LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Freshers’ Week

This listening comprehension consists of two parts; in the first part, you will have to complete the summary with the words from the recording. In the second part, you must match the four tips for newcomers with the appropriate description.

There are also some true or false questions which you should answer after listening to the text.

1. Summary completion:

The British ______________ ______________ system is well-respected around the world. However, it can be ______________ and sometimes ______________ if you are a new student. That’s why in October, the ______________ month in the academic ______________, universities usually organize a so-called Freshers' Week for their ______________. During this week, you can ______________ new ______________, join lots of clubs and ______________ into university life. Of course, it can be nerve-wrecking to move away from home and leave all your old friends ______________, but there will be ______________ of other students in the ______________ ______________ as you. So, instead of worrying, you should ______________ it all in ______________ and try not to ______________ into anything you might ______________ for the next three years.

2. Match the tips for newcomers (a, b, c, d) with the correct description (1, 2, 3, 4):

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<td>a) blend in</td>
<td>1. You will have more chances to meet new people if you are active and frequently leave your room</td>
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<td>b) bring a doorstop</td>
<td>2. A good way to make friends with someone is to invite them for a cup of tea or some toast</td>
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<td>c) be hospitable</td>
<td>3. You should know about British social etiquette; for example, it’s a good idea to have some wine glasses in your room</td>
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<td>d) be sociable</td>
<td>4. You can show your neighbours that you’re friendly if you keep your door open</td>
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3. True or False; correct the false statements:

1. Freshers' Week is for second year students at universities. T F
2. October is generally the busiest month for universities. T F
3. Having wine glasses in your room is a bad idea. T F
4. It’s a good idea to pack a doorstop in your backpack. T F
5. A bit of planning can make student life easier. T F
ANSWER KEY:

1. (higher) education system / overwhelming / confusing / busiest / calendar / newcomers / make / friends / settle / behind / thousands / same boat / take / slowly / rush / regret

2. 1d   2c   3a   4b

3. 1F   2T   3F   4F   5T