Exercise 1

Read the information. Then decide whether the statements are Opinion or Fact. Choose the correct answers.

In the IELTS Reading test, you might be asked to identify opinions and theories in a passage. These are people's beliefs, or attempts to explain something, and are not the same as facts. Facts are things that are known to be true.

1. According to a recent survey, 65% of young people would like to study in a foreign country.

    - Opinion
    - Fact

2. Approximately one in three people who take part in voluntary activities say that it has made them feel better about themselves.

    - Opinion
    - Fact

3. Professor Mark Thompson believes that people from wealthy backgrounds tend to volunteer more than people from poorer ones.

    - Opinion
    - Fact

4. It has been proven that the main reason people volunteer is to help other people, although some people also do it in order to try a new experience.

    - Opinion
    - Fact

5. 'Instead of making people busier and more tired, taking part in voluntary activities may actually help decrease people's stress levels,' comments Clara Coleman, a researcher at Princeford University.

    - Opinion
    - Fact

6. 'Employers don't appreciate people who do volunteer work alongside their normal jobs,' suggests Joel Gateman.

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- Opinion
- Fact

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