# New study patterns

## Secondary School Study

- The timetable accounts for every hour of the school day.
- Two hours of school work require about one hour of homework.
- Teachers set and correct your homework frequently (daily, weekly).
- You have daily interaction with teachers.
- Teachers guide your reading. Set texts are prescribed for each subject.
- Reading only the set texts is often enough for essay preparation.
- Teachers may provide outline notes and will indicate the most important ideas and information.
- In essays, you refer to the set texts, but need not acknowledge all the sources of your ideas and information.
- You learn a core of knowledge and reproduce it in your reports, essays and examinations.

## Tertiary Study

- Lectures and tutorials take up part of the day. You must plan your own long and short term timetables.
- For every one-hour lecture or tutorial about two hours of private study will be necessary.
- Assignments are longer but less frequent. They may be set many weeks ahead.
- Lecture groups may be large. It is up to you to approach your lecturer or tutor if you are having difficulties.
- You may be given a reading list from which you select, or you may have to search for relevant material in the library.
- Wide reading is essential.
- You will have to identify and make notes on the main points in lectures and texts.
- You must acknowledge all your sources. To avoid plagiarism, you will need to learn referencing skills (footnotes included references, bibliographies).

## Key Points

- You need to:
  - memorise information
  - ask questions
  - examine evidence
  - think critically

In other words you are expected to develop your powers of independent thinking.