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1 The first day of April is celebrated in many countries as a day when all sorts of tricks and practical jokes are played upon unsuspecting people. In France, such a person is called a "poisson d' avril" - an April fish - and in Britain an "April fool". The same sort of thing happens in Russia, too. Why? I don't know. Suggestions are welcome! There is a prize for the best answer received on April 1st 2012... But what is a fool? And what sort of tricks are played?

- 1) Different countries – same holidays
- 2) Important celebrations
- 3) Tricky holidays
- 4) Different names – same tricks

2 Teachers are authors. They might not write books but they add to the script of lives. I wish some teachers would take that more seriously. I'm not sure authors should be teachers in their books. Show what you see but don't judge your characters. I think the idea of teaching is that the teacher knows more than the student. An author shouldn't know more than his reader. They should be collaborators, who work together and discuss ideas.

- 1) Writers should teach us
- 2) Teachers write about lives
- 3) Writers help readers
- 4) Writers and teachers are the same

3 Columbus sailed on his great voyage and his objective was to reach the Indies. When he discovered the first land beyond the Atlantic, he came to the conclusion that he had reached the coast of Asia. A week after his first sight of land he reports, "It is certain that this is the main-land and that I am in front of it". Even on his third voyage he is still of the opinion that South America is the main-land of Asia.

- 1) First discovery
- 2) Great mistake
- 3) Great explorer
- 4) Famous lands

4

Sir Elton John is not as polite as his friend and remembers well some terrible gifts of his childhood: “I hated to be given models of planes that I had to build. I understand absolutely nothing about this! One day I was offered a tool kit and I wanted a CD so much!” Emma Bunton notes that her worst gift was a lamp presented by her grandmother: “It was a thing decorated with artificial flowers. When my grandmother came to see me I put it on the table in my room but after she left I hid the lamp in the wardrobe”.

- 1) Memorable presents
- 2) Worst presents
- 3) People need gifts
- 4) We like presents

5

Many students feel the stress of doing regular classes, homework, exams, studying, part-time jobs, and find no time to socialize with their friends. There is no doubt that today's generation of young people have a lot more responsibility and are forced to grow up a lot faster than any previous generation. What complicates things even more is what I like to call the "make or break" parent. Their characteristics are usually defined by strict discipline around the house.

- 1) Young generation
- 2) Everybody has difficulties
- 3) Caring parents
- 4) Students' duties

6

Early on I loved animal stories. Later I tended to like things that were unresolved, like detective stories. I liked trying to figure out what happened next rather than have the author tell me everything. And happily ever after kind of books never appealed to me. I have always liked funny books too and later learned to like humour.

- 1) Tastes change
- 2) Favorite books
- 3) Lovely stories
- 4) Best stories

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The singer Jenny Frost was rather afraid of her grandmother's gifts too. She says her worst present was ear-rings with a fir-tree in the center. She **7** _____ that those ear-rings also twinkled and played "We wish you a Merry Christmas". "My granny is an adorable lady, - says Jenny Frost. - But she was always a habitu e of those shops where you can find the **8** _____ little things. And it is there that she **9** _____ those ear-rings. She told me : "I found this beautiful decoration and **10** _____ to put it in your sock but then I thought you would perhaps like to put it on for Christmas to show your friends!"

- 7** 1) explains 2) has explained 3) was explaining 4) will explain
- 8** 1) many useless 2) uselessest 3) most useless 4) more useless
- 9** 1) buys 2) bought 3) has bought 4) had bought
- 10** 1) was going 2) is going 3) will be going 4) was gone

There is no doubt as to what is in the minds of most high school students as they go to sleep every night: I have **11** _____ to do. Tests, projects and extracurricular activities are the ingredients of the perfect recipe for **12** _____ well-rounded ... or for having a mental breakdown. It is good, of course, to be well-rounded. They worship the well-rounded student. If colleges **13** _____ for this, why shouldn't we give it to them?

- 11** 1) too much 2) too many 3) quite 4) a few
- 12** 1) feeling 2) having 3) being 4) dealing
- 13** 1) look 2) see 3) expect 4) do

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Good advice

B1

Not long ago, I thought I had a workable plan for college, but I received advice about why this was absolutely wrong from more people than I care to remember. People who had not spoken to me in years were _____ full of helpful ideas.

SUDDEN

B2

I was disturbed at the dentist's office, and troubled at the theater. I considered asking my minister if it were rude to wear a disguise to church. I wrote down the number for the police _____ program in case people decided to picket my house.

PROTECT

B3

I now refuse to give the address, telephone number, e-mail, or GPS coordinates of my house to anyone unless I am given an oath in blood that I will hear nothing about where I have to go to school. Despite these protective measures, I am still worried about the dreaded subject every time I set foot outside. I am now torn between home schooling myself, _____ my name to Frodo the Hobbit, or moving into the old hermit's house on top of Mount Roc-O-Moonshine. Somehow, I will win back my right to college choice privacy!

