

## UNIT 4: FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

*Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.*

### A YEAR WITH OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERS

I was with Overseas Volunteers (OV) for a year after leaving university, and I was sent to an isolated village in Chad, about 500 kilometers from the capital N'Djamena. Coming from a (1) \_\_\_\_ country, I got quite a shock, as conditions were much harder than I had expected. But after a few days I got used to living there. The people were always very friendly and helpful, and I soon began to appreciate how beautiful the countryside was.

One of my jobs was to supply the village (2) \_\_\_\_ water. The well was a long walk away, and the women used to spend a long time every day (3) \_\_\_\_ heavy pots backwards and forwards. So I contacted the organization and arranged to have some pipes delivered. (4) \_\_\_\_ these pipes were not really perfect, they still made a great (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the villagers.

All in all, I think my time with OV was a good experience. Although it was not paid, it was well worth doing and I would recommend it to anyone (6) \_\_\_\_ was considering working for a charity.

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| 1. A. rich       | B. comfortable | C. well-paid | D. luxurious   |
| 2. A. for        | B. on          | C. with      | D. from        |
| 3. A. carrying   | B. carried     | C. carries   | D. carry       |
| 4. A. If         | B. Because     | C. When      | D. Although    |
| 5. A. difference | B. different   | C. differ    | D. differently |
| 6. A. which      | B. when        | C. where     | D. who         |

**Read and decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F)**

Minh started his volunteering activities eight years ago when he was in grade 2. One day, while he was watching a programme on TV he saw how difficult life was for children in poor areas. His parents encouraged him to do something good, so Minh started to put aside some of his pocket money for charity. Since then, whenever his school raises money to help people in need, Minh has always donated some.

At the end of each school year, Minh also collects unwanted textbooks and notebooks from his classmates to send to poor students in different regions. In winter, Minh and his friends usually collect warm clothes to donate to people in the cold mountainous areas of Viet Nam. Minh is proud of what he does to help other people. He has also persuaded his younger brother and his cousins to join him in his charity work.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Minh learnt about some children's difficult life from a local newspaper.		
2. Minh's parents didn't want him to do voluntary work.		
3. Minh and his friends also donate textbooks, notebooks, and warm clothes.		
4. Minh prevented other people from doing voluntary work.		