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Source: The World Bank: Diabetes prevalence (% of population ages 20 to 79): International Diabetes Federation, Diabetes Atlas

7 Predictions for the future indicate that these health problems will continue to be a challenge for Asia moving forward. The World Health Organization (WHO) predicts that diabetes cases in Asia will rise by 95% in the next 20 years. The American Diabetes Association estimates that the disease will have risen more than 150% in Asia between 2000 and 2035. About four million people around the world die each year from diabetes, and it can contribute to blindness, kidney and heart problems, and strokes. Diabetes and its related health issues are set to become a major 21st-century health crisis. Governments and healthcare

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2  , countries have developed differently, but globalization means they are increasingly looking more similar.

3 The city of Istanbul was  called Byzantium, Constantinople and Stamboul.

4 The prime minister is  attending a conference about climate change.

5  , food has become more expensive, which makes it more difficult for families to eat healthily.

6 The best Indian food  available in New Town Plaza is at Café Mumbai.

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food. This can lead to obesity, which is now such a widespread issue that it is often called 'globesity'. While globalization has had many effects both good and bad, 'globesity' is an example of a negative effect.

4 Children in Asian countries are also affected by this rise in obesity. According to BBC News, one in six children are overweight in India's capital city, New Delhi. In big Chinese cities, studies show about 20% of children ages seven and older are overweight. This trend will contribute to rising healthcare costs in Asia as these children become adults.

5 Along with obesity, Asia is also dealing with an increase in diabetes.

- More than 60% of the people with diabetes in the world live in Asia, with almost half of them in China and India combined.
- In China, about 114 million adults have diabetes, and about 493 million people have pre-diabetic conditions.
- In India, around 73 million people have the disease.
- India's neighbouring countries Pakistan and Bangladesh each have levels of adult diabetes over 8%.
- Obesity is often linked to diabetes. Malaysia is also ranked number 1 in Asia for obesity rates, which

- 1 **Multinational** companies need stable economic conditions in all the countries where they operate.
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- 3 People support their local economy when they buy **domestic** goods instead of goods from another country.
- 4 The price of everything started to rise when **inflation** increased.
- 5 The **consumption** of too much sugar can lead to illnesses like diabetes.
- 6 The biggest phone company in our country has a **monopoly**, and they have raised prices because there is no competition.
- 7 Many shopping **outlets** do not have enough healthy food options in their food courts and cafés.

- 1 The popularity of combining different cuisines in restaurants is leading to the decline of authentic foods from many countries. As Asian fusion restaurants are becoming popular, there are fewer places where you can find traditional foods from Japan, China, Thailand and South Korea. ✓
- 2 The globalization of fast-food restaurants is contributing to an increase in health problems around the world. Heart disease, which can worsen with a diet high in fat and sugar, is one of the leading causes of death worldwide. ✓
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- 4 Although it is important to help people around the world, it is also important to support organizations that fight hunger in the UK. Organizations such as The Tressell Trust and Meals on Wheels provide food for millions of British people. ✓

### Exercise 3: Identifying purpose and audience

Read the article again. Then choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The purpose of this text is to  .
- 2 The audience for this text is anyone interested in  .
- 3 The text is based on  .
- 4 The tone of the text is  .

#### Globalization's Effects on Diet and Health in Asia



- 1 This article presents
  - an explanation of how globalization has affected

2 One of the many ways globalization has affected people around the world is in their diets and lifestyles.  Certain Asian societies, for example, have seen a noticeable change. This change includes a rise in certain health problems.

3 While genetics play a role in the development of diseases like diabetes and obesity, these illnesses have also been worsened by an increase in urban living and the consumption of processed and fast food.  Also, as more people consume food prepared outside the home rather than traditional home-cooked meals, they are consuming more high-calorie foods and drinks. The increasing consumption of imported food in Asian countries means that people are eating more types – often the wrong types – of food, such as fast food. This can lead to obesity, which is now such a widespread issue that it is often called 'globesity'. While globalization has had many effects both good and bad, 'globesity' is an example of a negative effect.

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The **international food** festival has been successful again this year. There is a wide range of food and beverages that are available to try. For example, you can have a cup of Turkish coffee, which is very strong compared to British coffee. A festival favourite this year is a spicy pasta dish from a local Italian eatery. In addition to local establishments, a famous TV chef who cooks popular Asian dishes is at the festival this year. Her table at the back of the festival has been busy non-stop since the festival started. There's one day left, so check out the festival if you haven't yet.

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- Globalization has led to chain stores around the world that have a negative impact on local businesses.
- The increase in the number of chain stores has improved people's lives in many cities around the world.
- Chain stores in the United States outnumber chain stores anywhere else in the world.

**3 Topic:** The impact of American culture on teenagers in other countries

- People around the world celebrate their diversity at international festivals.
- American culture has had a negative impact on young people in many countries, as they no longer relate to their own countries' traditions.
- The popularity of American culture has helped teenagers around the world relate to each other through common experiences.

