

## UNIT 8 – CULTURE – READING – G11

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions

American parents usually encourage independence in their teenage children, and it is normal for teens to want more responsibility and freedom for their choices. [I]

American teenagers often start high school with a basic plan of classes they need to take to get a high school diploma. Some subjects like English, maths, science, or social studies are required, others can be selected. [II] Schools also provide extracurricular activities, such as sports, clubs, and bands. American teenagers who plan to go to college study hard to get good grades. They are highly **motivated** and very confident, and take responsibility for their learning.

Many American teenagers have part-time jobs as they want to gain work experience and learn how to manage their money. Many teens work at fast-food restaurants and stores, or do babysitting, and dog walking for neighbours. They also volunteer at local hospitals, food banks, and old people's homes, or take part in clean-up activities to improve their neighbourhood. [III] This community service counts towards the volunteer hours that some schools require for university admission.

The teenage years form an important period of their development that influences adult life. The main goal of this period for most American teenagers is becoming **independent**, and they work hard both at school and outside school to achieve this goal. [IV]

**Question 1.** What do American teenagers do to prepare for university admission?

- A. Focus on getting high grades and joining activities
- B. Spend more time relaxing after school hours
- C. Avoid taking part in school-related programs
- D. Only concentrate on compulsory subjects

**Question 2.** The word “*motivated*” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. encouraged
- B. bored
- C. confused
- D. lazy

**Question 3.** The word “*independent*” in paragraph 4 is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. dependent
- B. confident
- C. active
- D. capable

**Question 4.** The word “*they*” in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the schools offering many subjects
- B. the teenagers studying at high school
- C. the subjects required for graduation
- D. the parents guiding their children

**Question 5.** What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. The different subjects taught in American schools
- B. The ways teenagers develop independence in life
- C. The challenges teenagers face in modern society
- D. The influence of parents on teenage behaviour

**Question 6.** According to the passage, which statement is TRUE?

- A. All teenagers refuse to work during school time
- B. Schools do not offer any activities outside class
- C. Some schools ask students to complete volunteer work
- D. Teenagers are not interested in future education

**Question 7.** Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

*"These activities help them develop important life skills."*

A. [I]

B. [II]

C. [III]

D. [IV]

**Question 8.** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 4?

A. Teenagers want to avoid depending on others

B. Most teenagers aim to become self-reliant

C. Independence is not a major concern for them

D. Teenagers mainly focus on school performance

**Question 9.** It can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.

A. teenagers only learn knowledge from textbooks

B. independence develops through study and experience

C. schools have little impact on student development

D. part-time jobs are the only useful activities

**Question 10.** In which paragraph does the writer mention volunteer work?

A. paragraph 1

B. paragraph 2

C. paragraph 3

D. paragraph 4