* Task 1

The passage and the lecture argue over Chinese admiral, Zhen He, discovered America earlier than Columbus. The lecturer is against this matter and gives some reasons as below.

First, the author states that historians believed that an underwater formation resembling a road or a dock exists in the Bahamas was built by Zheng He’s fleet when it visited the Bahamas. However, the lecturer declares that this road was formed by lames stones, and a kind of bitch rock which was appeared by tidal waves. Besides, many other similar formations exist in the Bahamas, which are inconveniently ignored by the author.

Second, the writer believes that the anchors found in waters are Chinese in origin, and it is proved that a Chinese fleet, likely Zheng He, made it to the America's coastlines. Conversely, the professor talks about the anchors, which are not ancient but rebuilt 100 years ago, originated to Chinese immigrants to California, worked as fishermen, and made anchors as a way of their ancestors.

Furthermore, the author believes that the early Chinese expedition built the Newport Tower in Newport. Moreover the Tower is built in the shape of a Chinese lighthouse constructed from crushed seashells as mortar for its bricks, commonly used in Chinese lighthouse. The lecturer, in conversely, casts doubt that although the purpose and date of the Newport Tower are unknown, historian agrees shape and design are resemble an English wild man more than a Chinese lighthouse. Besides, he states that the Arnold family was the builder of the family as a regional owner.

Finally, the writer states that carbon dating methods place its creation in the early fifteenth century. In contrast, the lecturer posits that carbon dating places the more used binding stone made more than 200 years after Zhen He final voyage.

* Task 2

As technology advances, both personal and professional life become more complex. Besides, learning new skills needs practice and education. In this regard, some people believe that it is unnecessary to attend a university to learn new skills and succeed; others think otherwise. As far as I am concerned, attending a university is an excellent route to success in life. There are a couple of reasons for that elaborated below.

First and foremost, I believe that knowledge taught at universities improves our technical skills such as calculation and finance, which are vital in modern life, and intangible skills such as communication and time management. Therefore, by graduating from a university, one can kill two birds by one stone. However, learning of courses of these skills out of a university often are focused on a simple technical or intangible skill. For example, one of my high school friends who did not attend a university but learned a specialized skill, the maintenance of elevators, joined a company as an intern. He was expert and successful in his job for a couple of years until he decided to set up his own business. As a result, due to a lack of knowledge in finance, communication skills, and marketing, his business collapsed within a year. Thus, he could not achieve success in his own business, which had adverse effects on his personal life.

Second, I think learning knowledge in a university is cost-effective, and the educational system plays a role as a catalyzer. Whereas, learning a skill out of university, let's say, as a stagier, takes much more time. In this regard, one of our parameters to be successful is the optimization of our available resources, such as time and money. Therefore, the more wasting time, the less succeeding. For instance, I learned a programming language, C++, in my bachelor's in about one year by conducting our professor and his course material. After some years, I decided to learn another programming language, MATLAB, which is more comfortable than the previous one, and I also had a related similar experience. Still, it took me more than one year because I did not have a comprehensive plan as well as course material. Therefore, I allocated much time to find appropriate sources and solutions for my problems.

To wrap it up, I think attending a university is crucial to have optimized success in both our personal and personal life. In this regard, a university makes people problem-solver by teaching them a lot of technical and intangible skills. Furthermore, numerous experts and academics worked on educational system in universities to submit an optimized teaching plan for students.