

(Extract only)

Recently I interviewed my friend, a boy named I _____, who had been my classmate in high school. We both came to New Zealand to study last year. I interviewed him for his devotion to his music dream.

I _____ started his musical career by learning the piano at six years old. He practiced 3-4 hours a day. It was usual and normal to hear music when you went by his home. So I asked him: "Do you think it is obsessive to play the piano so long everyday?" But his answer was: "Playing the piano is my hobby not my obsession. I love music." When he was 13 years old, he had to pause his life of music because of his burdensome study load in his Chinese junior

- ① high school. Consequently, he stopped playing the piano for some time... Luckily, his father likes music as well, in particular rock music. I _____ was influenced by his father, so
- ② when he was a year 9 student, he began to learn electric guitar on his own. "So what is the process of that?" I asked. "How hard and unforgettable those days were. When my parents got to know my plan, they disagreed with my idea, instead I was forced to study. In order to catch up with other students, I had to make more effort on my study as well as learning electric guitar. There is a promise in my heart – I must make it!" And it is **persistent** and
- ③ grand of him to **stick to it** up to now. I can not help admiring his **persistence** and I feel proud of having this friend...

In January 2016, I _____ went abroad to continue taking further music courses at

- ① H _____ High School. However, due to the different music concepts from cultures, as well
- ② as the fact that he had to face the reality for the future, I _____ gave up his music learning as a career. Still he continues his exploration of music as his hobby for the rest of his life. After all, he is a man who loves instrument playing so much.

Next year I _____ is admitted to Canterbury University in Christchurch for advanced study. He will begin a new major – mechatronics. But he says he will keep on composing and learning music in his spare time. I hope he can not only work hard on his professional

- ② courses but also keep doing what he wants to do. It is certain that he will be an independent and successful musician.

- ② As one of his best friends, I don't think I _____'s efforts will be in vain for he is so industrious and distinguished. In others' view, maybe it is impossible for him to be a superstar in the music field, but I believe he will be totally successful in the future. I am sure
- ③ he can make it. I am looking forward to **witnessing his great achievements** in music.

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