CHANGE

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1

Well, that is the problem. I spent all my days trying to impress people and be the class clown. It was real fun, but now I regret every minute of it. Not getting the education that was available to me was without a doubt the biggest mistake of my life. I took everything for granted and didn't care enough to cherish the great times I did have. I lost so many scholarships because I didn't take school seriously. Exams are coming soon and I've never been so scared.

- 1) A good example
- 2) The greatest chance
- 3) Education is available
- 4) The way not to follow

2

One particular part of his speech stayed with me. Steve Jobs quoted the saying "Stay hungry, stay foolish" and it has become my motto. Staying foolish is realizing that you are still a fool, no matter how much you've learned or experienced. There is always more to explore. Staying hungry is wanting to find those things about which you are still uneducated.

- 1) Life's objective
- 2) Learning more is important
- 3) An influential person
- 4) Following one's way

3

The answer is simple: school is necessary to our success. Doing well in high school leads to acceptance to a prestigious university, which leads to a good job, which leads to a good salary and a good life. This is the hope we all have. This is the motivation that keeps us willing and able to exist as students in an increasingly competitive world.

- 1) An important decision
- 2) A good job
- 3) A good start
- 4) Successful students

4

For the life we think about life itself. That's what living is. A person has their work, their family and hobbies, but if every day starts to seem the same, that's not a life. It's about going out into the world and discovering everything you can. Live as though you are a young child, with everything to learn and nothing to lose.

- 1) A person should think about life
- 2) A lot of things to learn
- 3) A person should be eager for life
- 4) Every day is different

5

When I was little, I thought I wanted to work with animals. I told myself I wanted to be a veterinarian, and believed it. Adults always asked the same question and I had an answer. Now I have realized that being a vet is not for me, I have to think of other options. I don't know what I want to be, but I have some ideas on what careers would not work. I couldn't be a dentist. Staring into kids' mouths is not my idea of a good living

- 1) Children's dream
- 2) Parents' wish
- 3) Future education
- 4) Choosing a profession

6

Once my friend, who seemed not to have a worry in the world crying on my lap. I had later found out that his parents had been putting a ridiculous amount of pressure on him to do well so he could get into a good school. I then began to wonder with the marks he had, it shouldn't be a problem. It turns out that earlier before the exam period began; his father had told him that if he didn't get into a certain school, he would refuse of his only son. How could anyone say that to their child?

- 1) Too strict measures
- 2) Great responsibilities
- 3) Caring parents
- 4) Entering a good school

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One of the early explorers of the United States has said, that "America is a young country with an old history." Certainly, the **7** _____ and the most thrilling aspect of the American history and culture is Native Americans, or Indians. Since the times of Shakespeare these peoples **8** _____ to soar in the imagination of the rest of humankind. "Out of the Indian approach to existence there came a great freedom - an intense love for nature; a respect for life, **9** _____ faith in a Supreme Power, and the principles of truth, honesty, generosity, equity, and brotherhood as a guide to mundane relations" – **10** _____ by the early 20th century Dakota writer, Chief Standing Bear.

7

- 1) early 2) earliest 3) earlier 4) most earlier

8

- 1) have continued 2) continue 3) had continued 4) are continued

9

- 1) enrich 2) has enriched 3) is enriched 4) enriching

10

- 1) says 2) is said 3) has said 4) will be said

I was in New York, where I met with African-Americans. They were trying to **11** _____ that treasure, and then I went to western New York where I met with people from the Iroquois Nation and talked with them about their traditions. They all have many of the same experiences as Americans in **12** _____, and have a lot of the same sense of what it means to be an American, and wear the same clothes and eat the same fast foods, but they have **13** _____ in how they see the world and what their experiences have been.

11

- 1) get 2) save 3) expect 4) see

12

- 1) common 2) general 3) particular 4) view

13

- 1) similarities 2) experiences 3) differences 4) expectations

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London Zoo

B1

I can't be in London for long without going to the Zoo. There are some people who begin the Zoo at the beginning, called WAY IN, and walk as _____ as they can past every cage until they get to the one called WAY OUT.

QUICK

B2

But the _____ people go straight to the animal they love the most, and stay there. So when Christopher Robin goes to the Zoo, he goes to where the Polar Bears are.

NICE

B3

He whispers something to the third keeper from the left, and doors are _____, and we wander through dark passages and up steep stairs, until at last we come to the special cage, and the cage is opened, and out trots something brown and furry, and with a happy cry of "Oh, Bear!"

