Prepositions Exercise 1

Please choose the correct preposition (in/of/on) for the sentences in this exercise.

Here is a reminder of some uses of these prepositions:

- **in** – completely or partly enclosed by something
- **of** – belonging to something or someone; contained in something
- **on** – the basis for something

1. All the students will work ___ a collaborative environment.
2. They need to concentrate ___ their studies.
3. They will be placed ___ a range of community settings.
4. We examined the scientific basis ___ dental practice.
5. This degree appeals to students who are interested ___ working in the new fields and occupations created by digitisation
6. The essay will be ___ a topic you have studied recently.
7. These are the cultural processes ___ globalisation.
8. Here is a simple analysis ___ algorithms.
9. The researchers are reliant ___ external funding.
10. This course provides the opportunity to focus ___ your major area of interest.
11. You will study this ___ a social context.
12. You will study the important causes ___ environmental change.
13. The course is ___ the boundary of advanced engineering and science.
14. This program offers a broad education in areas relevant to the study ___ human health.
15. Evolutionary Biology involves the study ___ information contained in living plants and animals.
Answers to Prepositions Exercise 1

1. All the students will work in a collaborative environment.  
Details: The students will be surrounded by a collaborative atmosphere.

2. They need to concentrate on their studies.  
Details: The studies are the basis for their concentration.

3. They will be placed in a range of community settings.  
Details: They will be partly enclosed by the community settings.

4. We examined the scientific basis of dental practice.  
Details: The basis belongs to dental practice.

5. This degree appeals to students who are interested in working in the new fields and occupations created by digitisation.  
Details: The students are surrounded by their interest.

6. The essay will be on a topic you have studied recently.  
Details: The topic will be the basis for the essay.

7. These are the cultural processes of globalisation.  
Details: The processes belong to globalisation.

8. Here is a simple analysis of algorithms.  
Details: The algorithms belong to the analysis.

9. The researchers are reliant on external funding.  
Details: External funding is the basis for the researchers’ work.

10. This course provides the opportunity to focus on your major area of interest.  
Details: The major area of interest will be the basis for a student’s work in this course.

11. You will study this in a social context.  
Details: A social context will surround this study,

12. You will study the important causes of environmental change.  
Details: You will study the causes that belong to environmental change.

13. The course is on the boundary of advanced engineering and science.  
Details: The boundary of these two subjects is the basis for the course.

14. This program offers a broad education in areas relevant to the study of human health.  
Details: Human health is an area that belongs to the study.

15. Evolutionary Biology involves the study of information contained in living plants and animals.  
Details: The information belongs to the study.
Prepositions Exercise 2

Please choose the correct preposition (*about*/*for*/*to*) for the sentences in this exercise.

Here is a reminder of some uses of these prepositions:

*about*  – around something or enclosing something
*for*    – with a purpose or giving a reason
*to*     – in a direction

1. In addition to the formal contact time required ___ each course students will need to allocate non-contact time.

2. The course encourages students to think critically ___ development.

3. The relative proportion of contact and non-contact time may vary from course___course.

4. The course aims to help people make sound choices ___ health.

5. Graduates are well equipped ___ careers in environmental policy.

6. Marine Biology is all ___ the largest and most diverse ecosystem on the planet – the sea.

7. This academic program offers opportunities for studies that can lead ___ careers in the increasingly important field of international business.

8. Students will learn ___ such key concepts as the scientific method.

9. The degree is designed to build a student’s capacity ___ lifelong learning beyond graduation.

10. You will study issues related ___ individual adjustment and maladjustment.
Answers to Prepositions Exercise 2

1. In addition to the formal contact time required for each course students will need to allocate non-contact time.
Details: for tells us the purpose of the time required

2. The course encourages students to think critically about development.
Details: Students must consider everything connected to development in this subject.

3. The relative proportion of contact and non-contact time may vary from course to course.
Details: from one course in the direction of another course

4. The course aims to help people make sound choices about health.
Details: about health means in the area which includes health.

