15 THE BIGGER PICTURE

VOCABULARY Global issues: nouns and verbs

1 Complete the words in the table, then add the missing words.

	Noun	Verb
1	b *a* n	*ban*
2	c __ ll __ ct __ __ n	
3		c __ __ p __ r __ t __
4		cr __ t __ c __ s __
5	__ l __ ct __ __ n	
6		s __ pp __ rt

2 Match the verbs in the table to the meanings.

1 say that something or someone is bad .....
2 ask people to give money for something .....
3 choose by voting .....
4 forbid .....
5 work together .....
6 actively agree with a person or idea .....

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of a word from Exercise 1.



1 She's _____ for charity.



2 He's talking to his _____.



3 Speaking Italian is _____ in this classroom – English only!



4 We have an annual _____ for president of the Students' Union.



5 They'll be more successful if they _____ with each other.



6 She doesn't take _____ very well.

READING

1 Read the article 'Do we care about politics?', ignoring the gaps. Which sentence best summarises the main point of the article?

A Young people use social media more these days.
B Young people don't agree on many things these days.
C Young people are less involved in politics these days.

PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading and Use of English Part 1

2 Read the first article. Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

0	(A) took	B caught	C made	D held
1	A instance	B thing	C case	D fact
2	A credit	B success	C win	D gain
3	A question	B anxiety	C action	D concern
4	A decline	B refusal	C descent	D dive
5	A animated	B busy	C energetic	D motivated
6	A element	B bit	C part	D piece
7	A lean	B swing	C favour	D tend
8	A shoot	B throw	C launch	D set

EXAM TIPS

- This is mainly a test of your vocabulary, but always check the prepositions and grammatical structure of the gapped sentences.
- Answer every question, even if you are not sure – you might still get it right!

LIVEWORKSHEETS

DO WE CARE ABOUT POLITICS?

Gone are the days when students and young people in general **(0)** *took* an active interest in politics. Nowadays fewer young people vote in elections than used to be the **(1)** _____, and, while some young people still get involved, these days it would be considered a huge **(2)** _____ if even 500 young people met to discuss a political issue. There is no shortage of causes for **(3)** _____, so what is different about the situation today?

Sanal Batra leads the Students' Union at an Asian university. He gives several reasons for this **(4)** _____ in number and importance: these days, students appear to be **(5)** _____ with their own lives, and social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter have made it easy for them to express their thoughts. Also, he says, young people don't feel **(6)** _____ of the traditional 'establishment' – they have no voice on the larger stage, so **(7)** _____ to focus more on small issues that affect them directly.

Yet this is not necessarily a bad thing, Sanal says. Many students have used social media networks to learn about problems, and even **(8)** _____ specific campaigns against issues that may have an impact on society.

DO WE CARE ABOUT CHARITIES?

According to one study, social media can have an unfortunate effect on both political involvement and charities. The study shows that Facebook and Twitter users are happy to show their support for causes with a 'Like' or a retweet – but then contribute nothing financially. This could be because they are using social media as a means to show others how generous and fashionable they are, without having to put their hands in their pockets.

Report author Kirk Kristofferson said, 'Our research shows that if people are able to declare support for a charity publicly in social media, it can actually make them less likely to donate to the cause later on.' It appears that social media campaigns do raise awareness, but that could be at a cost to how much is raised from collecting money in the high street. Mr Kristofferson argued, 'If the goal is to generate real support, social media campaigns may be a mistake.'



3 **Read both articles and complete the summaries.**

1 Young people are less likely to be politically motivated these days because _____

2 However, they do get more involved with _____

3 Equally, they support charities in a different way as _____

4 So, using social media to promote charities may be a mistake because _____

4 **Match the highlighted words in the articles to the meanings.**

1 when someone takes part in an activity or process _____
2 when there is not enough of something _____
3 particular _____
4 cause something to exist _____
5 give something, especially money, to a cause _____

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