**BPAJ0121 Unit 1 Introduction**

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**Task 1 About the course:**

Content:

Requirements:

Materials:

Assessment:

Others:

**Task 2 Scientific disciplines**

*Discuss these questions: Which of these subjects have you studied? At what age did you study them? Which subjects are/ were you good at? Which of them do you consider relevant to you future career? Which would you like to study further? What do you call a person specialising in each subject?*

mathematics history geography physics chemistry sociology

philosophy languages economics statistics biology psychology

**Task 3 Vocabulary**

*Complete the sentences with one of these verbs in the correct form.*

*skip attend revise re-sit do apply get study fail pass pay*

1. I hated maths at school. I didn´t do any of the homework, never …………… attention to the teacher and ……………….. classes whenever I could. Of course, the first time round I ………… my exams and had to ………… them the following year. The second time round I ……………, which I was really pleased about. It really boosted my confidence and I decided to …………. to one of the better universities. To my amazement, I got in and I´m there now – studying maths!
2. Marc´s a very bright student. He always …………….. very well when he was at school. I´m sure he´ll ………… a good degree, even though he doesn´t …………… hard. Of course, he hardly ever ………….. lectures or ………… the things we´ve done. I sometimes resent the fact he´s so clever!

*What sort of student are you? What are the good and bad things about your studies?*

1. *What is the one word all these expressions collocate with?*

intensive – introductory – intermediate – advanced – refresher – do – take – enrol on – sign up for – withdraw from – drop out of – complete – pass – fail

**Task 4 Listening – Why do we hiccup?**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AdQLkUkui8>)

1. **Check the pronunciation of the following expressions:**

*stimuli anxiety response spasm diaphragm closure physiological mechanism hypothesis*

1. **Listen and answer these questions:**

* What causes hiccups?
* What happens in the body when we hiccup?
* What is the function of hiccups?
* What home remedies do people try for hiccups?

**Task 5 Idioms** *Can you guess the meaning of the idiomatic phrases below?*

1. She passed her test *with flying colours*.
2. I´m afraid in this line of work it´s a case of *dog eat dog*.
3. I´ve dialled the number so many times I know it *by heart*.
4. Getting an apology from him was like *getting blood from a stone*.
5. The patient suffered severe injuries and his organs shut down – it was *a perfect storm*.
6. There is no need to convince us of the value of hard work, we already know that. You are just *preaching to the choir*.
7. Failing the exam was for him *a bitter pill to swallow*, but he plans to try again next year.
8. Management often *turn a blind eye to* bullying in the workplace.
9. Bill is feeling miserable about losing his job and Bob is *rubbing salt into the wound* by saying how good his replacement is.
10. It was caffeine and alcohol that caused her blood pressure go through the roof.
11. Their hospital ran like a well-oiled machine.
12. The amount of white cells in my blood became the *litmus test* for diagnosing my disease.

(For more, go to http://www.english-at-home.com/vocabulary/english-studying-vocabulary/)