SECTION 3

Questions 27 – 30

Complete the sentences below.

Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS for each answer.

Studying with the Open University demanded a great deal of 27 ...................... .

Studying and working at the same time improved Rachel’s 28 ...................... skills.

It was helpful that the course was structured in 29 ...................... .

She enjoyed meeting other students at 30 ...................... .
Tapescript for IELTS Listening Recording 4

Two friends, Rachel and Paul, are discussing studying with the Open University. Rachel has already done a course at the university, but Paul has not. The extract relating to these questions comes from the last part of the recording.

Paul The other thing I wanted to ask you was, did you find it hard, studying with the Open University?

Rachel You mean, because you’re studying on your own, most of the time?

Paul Mm.

Rachel Well it took me a while to get used to it. I found I needed to maintain a high level of motivation, because it’s so different from school. There’s no-one saying, ‘Why haven’t you written your assignment yet?’ and that sort of thing.

Paul Oh dear.

Rachel You’ll learn it, Paul. Another thing was that I got very good at time-management because I had to fit time for studying round a full-time job.

Paul Well I’m hoping to change to working part-time, so that’ll help.

Rachel What makes it easier is that the degree is made up of modules, so you can take time off between them if you need to. It isn’t like a traditional three-or four-year course, where you’ve got to do the whole thing of it in one go.

Paul That’s good, because I’d like to spend six months travelling next year.

Rachel Huh, it’s all right for some. Then even though you’re mostly studying at home, remember you’ve got tutors to help you, and from time to time there are summer schools. They usually last a week. They’re great, because you meet all the other people struggling with the same things as you. I’ve made some really good friends that way.

Paul Sounds good. So how do I apply?
Listening sample task – Sentence completion *(to be used with IELTS Listening Recording 4)*

**Answers:**

27 motivation

28 time(-)management

29 modules

30 summer school(s)