)** have
- **C)** do

Blank 3

- **A)** gain
- **B)** get
- **C)** build

8. Choose the correct word to complete what Mom asks her son every day after school.

"Have you ___ your homework yet, or do you need help with it?"

Select one.

- **A)** made
- **B)** done
- **C)** started
- **D)** taken

9. Complete Sarah's study diary entry by selecting the best word for each gap.

"Today I decided to _____ some research for my history project. I spent three hours in the library and managed to _____ really good notes. Tomorrow I need to _____ my math exam, so I should probably _____ some revision tonight!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) do
B) make
C) take

Blank 2

A) take
B) write
C) record

Blank 3

A) sit
B) write
C) complete

Blank 4

A) do
B) get
C) finish

10. Choose the correct phrase to complete the student's complaint about the noisy classroom.

"I can't concentrate on my essay when everyone is talking. I really need to ___ attention to my writing."

Select one.

A) give
B) put
C) pay
D) make

11. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences about different study methods.

When preparing for her history exam, Lisa decided to _____ flashcards for all the important dates. She also likes to _____ detailed notes during every lecture.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) make
B) break
C) hide

Blank 2

A) take
B) give
C) lose

12. Complete the study tips blog post by choosing the best word for each blank.

"Effective students know how to _____ priorities when planning their workload. They _____ focus during study sessions and always _____ their learning goals through consistent effort."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) take
B) make
C) set

Blank 2

A) keep
B) hold
C) maintain

Blank 3

- **A)** meet
- **B)** reach
- **C)** achieve

13. Complete Jake's exam preparation checklist! Choose ALL the phrases that are commonly used when talking about taking exams (NOT creating them).

Select all that apply.

- **A)** sit an exam
- **B)** pass an exam
- **C)** make an exam
- **D)** fail an exam
- **E)** take an exam
- **F)** resit an exam

14. Help Tom complete his conversation with his study buddy by choosing the correct word for each blank.

"I really need to _____ my writing skills before the final essay. Should we _____ a study group to practice together? We could _____ regular meetings every Tuesday evening."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** improve
- **B)** develop
- **C)** increase

Blank 2

- **A)** form
- **B)** create
- **C)** set up

Blank 3

- **A)** take
- **B)** do
- **C)** have

15. Choose the correct word to complete Sarah's study plan.

Sarah wants to improve her grades, so she decided to ___ notes more carefully during lectures.

Select one.

- **A)** make
- **B)** take
- **C)** do
- **D)** write

16. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences about academic performance.

After receiving her test results, Jenny was thrilled to discover she had _____ her chemistry exam with flying colors. Now she's determined to _____ her high grades throughout the rest of the year.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** passed
- **B)** failed
- **C)** missed

Blank 2

- **A)** maintain
- **B)** drop
- **C)** ruin

17. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete Sarah's conversation with her study partner.

"This math problem is so difficult! I think I'm going to ___ and try a different one."

Select one.

- **A)** give in
- **B)** give out
- **C)** give up
- **D)** give away

18. Help the teacher describe different learning skills! Select ALL the correct academic collocations.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** develop skills
- **B)** grow skills
- **C)** acquire knowledge
- **D)** collect knowledge
- **E)** gain experience
- **F)** win experience

19. Choose the correct word to complete Emma's excited message to her parents.

"Great news! I ___ my driving test on the first try!"

Select one.

- **A)** won
- **B)** succeeded
- **C)** passed
- **D)** completed

20. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences about Maria's study routine.

Every morning, Maria likes to _____ over her notes from the previous day's lectures. She finds this helps her _____ the information better before her next class.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** review
- **B)** go
- **C)** take

Blank 2

- **A)** retain
- **B)** forget
- **C)** lose

21. Complete Sarah's description of her English class activities! Choose the THREE collocations that are grammatically correct and commonly used.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** take notes
- **B)** do homework
- **C)** make homework
- **D)** attend a lecture
- **E)** assist a lecture
- **F)** make an assignment

22. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences about exam preparation.

Before his final exams, Tom always _____ for hours the night before. However, his study group prefers to _____ their revision over several weeks to avoid stress.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) crams
B) relaxes
C) sleeps

Blank 2

A) spread
B) rush
C) skip