***Going to University- Is It Still Worth It?***

***Task 1: Vocabulary Gap-Fill***

***Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box:***

*scholarship, application, degree, tuition, accommodation*

1. The university offers a \_\_ to students with excellent grades.
2. My \_\_ for the master's program was accepted last week.
3. To obtain a \_\_, you need to complete all coursework and defend your thesis.
4. Annual \_\_ fees at this university are approximately $10,000.
5. Many students struggle to find affordable \_\_ near campus.

***Task 2: Word Formation***

***Complete the sentences using the correct form of the word in brackets:***

1. Many students struggle with \_\_ (independent) when they first start university.
2. Scholarships can reduce the \_\_ (finance) burden on students.
3. Good \_\_ (communicate) skills are essential for building a strong network.
4. Universities often provide \_\_ (accommodate) options for international students.
5. Managing stress is key to maintaining your \_\_ (perform) during exams.
6. University education can be very \_\_\_ (BENEFIT) for future career prospects.
7. The \_\_\_ (EMPLOY) rate is lower for university graduates.
8. The \_\_\_ (ARGUE) against going to university often focuses on costs.
9. Making a decision about higher education requires careful \_\_\_ (CONSIDER).

***Task 3: Vocabulary in Context***

***Match the highlighted phrases from the text with their meanings. Write the correct letter (a-f) next to each phrase.***

"going through the roof" \_

"worth their while" \_

"the world's your oyster" \_

"saddled with debt" \_

"stand out from the crowd" \_

a) to be different or better than others in a noticeable way

b) increasing dramatically

c) having to deal with large amounts of money owed

d) worthwhile or rewarding

e) you have many opportunities and choices available to you

***Task 4: Reading Comprehension***

***Answer the following questions. Support your answers with evidence from the text.***

1. According to the text, what are the two main benefits of having a university degree?
2. What evidence does the article provide about employment challenges for graduates?
3. Why does the employer mentioned in the text prefer to interview people who have traveled instead of those with degrees?
4. How does Helen Boyd's opinion contribute to the argument in favor of university education?

***Task 5: Discussion Activity***

***In pairs or groups, discuss the following questions:***

1. If you could study at any university in the world, which one would you choose and why?
2. Do you think a university degree is necessary for success in today's world? Why or why not?
3. How can universities better support students facing financial difficulties?

***Task 6: Writing Prompt***

Write a short essay (150-200 words) on the following topic: “What is the biggest challenge for students entering university, and how can they overcome it?”

Use examples to support your points.