

Part I TEST
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Reading

Task 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A – H) to (1–5). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

All Jobs Are Important

Growing up in Kansas, I'd jump on my bike and disappear for the day. My friends and I built ramps and pretended we were Evel Knievel, the motorcycle daredevil who was big at the time.

1. _____

My father was a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning contractor. When I was 7 or 8, I started accompanying him to jobs at schools, offices and homes when school was out for the summer. By age 10, I was working with him. I was the perfect size to crawl under houses to install duct work. I'd run into raccoons, mice and other animals. I learned a lot about life from my father and from listening to the radio commentator Paul Harvey. At 13, I wanted to work in the local pizza parlour. I lied and told the owner I was 15 going on 16 so he'd hire me. In a small town, it's hard to keep a lie like that going when your boss reads the paper and sees you in a photo of the baseball team for 13-year-olds.

2. _____

I planned to attend the University of Kansas at Lawrence to study journalism, so I joined the Army Reserves to help pay for it. Then I found out I got a scholarship. My time with the Reserves was a great experience, especially for a boy from southeastern Kansas who hadn't seen much diversity. It taught me discipline, which people have said is evident in the way I structure my day. I also learned that it's important to accomplish a mission – and to accomplish a team goal while meeting individual members' needs.

3. _____

In college, I started a business with my roommate, making fliers for companies and posting them on campus. We'd get up at 5 a.m. and cover the bulletin boards in dorms and other buildings.

I was making good money, but owning a company means you can spend a lot of time collecting money owed to you. I didn't want to do that when I graduated. I took a job with a client who owned theme parks and then moved to Six Flags, where I worked from 1992 to 2006; I was president of three locations, in Illinois, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

4. _____

I decided to try something else, so for the next 18 months I worked for a company that was building the Burj Dubai (now the Burj Khalifa) skyscraper and the Dubai Mall. I was based in Chicago but travelled to Dubai a few times. Many people were there for financial reasons. In the development projects, I would see the construction workers, mostly from Asia, sleeping on the ground on their breaks. I was amazed at how little they were paid – under \$10 a day – and at how hard they worked. We take so much for granted in this country.

5. _____

Americans often think their nation is the centre of the business world, but that is changing. No one in Dubai referred to Wall Street or many of the other things we view as important. The Middle East and other areas have an energy and a gravity that many Americans aren't aware of.

When I was offered my current position, I liked the idea of going from a publicly held company concerned with quarterly earnings to a private one with longer-term plans. This is a family-owned business, and the members understand that the Space Needle is a cultural icon and a landmark that will be here for years. We're making plans for the 50th anniversary of the Space Needle, built for the 1962 World's Fair. My job is also to help this attraction stay current and prepare for the future.

My three children, all under 10, think that my C.E. O. title means that I'm chief elevator operator at the Space Needle. My wife doesn't dissuade them of that belief, and they're not shy about telling the neighbours. In this organization, no job is more important than any other, so if they view chief elevator operator as one of the most important jobs, I would have to agree with that.

- A Eye-opening experience at the construction site
- B Gaining knowledge about life
- C Advantages and disadvantages of the first business
- D Never lie to your boss
- E Shifts in the business world
- F Diversity of Kansas
- G Important skills acquisition
- H Cultural icons and landmarks are protected by law

Volunteers

11. John

This was the first volunteering project I worked on overseas and Green life volunteers proved to be a good choice. I decided for the Bird Conservation project, which is run by Osa Birds: Research and Conservation. Most of the time I did basic maintenance jobs and fed the birds. 'They can break coconuts with their beaks and they'll take your finger off so be careful,' our boss advised. So, I chopped bananas and then used a long fork to pass the fruit in to the birds without risking my fingers.

12. Teresa

For many years I had fantasised about spending December on a white, tropical beach on a remote island. I finally found my slice of paradise in the Seychelles when my dream came true last year, though not exactly in the way I had envisaged. I had been feeling burnt out from work and wanted to escape winter and learn new skills. Volunteer projects seemed a good option. Narrowing my search criteria to marine research helped cut

Task 3

Read the texts below. Match choices (A – H) to (11–16). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

down the thousands of options out there and I eventually joined a coral protection project to help determine the long-term impact of rising sea temperatures on the ecosystem.

13. Patricia

Imagine spending the summer as I did, working on the edge of the active volcano in Hawaii. I had once been on a ranger-guided walk there with my family. I had been terrified. However, as I relaxed, I slowly realised that the ranger's job was something I'd like to do too. So, a few years later I applied and got a volunteer ranger job. I found living there surprisingly laid back, as well as exciting. After a crash course in geology, I was given the volunteer ranger uniform and began the job. On the first morning I found myself in front of a group of visitors. Suddenly I was the 'authority', delivering a talk on the volcanic past and present of the islands. As a volunteer I was making the park come alive for the visitors, and they in return made Hawaii come alive for me.

14. Helen

After a month of study, I wanted to get away for a bit. My dad is an artist and often does paintings of tropical birds. I'd always wanted to find out more about them. From the Internet I found that a farm which breeds parrots was looking for volunteers. I arrived in the middle of a panic situation – a storm had knocked the electricity out, and the generator, needed for keeping the eggs warm, was nearly out of petrol. After visiting several garages, we found some and dashed back just in time. I really enjoyed my stay. Some hosts lay down strict rules on the amount of work expected but luckily mine, Darryl, preferred to set out projects which he wanted my help with.

15. Kate

During my stay in Guatemala, I volunteered to work on a plantation. One day, my supervisor, René inspected my scratched hands and asked gently if I needed gloves. I gathered my strength and told him that gloves might indeed help. Then I grasped my knife and resumed my attack on the invading roots that were constantly threatening to drag the fragile new cacao plantation back into the rainforest. In the sticky red earth, everything grows – the trouble is that it is rarely what you planted. Walking through the plantation, René had to point out to me the treasured cash crops of coffee, cacao and macadamias. To my eye, they were indistinguishable from the surrounding jungle.

16. Anne

Volunteering for a coral reef conservation project was the perfect way for me as an ocean lover and passionate scuba diver to help and protect our surroundings. Within 24 hours of our group's arrival, we lived and breathed coral, not just under water but also in the camp – with 52 coral types to master and up to three research dives a day. If there was a downside, it was the seemingly endless chores in the camp, but I didn't mind. But the experience was, overall, incredible. I couldn't even imagine it in my wildest imagination.

Which volunteer _____ ?

- A found that there was a wide choice of opportunities
- B was warned of a possible danger
- C says her family had influenced her choice of work
- D was not aware of all aspects of natural life around her
- E thought that she had gained as much as she had given
- F had only one disadvantage which was not important
- G appreciated the broad-mindedness of her boss
- H was shown sympathy by someone on her project