LOCK

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We're not permitted to come in the White House until after the president is inaugurated. It's so exciting, but it's also very scary because you don't know what to expect. So, I've had so many different moments here, moments of great joy and sadness. Every day you live here, you live with such a sense of history and joy about having the privilege to be here that most days, and most moments, end up being memorable in one way or another.

- 1) Exciting days
- 2) Most memorable time
- 3) Hard time to enjoy
- 4) Great privilege

2

We are not reptiles. We do not throw our children out of the family at birth, we live together as a family. Why, then, do people lecture about independence until they are blue in the face? We should agree that if somebody wants to go to college close to home or even in their hometown, it's okay. If someone wants to go to college far away, let him or her give it a try.

- 1) Family traditions
- 2) Entering a college
- 3) Family life
- 4) Follow your own way

3

You should always be in constant contact with your parents and make sure theirs and your own academic expectations are both realistic for you to achieve. If you're a parent reading this, show some praise, encouragement, when your kids deserve it. Even a simple, "You did good kid", really gives your children a real boost when they know they are pleasing their parents with their performance in school. Remember, you're not only raising your kids, you're teaching them how to be good, responsible adults when they're older.

- 1) Great expectations
- 2) Good dreams
- 3) Realistic ideas
- 4) Important mission

4

My parents always stressed the importance of education, working hard in school and learning as much as possible. They also encouraged me to value myself and believe in myself and do what I thought was right for me, not follow the crowd or be influenced by the fashion of the day. My mother always told me that every day I had a choice, whether I was going to be the actor in my own life or a bit player in somebody else's performance.

- 1) Parents' advice
- 2) The fashion of the day
- 3) Education is important
- 4) One's own performance

5

I want the world to know that it is only right to judge me based on who I am. I want the world to know that I have interests. I am not someone who sits in front of the computer all day, or watches television all night. I want the world to know that I have a passion for fashion, I love art. I have a strong liking for music. I play trumpet, violin, piano and guitar. I want the world to know that I can really write. All my feelings and emotions are put into every piece I craft. Writing helps wash away my problems.

- 1) A way to wash away one's problems
- 2) A way to judge people
- 3) Self respect
- 4) Empty boast

6

It is mid-October. The leaves have changed color, the geese are flying south and the temperature is dropping every day. As I walk through the schoolyard at the end of the day, my mind is far from the beauty around me. Another day of advice is over, and I am exhausted. After listening to comments from teachers, students, friends, parents, casual acquaintances, I feel more like a senior citizen than a senior in high school. Unfortunately, everyone seems to have a different idea as to which school to go.

- 1) Useful tips
- 2) Uncertainty in life
- 3) Beauty of the world
- 4) High school life

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Well, what we're doing here in the White House to promote saving America's treasures. Recently, I had a wonderful trip through Baltimore, New York and Massachusetts, pointing out places that **7** _____ and places that were not very well known. In every community there is a place or monument, that can **8** _____ because they tell us not only about our past but also something about our future. As part of history classes, and just as an **9** _____ interest, young people should find out what is in their own community and visit. I've often thought that we don't pay enough attention to where we live unless we have someone **10** _____ and we show our visitors around.

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|-----------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 7 | 1) were known | 2) are known | 3) have known | 4) had known |
| 8 | 1) is saved | 2) saved | 3) be saved | 4) save |
| 9 | 1) individuality | 2) individually | 3) individualist | 4) individual |
| 10 | 1) visiting | 2) visits | 3) is visiting | 4) visited |

So, as I travel I see many examples where we have much more in common. But there are **11** _____ we should respect and honor. What I want to do, and what the president has been trying to do with his race initiative, is to **12** _____ people to celebrate our unity as a nation and be proud of what binds us together as Americans, and at the same time respect our differences and understand more about what makes people from different **13** _____ think or act a certain way that wouldn't be your own experience.

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|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 11 | 1) differences | 2) features | 3) similarities | 4) things |
| 12 | 1) increase | 2) enlarge | 3) encourage | 4) incline |
| 13 | 1) countries | 2) lands | 3) experiences | 4) backgrounds |

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It's hard for parents, we think we do and we're trying very hard, but it may not be right for our child for these times.

B1

And, certainly, for parents who have more than one child, you can't treat any child the same as any other child because each has a different _____ and what works in terms of parenting for one child with a certain temperament may not work with another child in the same family of the same gene pool.

PERSON

B2

So, it's a challenge _____ to try to be as alert and open and flexible and knowledgeable about yourself, about your child, about circumstances, to do the best job you can.

CONSTANT

B3

And I think everybody has to relax a little bit and try to be understanding of each other. It's always _____ how, as you go through stages of development, you do understand each other a little better, and as young people get older and think what it would be like to be a parent, they also have a little more sensitivity toward what their own parents went through.

