Exercise 16

Read the following text for questions 1-6.

VOLUNTEERING WHILE TRAVELLING

Many people want to travel the world, but it can be expensive. Transportation, food, and hotels cost a lot of money. To solve this, more travelers now volunteer during their trips. This means they work for free in exchange for food, a place to sleep, and sometimes transport. It's a cheap and meaningful way to travel, meet people, and help others.

There are many kinds of volunteer work. Some people teach English in villages where schools don't have enough teachers. Others work on farms—planting, harvesting, or caring for animals. Some help build homes or clean up nature, like beaches and forests. Others work in hospitals, orphanages, or care homes for the elderly.

A popular program is WWOOF (World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms). It connects travelers with farmers around the world. Volunteers help with gardening, feeding animals, or picking fruits. In return, they get free food and a bed. It's also a great way to learn about organic farming and country life.

Another popular option is Workaway. This website helps people find hosts who need help. Jobs include painting, babysitting, cleaning, or helping small businesses. Volunteers work a few hours each day and get free meals and accommodation.

Volunteering while traveling has many benefits. First, it saves money. Food and a place to stay are usually free. Second, it gives travelers a better understanding of local culture. They live and work with local people, which helps them learn languages and traditions. Third, it helps them gain new skills, like cooking, building, or farming. These experiences are often fun and unforgettable. Many volunteers also make strong friendships with the people they meet. Some keep in touch for years.

But there are also challenges. The work can be hard, and not all places are comfortable. Some people feel lonely or miss home. So, it's important to read reviews and understand what the job involves before starting. Still,

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more and more people choose this way of travel. It's not just about saving money—it's about learning, helping, and growing as a person. Whether you're helping children, the environment, or a local family, volunteering creates special memories that last a lifetime.

For questions 1-4, fill in the missing information in the numbered spaces. Write no more than ONE WORD and/ or A NUMBER for each question.

WWOOF gives travelers the chance to work with **(1)** _____ in exchange for food and accommodation.

Some websites have jobs which offer a place to live and **(2)**_____ for free.

One reason people choose to volunteer abroad is to save **(3)** _____ during their travels.

Workaway offers a variety of tasks, from babysitting to helping with small **(4)** _____.

For questions 5-6, choose the correct answers A, B, C, or D.

5. What is one major benefit of volunteering while traveling?

A) It provides full-time paid employment
B) It allows people to visit only popular tourist places
C) It helps travelers save money on accommodation and food
D) It guarantees luxury hotels and private guides

6. According to the text, why should people research volunteer programs before joining?

A) To avoid working with animals
B) To make sure the organization is safe and reliable
C) To get free plane tickets to other countries
D) To find programs that don't require speaking to locals

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