5. Graduates are well equipped for careers in environmental policy.
Details: the purpose of studying in this course is to gain a career in environmental policy

6. Marine Biology is all about the largest and most diverse ecosystem on the planet - the sea.
Details: Marine biology includes the study of the sea.

7. This academic program offers opportunities for studies that can lead to careers in the increasingly important field of international business.
Details: These studies lead in the direction of careers in international business.

8. Students will learn about such key concepts as the scientific method.
Details: The course will include the scientific method.

9. The degree is designed to build a student’s capacity for lifelong learning beyond graduation.
Details: The purpose of the degree is to build students’ skills

10. You will study issues related to individual adjustment and maladjustment.
Details: You will study issues that point you to knowledge of individual adjustment and maladjustment.
Prepositions Exercise 3

Please add prepositions to the gaps in this passage.
You will need: *at, for, from, in, of, on, to*.

Here is a reminder of some uses of these prepositions:

- **at** – connected to a location
- **for** – with a purpose or giving a reason
- **from** – the origin of something
- **in** – completely or partly enclosed by something
- **of** – belonging to something or someone; contained in something
- **on** – the basis for something
- **to** – in a direction

In order to write a thesis, one must engage ___ research which focuses ___ a specific topic relevant ___ one's field of study. Current issues ___ the field should be addressed by means of a review ___ the literature ___ their chosen subject. Candidates should show an awareness ___ recent debate ___ the area and not rely ___ secondary sources but make use ___ primary data with particular reference ___ recent findings. Training ___ research methodology is important and students should be guided ___ their choice ___ appropriate software packages and receive instruction ___ their use. They should be introduced ___ qualitative and quantitative research methods and learn how to construct questionnaires ___ volunteers to complete, with questions ___ relevant details. The answers should be given ___ a scale ___ one ___ seven. Researchers should clearly indicate the limitations ___ their study and its usefulness in terms of the wider research ___ the field. All researchers must study ___ a South Australian university ___ the second semester ___2015.
Answers to Prepositions Exercise 3

In order to write a thesis, one must engage in [reason: one must be surrounded by research; the word ‘engage’ is a clue that ‘in’ is the correct preposition] research which focuses on [reason: the basis for the research is a specific topic] a specific topic relevant to [reason: the topic points in the direction of a field of study] one's field of study.

Current issues in [reason: the issues are enclosed in a field of study] the field should be addressed by means of a review of [reason: the literature belongs to the review] the literature on [reason: the chosen subject is the basis for the literature] their chosen subject.

Candidates should show an awareness of [reason: awareness contains recent debate] recent debate in [reason: the recent debate is surrounded by an area of research] the area and not rely on [reason: secondary sources should not be the basis for the candidate’s thesis] secondary sources but make use of [reason: candidates should contain primary data in their research] primary data with particular reference to [reason: the research should point in the direction of] recent findings.

Training in [reason: research methodology should enclose the training] research methodology is important and students should be guided in [reason: the choice of software should surround students] their choice of [reason: software packages are contained in the choice] appropriate software packages and receive instruction in [reason: instruction in enclosed by the use of software; the prefix ‘in’ at the start of ‘instruction’ is a clue to the preposition] their use.

They should be introduced to [reason: they should look in the direction of] qualitative and quantitative research methods and learn how to construct questionnaires for [reason: construct questionnaires with the purpose of volunteers filling them in] volunteers to complete,
with questions on [reason: relevant details are the basis of the questions] relevant details.

The answers should be given on [reason: the scale is the basis for the questions]

a scale from [reason: the start of the scale is the number ‘one’]

to [reason: the end of the scale is seven and to points in that direction] seven.

Researchers should clearly indicate the limitations of [reason: the limitations belonging to their study] their study and its usefulness

in terms of the wider research in [reason: data collection is contained within the research field] the field.

All researchers must study at [reason: connected to a university rather than inside the buildings] a South Australian university

in [reason: completely contained in the second semester] the second semester