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Activity 4

Choose the best answer to each question according to the passage.

- The major goal of St. John's University is to _____.
 A) educate the students how to study
 B) supply the students with the best environment
 C) provide a lot of activities for the students
 D) prepare the students for their future careers
- The Quiet Study Room will be open to the students for _____.
 A) 24 hours B) 11 hours C) 7 hours D) 5 hours
- The following items are included in Saturday Night Coffeehouse series EXCEPT _____.
 A) live music B) poetry C) fashion show D) Karaoke
- The Quiet Study Room provided by the University is in _____.
 A) the Administration Office B) the Queens Library
 C) the classroom building D) the resident center
- What can be inferred from the passage?
 A) The students' opinions are always important.
 B) The spring term will be as the same as last one.
 C) The students are encouraged to study day and night.
 D) The students will be charged for using the blog.

Activity 5

Work with your partner according to the clues given below.

Suggested questions:

- What are the new things in our college this semester?
- What are the best places to meet new friends on campus?
- What can we do to build up an active campus community?

Useful expressions:

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| ■ meet the need/demand | ■ keep the library/lab open longer |
| ■ Sports Center/English Corner | ■ club activities/competitions |
| ■ develop more programs/activities | ■ actively participate in/get involved in |

Useful sentence patterns:

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| ■ A new... is open to... | ■ More... are designed for... |
| ■ I'm sure you will enjoy... | ■ What a great place to... |
| ■ The program is an invitation to... | ■ Please feel free to... |
| ■ It's your participation that helps to... | |

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Further Your Skills

Exercise 1

Match the words in Column A with those in Column B, and then fill in the blanks with proper expressions. Remember that each may be used only once.

Column A	Column B
primary	impact
closing	purpose
relaxed	wish
positive	time
sincere	atmosphere

- The _____ of this program is to make more profit.
- It is my _____ that you live a happy life on campus.
- You are supposed to leave this lab before its _____.
- I expect to have a heart-to-heart talk with him in a _____.
- This traveling experience will have a _____ on his future work and life.

Exercise 2

Fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in the brackets.

- This is (primary) _____ a bookstore, but we also sell drinks.
- The movie star's (attend) _____ adds to the excitement of the fans.
- His (commented) _____ on the new film is very impressive.
- It's (usual) _____ for the night owls to go to bed so early.
- Her former boyfriend's (invite) _____ letter made her upset all day.
- The result of this competition is beyond my (expect) _____.
- He made a detailed plan for his study abroad after deep (reflect) _____.
- Whenever I call her, it always says "The line is (engage) _____".

Exercise 3

Complete the sentences by translating into English the Chinese given in the brackets.

- He is good at driving because he _____ (从事) that for 20 years.
- I will try my best to _____ (满足顾客的需求) and promote my business.
- Please _____ (尽管找我) for help whenever you have a problem.
- She doesn't like to _____ (和……沟通) people around her.
- This event _____ (有很大影响) our final decision about investment.

Passage B

Warm-up Activity

- 1) What do you communicate with your parents?
- 2) What are your parents' expectations of you?

Develop Your Understanding



A Letter to My Son on Starting out in Life

Dear Simon,

I hope to help you along your path by sharing some of the best of what I've learned. As with any advice, **take it with a grain of salt**. What works for me might not work for you.

Life Can Be Cruel.

There will be people in your life who won't be very nice. They'll **tease** you because you're different, or for no good reason. They might try to **bully** you or hurt you.

There's not much you can do about these people except to learn to **deal with** them, and learn to choose friends who are kind to you, who actually care about you, who make you feel good about yourself. When you find friends like this, **hold onto** them, **treasure** them, spend time with them, be kind to them, and love them.

Life Isn't a Competition.

You will meet many people who will try to **outdo** you, in school, in college, at work. They'll try to have nicer cars, bigger houses, nicer clothes, cooler **gadgets**. To them, life is a

start out 动身, 启程

take it with a grain of salt 持怀疑态度

* **tease** /ti:z/ v. 取笑, 戏弄

◆ **bully** /'buli/ v. 欺负

deal with 对付, 应付

hold onto 抓住, 不放手

* **treasure** /'treʒə(r)/ v. 珍惜

* **competition** /kəmpi'tiʃn/ n. 竞争; 攀比

◆ **outdo** /aʊt'du:/ v. 胜过

◆ **gadget** /'gædʒɪt/ n. 小装置, 小器械

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competition—they have to do better than their **peers** to be happy.

