

intermediate plus

READING

- 4 Read the texts below. For questions 1–5, choose from texts A–D. You may choose each text more than once.

A Clare Thomas

OK, there probably will be some young people who aren't interested in politics, but on the whole I'd argue that we're more involved than a lot of other age groups. That's because it's going to have an immediate effect on our future. Many people claim that teenagers are only interested in social media and themselves, but I completely disagree with that viewpoint. The general public might change their mind if we had more opportunity for discussion or making our own decisions. I think youth organizations could have more say in the way local councils are run. That might make more people want to join them. We ought to have an active youth parliament that takes some responsibility for what happens to us.

B Arno Groen

On the whole, people who run the country are probably doing a good job, but public opinion is that you can't trust them. I think one of the biggest issues must be how citizenship is taught. There are so many educational opportunities to encourage people to get involved. People need to know how they can vote for change or make a difference. They also need to understand electoral law. Another issue is the way political leaders behave. If they used more respectful language when they talked about each other, people might give them more respect, too.

C Angus Brown

For me, politics is extremely important. And voting is a huge part of that. It's your opportunity to make constructive feedback, to tell the people in control what you think of the way they've been running the country. I'm totally in favour of lowering the voting age. I believe that we need to consider young people and their views. Without their involvement, we're going to miss their ideas and energy. I'd like to make it legal for all over 16s to vote. Students today are the citizens of tomorrow. It would be stupid not to listen to their views seriously.

D Silvia DiMarco

It's all about making laws to support big business, isn't it? I don't think they serve communities like ours at all. If you're young, and you have no money, politicians don't care about you. Especially young people from round here. This is a poor area, with a high crime rate. There are lots of break-ins, and the police can't do much about it. If government really cared, they could have invested here a long time ago. We need more police, better schools. But politicians just don't make changes that help. That's why I don't get involved in voting.

Which person

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| 1 | thinks schools have a role to play in youth politics? | _____ |
| 2 | feels far away from political decisions? | _____ |
| 3 | thinks that general opinion is wrong? | _____ |
| 4 | believes young people should take part in elections? | _____ |
| 5 | thinks that politicians need to act differently to appeal to everyone? | _____ |

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TOTAL ____ / 40

GRAMMAR

- 2 Complete the second sentence in each pair so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in bold. Write between two to five words.

You look sick. I'm sure you have picked up a virus.

MUST

You _____ a virus.

Eileen was here all the time so there was no way she did the burglary.

COULDN'T

Eileen _____ the burglary because she was here all the time.

I'm sure the jury has reached a verdict because one of them has just stood up.

MUST

The jury _____ a verdict because one of them has just stood up.

Is it possible someone has hacked into our bank account?

HAVE

Might _____ our bank account?

There are no biscuits left. I'm certain you ate them all!

EATEN

There are no biscuits left. You _____ them all!

Maybe the police are here because your neighbours called them.

MAY

Your neighbours _____ the police. That could explain why they are here.

I'm sure it wasn't a student who used the classroom computer.

BEEN

It _____ a student who used the classroom computer.

There is a possibility the accused told a lie when he said he was not at the scene of the crime.

TOLD

The accused _____ when he said he was not at the scene of the crime.

How was it possible for the thief to steal your necklace?

COULD

How _____ your necklace?

1 Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box. There are two extra words.

~~accused~~ away curfew detective fine forward
rehabilitation sentence

- 0 There was strong evidence that the accused was guilty.
- 1 The judge decided to impose a _____, so they need to stay indoors after 8 p.m.
- 2 There were so many witnesses, I don't think they'll get _____ with the robbery.
- 3 She is going to court later today – we expect her to get a _____ of five years.
- 4 We didn't get charged, but we had to pay a large _____.
- 5 Police are asking any eye-witnesses to come _____ with information about the incident.

2 Complete the text with the missing words. The first letters are given.

I've been called for ⁰ i_____ service a couple of times before, but when I was picked to sit on one at a recent ¹ t_____, I was extremely worried. It's a huge responsibility when you're involved in something which could affect peoples' lives forever. What if I made a decision based on my opinion instead of looking at all the ² e_____? What if something I said meant that an ³ i_____ person who had nothing to do with the crime went to prison? All these thoughts raced around my head for days. I lost a lot of sleep worrying about it. Fortunately, there was nothing to worry about. We weren't even needed in the ⁴ c_____ – the defence lawyer and the judge settled the case. In the end the ⁵ v_____ was 'not guilty.'

2 Choose the correct option a–c to complete the sentences.

- 0 My son is under _____ for underage drinking.
a charge **b arrest** c custody
- 1 Larry has not been seen for two days. Now there was a letter asking for money for his safe return. He must be a victim of _____.
a burglary b murder c kidnapping
- 2 Police _____ the murder suspect for several hours.
a questioned b charged c interviewed
- 3 Detectives finally _____ the killer thanks to additional evidence from his phone billing data.
a charged b arrested c caught
- 4 I had to sweep pavements as part of my _____ service.
a suspended b community c imprisonment
- 5 Call the police. Someone has been _____ into the office computer system and stealing data.
a kidnapping b hacking c pickpocketing

6 Choose the correct option a–d to complete the text.

I know it's a bit controversial, but I think that the voting ⁰ _____ should be reduced – when you're sixteen you should definitely have a say in your future. I reckon that we've all got a responsibility to get involved in the whole electoral process. Politicians should look ¹ _____ encouraging more people to vote. Our ² _____ to vote is an important part of society. It's always incredibly disappointing when there are important decisions to be made and the ³ _____ is low. Especially when people tend to complain about the result afterwards. We can't have governments represent us, or change policies, if we don't get involved in shaping politics. Sadly, only a ⁴ _____ of people seem to agree with me. I often wonder what ⁵ _____ have happened at the recent referendum if more young people had voted.

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| 0 | a <u>age</u> | b date | c time | d year |
| 1 | a about | b into | c onto | d through |
| 2 | a duty | b law | c need | d right |
| 3 | a turnaround | b opinion poll | c president | d turnout |
| 4 | a majority | b most | c minority | d little |
| 5 | a can | b must | c might | d will |