## Friday Speaking Workshop Session 17 94.05.23 the right major for higher education

- 1. There are fashions among students about which subjects are the best
- 2. What determines the popularity of a subject?
- 3. It is determined by how much money a graduate could subsequently earn in that field
- 4. subjects that are perceived as relatively easy may become popular
- 5. in spite of/despite later difficulties with regard to finding appropriate employment
- 6. intervene
- 7. it is up to governments to incentivize students to choose subjects
- 8. that match the needs of their society
- 9. such as paying the fees of such majors
- 10. provide them with funding
- 11. a higher number of students would enroll
- 12. they would later fill the employment gaps
- 13. however, the disadvantages of such a policy would be considerable
- 14. such students may not have real interest in or aptitude for that subject
- 15. they may drop out before graduation
- 16. funding one group of students but not others would penalize those with a genuine interest and ability
- 17. such discrimination can be conducive to development of
- 18. very negative attitudes on the part of many students
- 19. this would be very counterproductive

good luck!