Here's a secret: life isn't a competition. It's a journey. Learn to enjoy the journey. Make it a journey of happiness, of **constant** learning, of **continual** improvement, of love.

Love Should Be Your Rule.

If there's a single word you should live your life by, it should be this: love. Live your life by the rule of love. Love your **spouse**, your children, your parents, your friends, **with all of your heart**.

Love yourself. While others may **criticize** you, learn not to be so hard on yourself, not to think that you're ugly or **dumb** or **unworthy** of love... but to think instead that you are a wonderful human being, worthy of happiness and love... and learn to love yourself for who you are.

Finally, know that I love you and always will. You are starting out on a **scary** but **ultimately incredibly** wonderful journey and I will be there for you whenever I can.

All my love always,
Dad

* **peer** /piə/ *n.* 同龄人

* **constant** /'kɒnstənt/ *a.* 经常的, 一贯的

* **continual** /kən'tɪnjuəl/ *a.* 不断的, 持续的

* **spouse** /spauz/ *n.* 配偶

with all of one's heart 全身心地

* **criticize** /'krɪtɪsaɪz/ *v.* 批评; 批判

* **dumb** /dʌm/ *a.* 笨手笨脚的

* **unworthy** /ʌn'wɜ:ðɪ/ *a.* 不值得的

◆ **scary** /'skeəri/ *a.* 吓人的

* **ultimately** /'ʌltɪmətli/ *ad.* 最终

* **incredibly** /ɪn'kredəblɪ/ *ad.* 令人难以置信地

Check Your Study

Activity 1

Read the passage quickly and then fill in the blanks.

A Letter to My Son on Starting out in Life

Life Can Be Cruel.

There will be people who will 1) _____, bully you or hurt you.

To choose friends who are kind to you, who 2) _____, who make you feel good about yourself.

Life Isn't a 3) _____.

You will meet many people who will try to 4) _____.

Here's a secret: Life isn't a competition. It's a journey.

Love Should Be Your Rule.

Live your life by the rule of love.

5) _____.

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Activity 2

Read the passage carefully and complete the following sentences.

- Why does the father think that his son should be critical to his advice?
Because what works for him might not _____.
- What kind of friends should the son make according to the father?
The ones who are kind to him, who care about him, who _____ about himself.
- What is the secret of life in the father's eyes?
Life is not a competition, but _____.
- What does the father mean by "Love Should Be Your Rule"?
To let his son live life by _____.
- What should the son do if anyone criticizes him?
The son should think that he is a wonderful _____, worthy of happiness and love.

Further Your Skills**Exercise 1**

Fill in each blank with the proper form of the word given in the brackets.

- The (compete) _____ in the job market makes some job seekers feel hopeless.
- (incredible) _____, he survived the strong earthquake without being hurt.
- Chongqing is a fast-developing city (worth) _____ of investing in.
- The little boy was frightened by the (scare) _____ movie.
- His interest is (constant) _____ changing.
- Being hired by the famous company gave her great (happy) _____.
- His (criticize) _____ makes me very nervous.
- The (continue) _____ visits to my parents' house took up a lot of time.

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences by translating into English the Chinese given in the brackets.

- I _____ (对他的话持怀疑态度) because he is always dishonest.
- Now that you are an adult, you have to _____ (处理自己的事务).
- You should devote yourself to your career _____ (全心全意).
- _____ (坚守你的梦想) and try to make them come true.
- Before you _____ (启程) tomorrow, you'd better check your luggage.

