Session 1:

Making choices

Name:

Task 1: What subject/course would you advise that these students study at university?

1. Jane is currently studying history, politics and maths at A-Level. She is predicted an A in history, a B in politics and an A in maths. In her spare time, Jane engages in protests and online forums discussing local politics. She always contributes extra research in her politics class and spends her free time catching up with the news. Her parents want her to study maths at university because she finds it easy and is achieving high grades. They also believe that this will enable her to eventually attain a high earning job. Jane is unsure of what to study. What would you advise?

    a) **History**   b) **Politics**   c) **Maths**

2. Rachel wants to become a journalist. She is undecided on whether she should study English or creative writing at university. She is currently predicted an A* for English and has never studied creative writing before, but she does have an equal interest in both. She is also predicted an A* in history, which she enjoys. What should she study?

    a) **History**   b) **Creative writing**   c) **English**

3. Candice is considering studying psychology at university. She is particularly interested in social support work. She is currently predicted a D at A-Level psychology and is really struggling to understand the subject as well as keeping on top of the workload. However, she is predicted a B in childcare and a B in media studies. The universities she wants to attend are looking for at least a B or a C in psychology A-Level. Social Work at the same universities would not necessarily require a psychology A-level and would offer her a place based on her other predicted grades. What would you advise?

    a) **Psychology**   b) **Social work**   c) **Media studies**

4. Kieran is unsure about what to study. He has been predicted an A in physics and has performed consistently. After conversation, you gauge that he enjoys the subject more than he enjoys maths and chemistry, in which he is achieving the same grades. For the career he wants to pursue, maths would be the best option. However, this career choice keeps changing and he would still cover some of the maths required in chemistry and physics. What would you advise?

    a)   **Physics**   b) **Maths**   c) **Chemistry**

Task 2: Match the student profiles with the universities provided:

Student A is looking for a university that offers the opportunity to work while studying.

University A is situated in a small town in France; it offers many Erasmus opportunities and "study abroad" is welcomed.

Student B wants to attend a university that is quiet and feels comforting.

University B is quaint and situated in Surrey; it is close to London, but also has its own quiet atmosphere.

Student C wants to be at a university with a busy surrounding area in order to take up as many drama and acting opportunities as possible.

University C is situated in Manchester; the town has many shops and cafes to explore. There is a public library and many public services available.

Student D wants to travel far from home, is enthusiastic about culture and ready to take on full independence.

University D is situated in central London. This university has many connections with recreational organisations across London.

Student E wants to attend a university that has a busy night life.

University E is situated in Greater London. There is plenty to do, both day and night. In terms of public transport, it is well connected and there is a night tube.

Session 1 Answers:

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1. **b) Politics**

   Either history or politics could be advised here. However, politics may be a preferred choice as it is evident that Jane participates in politics related extra-curricular activities as well as having a high predicted grade in it.

2. **c) English**

3. **b) Social work**

4. **a) Physics**

Task 2: Answers

1. Student A + University C
2. Student B + University B
3. Student C + University D
4. Student D + University A
5. Student E + University E