**Read the text and do the tasks that follow**

In the United States, almost everyone, at one time or another, has been a volunteer. According to U.S. government statistics, about one-fifth of the American population does volunteer work each year. Americans have had the tradition of volunteering and helping one another since the early days of the country.Americans volunteer not because they are forced or paid to do it. They enjoy it! Traditional volunteer activities include raising money for people in need, cooking and giving food, doing general labour (such as clean-up projects and home repair), providing transportation (such as giving rides to the elderly), and tutoring/mentoring young people.

***(adapted from "Volunteering: An American Tradition"***

***by Susan J. Ellis and Katherine H. Campbell in eJournal***

***USA: The Spirit of Volunteerism. U.S. Department of***

***State, 2012).***

## Decide if the following statements are True or False?

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| **1. According to the text, nearly every American has done volunteer work in his or her life.** | |
| **2. Every year , almost one in five Americans works as a volunteer.** | |
| **3. Americans have been volunteering for less than 50 years.** | |
| **4. Americans volunteer because they are forced to do it.** | |

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## Answer the questions

1. What percentage of the American population does volunteer work each year?

A. one-fifth B. one time or another C.almost everyone

2. When did the tradition of volunteering and helping one another start in the United States?

A. since the early days of the country
B. for less than 50 years
C. in the early days of the country

3. Why do Americans volunteer?

A. Because they are forced to do it
B. Because they are paid to do it
C. Because they enjoy it

4. Which of the activities below are NOT traditional volunteer activities in the United States?

A. raising money for people in need
B. donating blood
C. cooking and giving food
D. teaching young children

## Complete the sentences

1. **I want to raise funds for street children** _____
2. **They think they should move there** _____
3. **He's had a cold for two days** _____
4. **It rained**_____
5. **The lake is full of rubbish**_____

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