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Part Four

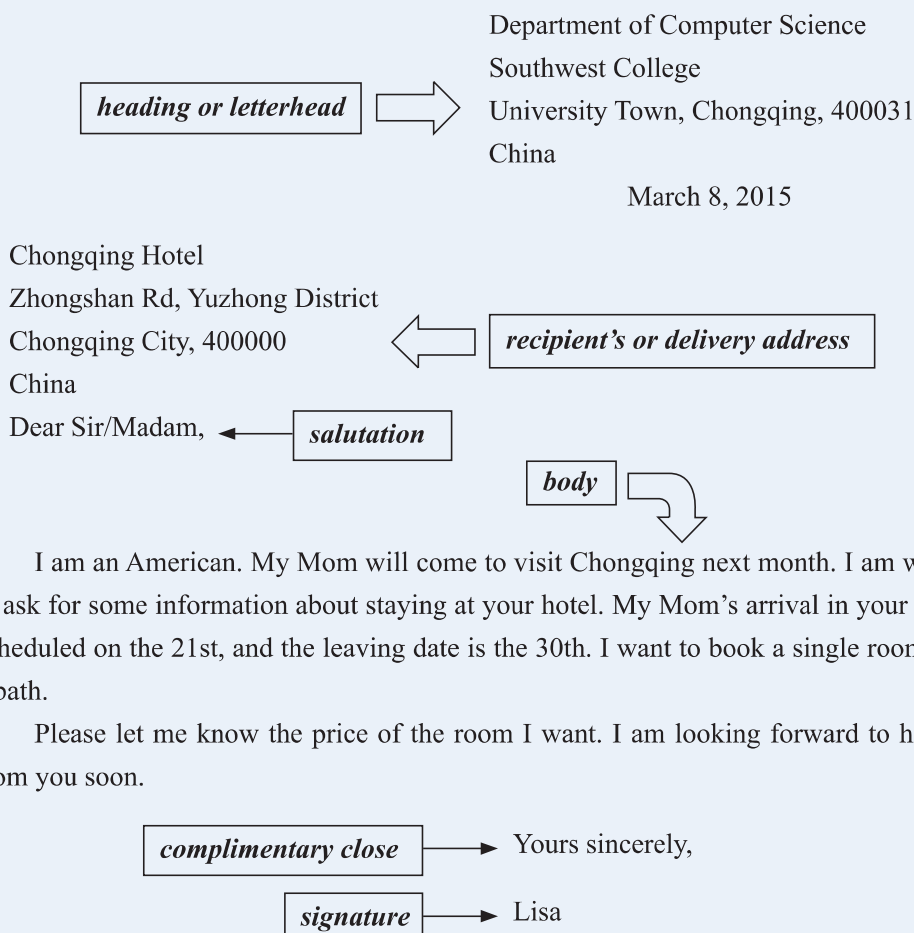
Use Your Hands

A letter usually consists of six parts: *heading or letterhead* (信头), *recipient's or delivery address* (收信人地址), *salutation* (称呼), *body* (正文), *complimentary close* (结尾客套语) and *signature* (署名).

Sample

♦ *recipient*
/rɪ'sɪpiənt/
n. 接受者

**arrival* /ə'raɪvl/
n. 到达



Write Your Own Letter of Inquiry

Exercise 1

The following is a list of terms related to letter writing. After reading it, you are required to find the items equivalent to those given in Chinese below.

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| A — business letter | B — signature |
| C — personal letter | D — ask for information |
| E — sender's address | F — salutation |
| G — letter of complaint | H — letter of inquiry |
| I — delivery address | J — letter of thanks |
| K — invitation letter | L — offer information |
| M — complimentary close | N — congratulation letter |
| O — to whom it may concern | P — air mail |

Example: (E) 寄信人地址

1. () 签名
2. () 投诉信
3. () 邀请信
4. () 商业信函
5. () 致启者

(N) 贺信

- () 尊称
- () 感谢信
- () 航空邮件
- () 收信人地址
- () 询问信



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Exercise 2

Complete the following letter by translating the Chinese into English.



Software Department of Southwest College

University Town, Chongqing, 400030

March 25, 2015

1) _____

(重庆市火车站山城宾馆 邮编: 400001)

2) _____ (亲爱的先生/女士):

I am a freshman of Southwest College. In this winter holiday, I told my parents a lot about Chongqing. They have decided to travel here by train. They will arrive in the city on April 5, and

3) _____ (计划住一周). My parents would like to stay in your hotel because it is near the railway station.

I am writing to 4) _____ (询问信息) about the types and 5) _____ (房间价). I also want to know if there is any 6) _____ (淡季价格) at your hotel.

Please advise by return.

Yours truly,

Pan Xiaofeng