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How can individual countries participate in enforcing global laws?

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It is important to end extreme poverty in the world to make life better for everybody.

### Body paragraph

People can demand action at an international level, but they can also participate in local programmes.

One way to end poverty is to encourage governments to take action with global programmes.

### Concluding paragraph

In conclusion, ending extreme poverty in the world will improve everyone's life.

If we follow these recommendations, we can end poverty in the next 20 years.

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2 In paragraphs 2–4, the writer ...

- focuses on different points of comparison between South Korean and US school systems.
- discusses only the similarities in paragraph 2 and only the differences in paragraphs 3 and 4.

3 In the concluding paragraph, the writer claims that ...

- the South Korean school system is better.
- the US school system is better.
- both school systems have strengths and weaknesses.

3 Distance learning can be as engaging as face-to-face instruction.

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- emphasize differences
- state that similarities and differences exist

4 Students studying law and students studying medicine have equally demanding university years, although the coursework for each is unique.

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5 In many ways, getting an online degree can be more difficult than attending classes on a university campus.

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communicating via email has been common for over 20 years. ✓

3 Many universities launch new degree programmes on a regular basis, whereas my university rarely offers new fields of study. ✓

4 Many graduates with academic degrees are having trouble finding jobs, while jobs in skilled labour are in high demand. ✓

5 While working full-time and attending university is nearly impossible, it is feasible to work part-time while taking a full course load. ✓

6 Vocational classes can be reasonable in terms of cost, whereas the tools one may need for a vocation are often expensive. ✓



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## Exercise 4: Understanding key vocabulary (1)

Match the sentence halves.

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- 2 Training while working is a **credible alternative** to going to university. ✓
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## Exercise 10: Avoiding run-on sentences and comma splices

Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

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There isn't much of a gender gap at our university; there is an even ratio of men and women.

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2

The online course will launch next week, the university hopes at least 50 students will register for it.

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3

Kyle has a concrete plan on how to save money for university he's going to work every summer for the next three years.

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She wants to be a marine biologist after university.

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He needs to choose one field of study.

He needs to take a non-academic class.

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The college expects students not to work.

The college was designed with working students in mind.

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There is currently an equal number of women and men at the university.

There are currently more men than women at the university.

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- 4
- University can be expensive, so it's a good idea to start saving now.
- University can be expensive, it's a good idea to start saving now.
- 5
- Law is a difficult field of study, but it can be very rewarding.
- Law is a difficult field of study it can be very rewarding.
- 6
- Taking the bus to class is a good alternative to driving, you can study during the commute.
- Taking the bus to class is a good alternative to driving; you can study during the commute.

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## Exercise 2: Reading for detail

Read the article again. Then read the statements

- 1 It is required that children attend school.

both South Korea and the US 

- 2 The curriculum is the same for all schools in  
the country.

South Korea 

- 3 Moral education is taught in schools.

South Korea 

6 Students take standardized tests to get in college.

both South Korea and the US

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## JOB POSTING 80741

I am in need of an English **tutor** to help me improve my writing skills.

I'm an international student studying for a **degree** in history, and I'm struggling with my written **assignments**. Email Ivan at IvanR@cup.org.

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We are looking for a **lecturer** in the law department to begin in the first **semester**.

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the school curriculum ✓

the lives of typical high school students ✓

standardized tests ✓

student performance comparison ✓

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4 Students typically play sports and volunteer in addition to studying.

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# Exercise 11: Comparison and contrast essays (1)

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## Exercise 8: Transitions to show comparison and contrast

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Certain fields of study, such as education, are more popular with women.  Conversely  , fields of study such as engineering have a higher proportion of male students.
- 2 Only about 30% of graduates of arts subjects found a job a year after graduating.  In contrast  , more than 70% of science graduates were employed within a year.
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## Exercise 9: Adverb clauses of contrast

Match the sentence halves.

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4 International students were **underrepresented** at this year's science fair; most of the winners were from this country.

There were many international students.

There weren't many international students.



- 3
- Kyle has a concrete plan on how to save money for university he's going to work every summer for the next three years.
- Kyle has a concrete plan on how to save money for university. He's going to work every summer for the next three years.
- 4
- University can be expensive, so it's a good idea to start saving now.
- University can be expensive, it's a good idea to start saving now.
- 5
- Law is a difficult field of study, but it can be very rewarding.
- Law is a difficult field of study it can be very rewarding.
- 6
- Taking the bus to class is a good alternative to driving, you can study during the commute.
- Taking the bus to class is a good alternative to driving; you can study during the commute.

Try again

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- 1 If you enjoy discussing issues face to face, **virtual** learning might not be for you.
- 2 Do you need an **alternative** to classroom study? Learning remotely may be perfect for you.
- 3 The university invited current and former students to the 50th anniversary party to celebrate the **establishment** of its new computer science programme.
- 4 Do you have a **specific** plan to save money for university, or are you going to figure out the details later?
- 5 The building at the **core** of campus life is the student centre.
- 6 Jack is extremely intelligent, but he lacks **motivation**, so he isn't doing well in his courses this term.
- 7 A main **principle** of art therapy is that art can improve your mood and decrease stress.
- 8 The cost of tuition will play a **significant** role in which university I decide to attend.