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1 The vast majority of parents try to do the best they can, given what they were given as children, how they were raised and what they understand about themselves and the world. But no matter how hard you try, you're going to make mistakes. That's why I think that parents and children have to develop a sense of forgiveness and support for each other.

- 1) A great routine
- 2) An important quality
- 3) Making mistakes
- 4) Parents' job

2 The memories and friends you have in high school will stay with you no matter how much you regret them. There were things at school that I skipped because I was "tired." Because of those decisions I am not in my senior class picture or yearbook. I was also a pretty good athlete, I even set a couple records, but I lost every offer any coach would give me. It's now the end of the school year and I don't know what I'm doing with my life. It's too late to register for college. I just hope nobody else follows the path I'm on

- 1) School memories
- 2) A way to follow
- 3) Serious decisions
- 4) A piece of advice

3 I remember that, when I was fairly young, there was a programme on BBC TV about the origins of spaghetti. The presenter of the programme was famous for his excellent travel documentary programmes. Spaghetti in those days was not very well known in Britain, but was starting to become a popular dish. Mr Dimbleby started by showing pictures of a tree. Long, worm-like, white sprouts hanged down from the tree's branches. The spaghetti harvest was ready to collect! Lies, lies, lies!

- 1) Spaghetti grows on trees
- 2) The origins of spaghetti is Britain
- 3) Spaghetti was popular everywhere
- 4) Advertisement tricks

4

Unless a senior student who is going to attend a college is the biggest event, let them follow the advice of Miss Frizzle of "Magic School Bus": "Take Chances! Make Mistakes!" For years, students hear that this is the time in their life to experiment and decide what they want to be. If they want to try something, and it is not going to cause bodily or mental injury, let them try it. Most mistakes can be undone, and many potential mistakes turn out to be great successes.

- 1) Take your own decision
- 2) Be afraid of mistakes
- 3) The biggest event
- 4) Potential mistakes

5

Spaghetti is an Italian pasta made of long "strings" of flour paste. But a large percentage of the British people, including me, believed what was said and shown in the "documentary". We were all made into April fools by the BBC. Another name for "April Fools' Day" is "All Fools Day". Well, many people in Britain were fooled by the documentary. But by all means not all. I suppose that this shows that not all Brits are fools... Just some of us.

- 1) April Fools' Day
- 2) BBC celebrations
- 3) False information
- 4) Documentary films

6

It is important for you, the student to understand that it is OK to have goals and aspirations, but it is equally important to make sure they're your goals and your aspirations. So when you're studying for your exams, concentrate on achieving the goals set by you first, because in the end, it is your life and not your parents'.

- 1) Loving parents
- 2) Important goals
- 3) Personal responsibility
- 4) Common interests

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I wish I could have participated in more activities with my class. If I could do it again, the **7** _____ thing I would do is come to school every day. I also would start doing what I **8** _____ to do in sixth grade. I'd like to apologize to all the teachers whose time I **9** _____. If anybody does read this, all I want you to do is look at the title. Don't be where I am when it comes time to graduate. Make sure you **10** _____ to graduate. Do what you're supposed to, and life will be a lot easier.

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|-----------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 7 | 1) first | 2) firstly | 3) one | 4) firstliest |
| 8 | 1) is supposed | 2) was supposing | 3) was supposed | 4) is supposing |
| 9 | 1) wasted | 2) was wasted | 3) had wasted | 4) have wasted |
| 10 | 1) are going | 2) were going | 3) will be going | 4) have been gone |

Everyone doesn't have to wear the same clothes and eat the same food. Everyone doesn't have to **11** _____ the same holidays and go to the same religious services to be an American, but we do have to recognize that, as Americans, we're bound **12** _____ by the common ideals and founding principles in our Constitution and our Declaration of Independence. We've been through an amazing historic **13** _____ as we've tried to bring people together to live in harmony with each other across dividing lines.

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|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 11 | 1) celebrate | 2) congratulate | 3) mark | 4) participate |
| 12 | 1) closely | 2) towards | 3) together | 4) friendly |
| 13 | 1) experience | 2) background | 3) process | 4) evolution |

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Starting early reduces stress

After going through the stressful process of applying to colleges, I have one thought: I am so glad it's over. However, I found there were a few steps I took that made the process smoother for me than what my friends experienced. First of all, I started my research early, looking through catalogs and searching the College Board's website to find schools. When I had a list, I explored each college's website, looking at academic _____, reviews, and the schools' statistics and student profiles

B1

CONCENTRATE

I crossed off schools as I narrowed my choices. I would advise you to begin considering the type of schools you like as early as sophomore year - figure out what size school and atmosphere (urban, suburban, or rural) is most appealing, and what majors you are interested in _____.

B2

EXPLORE

Make a list that includes schools that are realistic fits with your GPA and test scores, some you can get _____ into, and a few reaches.

B3

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