A Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (1-6). There are two choices you do not need to use.

1 AUSTRALIAN KOALA FOUNDATION

From its modest origins in 1986, the AKF has grown into a well-known charity organisation. The charity focuses on saving koalas in their natural habitat wherever possible by collecting relevant information on the number of koalas in the wild and their habitat. To this end, the AKF sets out to educate the government and planners on the importance of preserving suitable habitats for wild koalas. The charity is completely self-funded, not relying on government grants.

2 CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank, or CFB, started out as a result of a group of Canadian farmers looking for a way to share their crops with those less fortunate and hungry. Officially established in 1983, it is now a partnership of 15 churches that work together to support more than 30 countries globally with help. With the aim to end world famine in mind, they not only provide food but also promote sustainable farming practices.

3 ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

The RNLI, as it is now known, had a much longer name when first set up in 1824; it was then called the Royal National Institution for the Preservation of Lives and Property from Shipwreck. As the name suggests, the charity operates a 24/7 search and rescue service for those who run into trouble at sea. It also provides lifeguards for busy beaches and education programmes aimed at teaching school children about water safety. The charity has saved more than 143,000 lives since 1824.

4 RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

1974 was the year that the first Ronald McDonald House opened its doors, in Philadelphia, USA. The charity provides support for families whose children need to be hospitalised and offers them accommodation close to medical facilities. Its network of support now includes more than 65 areas, both in the USA and abroad. Nowadays, RMHC offers families over 2.5 million overnight stays annually, helping them save in excess of $930 million.

5 IRISH RED CROSS

The Red Cross is the largest multinational charity organisation in the world and has been helping people for one and a half centuries. The Irish branch was set up in 1939, providing first aid to the Irish people, both in times of war and of peace. It boasts a network of 87 branches nationwide, which provides aid ranging from community care and flood support to rescue services and help for refugees.

6 ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

The RSPCA started life in 1824 in a coffee shop in London, UK. The original founders could never have imagined that their modest enterprise to help working animals could end up being one of the most famous animal charities worldwide. The charity offers protection to both wild animals and neglected or unwanted pets and has four wildlife centres as well as numerous animal shelters around the country. Its fundamental aim is to rescue animals that are suffering.

Which of the charity organisations _____?

A. builds hospitals for people who are in need
B. was thought up in an informal setting
C. doesn't get financial support from the government
D. helps to save people money
E. used to have a more complex title
F. plants trees to help the environment
G. is run by a group of religious organisations
H. helps people in many different ways

LIVEWORKSHEETS