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Part 2.

Listening Script

Speaker 1: My parents weren't happy when I told them I wanted to study law. The thing is I'm a keen athlete and so having a state-of-the-art track on site to practise on after classes was crucial [1]. They'd have preferred me to study in my city so I could've lived at home, which would've been much cheaper and easier of course. Anyway, I think I made the right choice. It didn't take long to start hanging out with some great people I met through lectures and my running. What was more of an issue was getting through all the stuff we were given to do [6]. I had to be up all hours to begin with. I think I've finally cracked it now though.

Speaker 2: Nothing prepares you fully for starting university life. I was away from home during the week with a whole new group of people who I would have to get to know. Strangely, though, what threw me most was figuring out where to do my assignments [7]. After various unsuccessful attempts, I settled on a quiet spot in the student centre and then I could really focus at last. Choosing a university was straightforward actually. Since I'm studying history I thought a brand new campus wouldn't feel right. I wanted to gaze at ancient spires and towers on my way to lectures [2]. That won hands down in the end against studying with one of my former classmates.

Speaker 3: Selecting the right university was tricky. My dad would've liked me to study medicine close to home, but I also had to consider how the qualification I got would be valued in future. I mean, would the university command sufficient respect overseas, and that's what swung it for me [3]. When I actually started, it took time to settle in. It was so different from school, where we all followed a fixed timetable term after term. My lectures are mostly after lunch, but I've got laboratory sessions at various times. Working all that out wasn't easy [8]. Then I had to cook for myself too, though that broke up the hours of study a bit.

Speaker 4: After school, I worked for my father for ten years and then decided to get a business qualification. I thought exchanging working life for one full of lectures and assignments would be demanding, which was true up to a point [9]. I'd also thought getting my head round what the tutors were explaining would be straightforward, but that turned out to be a false hope. I'd taken time finding the right college. Partly because of my age, I followed lots of student blogs from various institutions to find one which offered some sort of mentoring service to help me settle in. That seemed vital [4]. I was lucky that my first choice was surrounded by great mountains, but also easily-accessible from home – an added bonus!

Speaker 5: I'd always wanted to study languages, but exactly which aspect, you know, linguistics, literature, drama and so on, well I kept changing my mind. It struck me what I needed was a university with lots of academic options, so I could experiment a bit [5]. The one I picked also had a huge campus with loads of clubs and places to hang out, which was amazing. So, I was never at a loss for something to occupy me on Saturdays. The downside of that massive campus was that everything was so spread out, and I had real difficulty trying to track the various teaching sites [10]. I was forever apologising to tutors for creeping in way after their sessions had got going.