Part 4

Questions 16-20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.
For each space, choose the correct answer.
There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Gap Years

Have you decided what you want to do when you finish school? Do you think you'll go to university? Today, having a gap year is something that many students do between leaving school and starting university. **16** But a gap year can also be great for opening your mind, building your character and finding out about the world.

Many students use the gap year as a chance to travel around the world on a long holiday. **17** But the idea is really to use this time to learn new skills and have new experiences before university, so lots of young people prefer to do something useful to help others. **18** Companies like Raleigh International organise projects like this in different parts of the world, such as South America or Africa. Participants help local people and in return they learn a lot about themselves and develop new skills which are useful for their future.

Of course, if you are planning to have a gap year, you'll need money. **19** Many do evening and weekend jobs while they are still at school in order to finance their gap year. Some also find jobs in the different countries they visit while they are on the gap year, but you need to find out about if you'll be allowed to work in each country before you leave home. For example, in many places you may need a special work permit. **20** You won't want any unexpected surprises when you arrive at a border!

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A For example, many work as volunteers on social or environmental projects.

B You will also need to find out if you need to get a visa for any of the countries you plan to visit.

C But there are lots of difficulties related to gap years, too.

D After finishing school, it can be lots of fun to take time off before going back to studying.

E Student's parents always pay for the gap year.

F Saving enough can be difficult, so most people work for a period before travelling.

G You can do a gap year before going to university.

H They want to see new places and meet new people.

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