

## UNIT 4. READING PRACTICE

Read and choose the answer for each question:

The United Nations has proclaimed December 1<sup>st</sup> as World AIDS Day, December 3<sup>rd</sup> International Day of Disabled Persons, and December 5<sup>th</sup> as the International Volunteer Day. For the last few years, in early December, organizations that involve disabled people and various agencies have organized meetings and exchange programmes to mark the three days in Vietnam.

This year UN agencies, the Hanoi Disabled People's Association and similar organizations will hold an exchange programme called "For the Love of Life" on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Thong Nhat park in Hanoi. The event is also in line with the UN General Assembly's upcoming approval of the "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the response to the call of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

The program is for people such as disabled people, people living with HIV / AIDS and enthusiastic volunteers who are actively supporting the disadvantaged **ones** as well as serving in other development areas. It is also aimed at enhancing the competence of the Hanoi Disabled People's Association and disabled people's organizations.

Attending the meeting are leaders of the government, involving ministries, committees and branches, ambassadors, representatives from international and non-governmental organizations, disabled people, people living with HIV / AIDS; national and international volunteers.

1. According to the UN, which is the International Volunteer Day?
  - A. The first of December
  - B. The second of December
  - C. The third of December
  - D. The fifth of December
2. Which is the main organizer of the exchange programme?
  - A. United Nations
  - B. Hanoi Disabled People's Association
  - C. UN General Assembly
  - D. UNESCAP
3. Who are not attending the meeting?
  - A. People having SARS
  - B. Disabled people
  - C. People living with HIV / AIDS
  - D. enthusiastic volunteers
4. What does the word "**ones**" in paragraph 3 refer to?
  - A. volunteers
  - B. programmes
  - C. people
  - D. areas
5. Which of the following sentences is NOT true?
  - A. The meeting to mark the 3 days are often organized in late December.
  - B. The meeting for this year will be held at a park in the capital of Vietnam.
  - C. The programme is also to improve the ability of an association.
  - D. Some ambassadors are also attending the programme.

Read and choose the answer for each question:

Each summer, the Winant and Clayton Volunteer program sends a group of Americans to volunteer in London for seven weeks and provides housing and a small stipend to help defray the high cost of living. After seven weeks of volunteering, participants have two weeks to travel independently before returning to London to evaluate the program and get their flight back to the United States.

The application includes a few short essays, a series of questions about the type of placement one would prefer, and an informal interview with former volunteers that gives applicants a chance to find out more about the program.

Deciding to participate takes a small leap of faith. The roster of volunteer placements and housing options can change from year to year and volunteers can't choose their placement in advance. But once you're accepted you instantly feel that you've joined a close knit group. The volunteer coordinator is in frequent contact through mailings and e-mails to help you prepare for the trip, and there is a daylong orientation in New York that bring all the volunteers together before departure for London.

1. *How long do a group of Americans volunteer in London?*  
A. two weeks                      B. each summer      C. seven weeks      D. three weeks.
2. *What does the Winant and Clayton Volunteer program provide them with?*  
A. housing and a small stipend                      B. a few short essays  
C. transportation                      D. foods and clothes
3. *Which of the following is NOT included in the application?*  
A. a series of questions about the type of placement one would prefer.  
B. an informal interview with former volunteers.  
C. a few short essays.  
D. the roster of volunteer placements.
4. *What can the volunteers do after seven weeks of volunteering?*  
A. They can have two weeks to travel independently.  
B. They can have two weeks to evaluate the program..  
C. They can return to London.  
D. They can get their flight back to the United States.
5. *How does the volunteer coordinator keep in contact with you?*  
A. Through televisions and newspapers                      B. Through telephone and e-mails  
C. Through mailings and e-mails                      D. Through radio and cell-phone