CIVIC IN ENGLISH

READING : RESPONSIBILITY

Read the text about **responsibility.**

RESPONSIBILITY

Being responsible, or acting with responsibility, means you do the things you are supposed to do and you accept the consequences of your actions.

Being responsible has two components- 1) the act of doing the thing you are responsible for, and 2) accepting the good or negative outcome of your actions.

Responsibilities can be tasks, or jobs, that you are supposed to do. It's a responsibility because there is a result or outcome you are working toward. If you don't do the task, there is a negative result.

Examples of Responsibilities:

Do your homework -

If you do it, you learn and it helps prepare you for life. It may also keep your parents and teachers happy and you may get praise.

If you don't do it, it hurts your ability to learn and grow. Parents and teachers may be disappointed. There may be consequences like losing privileges until your work is done.

Don't hurt yourself of others -

It's your responsibility think about how you are working in the classroom or playing outside. Acting responsibly helps keep you and others safe from harm.

Why is responsibility important?

i) Actions

Being responsible is about linking actions with their consequences. One way to understand why responsibility is important is to consider what would happen if people were not responsible. For example:

a) Playing or working with others: What could happen if someone plays too rough with others, doesn't do their share of a group project, and leaves sharp objects on the playground…
b) Taking care of things and spaces: What could happen if people don't pick up their trash, or don't take care of their houses, or leave their toys lying around in the rain?

i) Self esteem / Self Respect

Being responsible feels better than being irresponsible, in the long run. Sometimes it's hard to do the right, or responsible, thing in the moment. It can be tempting to do what you want to do instead of what you need to do. But long term, actions have consequences. Being responsible gets you the result you want. Irresponsible decisions lead to negative consequences that are no fun. When it's hard to do the responsible thing, think about how it will feel later when you have to pay for the consequences of your actions. When you're a kid, it may not seem like that big of a deal. As you get older, the choices and the consequences become more significant.

Answer **all** the questions.

A. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. **Write T (True) or F (False).**

1. Responsibility is related to doing the things we are supposed to do or doing the things we are responsible for. ☐

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2. In any society, people need to be responsible for so they can live safely and peacefully together. ☐
3. When you are consistently responsible, people can trust you to play or work nicely and to do the things you say you are going to do. This leads to better relationships and more freedom. ☐
4. Doing your homework will not help you prepare you for life and it may also keep your parents and teachers unhappy. ☐
5. Responsibilities can be tasks or jobs that you are not supposed to do. ☐
6. When you do not do the thing you are supposed to do, you are being responsible and a positive result occurs. ☐
7. When you do not do the thing you are expected to do, you are not being responsible or being irresponsible and there is a negative consequence for having neglected your responsible. ☐
8. Irresponsible decisions lead to positive consequences. ☐
9. Be responsible, take responsibility, it's your responsibility and act responsibly are different ways we use the word "responsibility". ☐
10. Beth is supposed to help her grandmother do some yard work on Saturday. It's a rainy day and she really does not want to go, but she knows her grandmother needs her help. Beth puts on her rain coat and boots and goes out to help her grandmother. She was not being responsible. ☐

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