## Exercise 2: Reading for detail

Read the article again. Then read the statements

- 1 It is required that children attend school.

both South Korea and the US 

- 2 The curriculum is the same for all schools in  
the country.

South Korea 

- 3 Moral education is taught in schools.

South Korea 

3 Distance learning can be as engaging as face-to-face instruction.

- emphasize similarities
- emphasize differences
- state that similarities and differences exist

4 Students studying law and students studying medicine have equally demanding university years, although the coursework for each is unique.

- emphasize similarities
- emphasize differences
- state that similarities and differences exist

5 In many ways, getting an online degree can be more difficult than attending classes on a university campus.

- emphasize similarities
- emphasize differences
- state that similarities and differences exist



## Exercise 8: Transitions to show comparison and contrast

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Certain fields of study, such as education, are more popular with women.  Conversely  , fields of study such as engineering have a higher proportion of male students.
- 2 Only about 30% of graduates of arts subjects found a job a year after graduating.  In contrast  , more than 70% of science graduates were employed within a year.
- 3 Artists in the 15th century learned to paint by working for older, more experienced artists.  In the same way  , trainee plumbers and builders learn their skills by being apprentices to more experienced people working in the same trade.
- 4 Studies indicate that children who are unhappy at home tend to have problems concentrating at school.

## JOB POSTING 80741

I am in need of an English **tutor** to help me improve my writing skills.

I'm an international student studying for a **degree** in history, and I'm struggling with my written **assignments**. Email Ivan at IvanR@cup.org.

## 2 JOB POSTING 80742

We are looking for a **lecturer** in the law department to begin in the first **semester**.

You will deliver lectures three days a week as well as giving short weekly **seminars**.

This position also includes the option of working during summer **term**.

In addition to teaching, you will carry out research, and are expected to write articles for academic **journals**.

You will work with undergraduate students on **dissertations**, including helping them avoid **plagiarism** and other writing difficulties. Email lawhr@cup.org.

4 Students typically play sports and volunteer in addition to studying.

the US

5 Almost a fifth of students drop out of high

school. the US

6 Students take standardized tests to get into

college. both South Korea and the US

7 Students typically take standardized tests

multiple times.

the US

## Exercise 4: Understanding key vocabulary (1)

Match the sentence halves.

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- 1 Many people prefer studying for an **online degree** instead of taking traditional classroom courses. ✓
- 2 Training while working is a **credible alternative** to going to university. ✓
- 3 That university is extremely popular because of the **technological advances** it has contributed to various fields. ✓
- 4 We are looking for teachers whose **core principles** align with our school's philosophy. ✓

communicating via email has been common for over 20 years. ✓

3 Many universities launch new degree programmes on a regular basis, whereas my university rarely offers new fields of study. ✓

4 Many graduates with academic degrees are having trouble finding jobs, while jobs in skilled labour are in high demand. ✓

5 While working full-time and attending university is nearly impossible, it is feasible to work part-time while taking a full course load. ✓

6 Vocational classes can be reasonable in terms of cost, whereas the tools one may need for a vocation are often expensive. ✓



5 Miranda wants to **pursue** a career in marine biology, so she's taking as many science courses as she can.

She wants to be a marine biologist after university.

She doesn't want to be marine biologist after university.

6 Victor is interested in both Maths and History, but he needs to choose one **discipline** by next term.

He needs to choose one field of study.

He needs to take a non-academic class.

7 The new community college is **oriented** toward people with full-time jobs.

The college expects students not to work.

The college was designed with working students in mind.

8 Because of a large **gender gap**, the university is recruiting more women to create balance in the student population.

There is currently an equal number of women and men at the university.

There are currently more men than women at the university.

2 In paragraphs 2–4, the writer ...

- focuses on different points of comparison between South Korean and US school systems.
- discusses only the similarities in paragraph 2 and only the differences in paragraphs 3 and 4.

3 In the concluding paragraph, the writer claims that ...

- the South Korean school system is better.
- the US school system is better.
- both school systems have strengths and weaknesses.

## Exercise 9: Adverb clauses of contrast

Match the sentence halves.

:: drag to move wordpool ::



- 1 While virtual learning is popular with young students,  
older students often prefer traditional classrooms. ✓
- 2 Whereas social media is a modern phenomenon,  
communicating via email has been common for over 20 years. ✓
- 3 Many universities launch new degree programmes on a regular basis,  
whereas my university rarely offers new fields of study. ✓

1 In paragraph 1, the thesis statement indicates that the writer will emphasize ...

the differences between the subjects.

that both similarities and differences exist between the subjects.

the similarities between the subjects.

2 In paragraphs 2–4, the writer ...

focuses on different points of comparison between South Korean and US school systems.

