PART 2. READING

Exercise 5. Read the passage and choose the best answer A, B, C or D for each question.

A Meaningful Volunteer Project

Last summer, a group of university students decided to get involved in a volunteer project called "A Brighter Future". The project was organised by a local charity organisation which aims to support children living in remote areas.

The students travelled to a small village located in the northern mountains of Vietnam. Many children there had **limited** access to educational resources, and some of them had never attended an English class before. The volunteers decided to organise free English lessons and donate books, school supplies and clothes to the children.

Before starting the project, each volunteer had to fill in an application form and attend a short interview. The organisers also asked them to keep a record of their activities throughout the programme. This helped the organisation evaluate the project's results and plan future activities more effectively. During their stay, the volunteers also worked with local residents to clean up the village and improve the surrounding environment. They collected rubbish, planted trees and encouraged children to protect public spaces. Some volunteers even visited a nearby nursing home to spend time with elderly people.

The project was a great success. The number of children attending English classes increased significantly, and many local residents became more interested in community development. In addition, the volunteers said that the experience helped boost their confidence, improve their communication skills and develop a stronger sense of responsibility.

At the end of the programme, the students were so excited about what **they** had achieved that they decided to organise another charity event the following summer. They believed that even small actions could make a meaningful difference to people's lives.

Questions

1. What is the main purpose of the volunteer project?

A. To help university students find jobs.

B. To support children in remote areas.

C. To attract more tourists to the village.

D. To organise international sports competitions.

2. Where did the students carry out their volunteer activities?

A. In a large city in southern Vietnam.

B. At a local university.

C. In a village in the northern mountains.

D. In an international charity centre.

3. What did the volunteers donate to the children?

A. Money and imported products.

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B. Books, school supplies and clothes.

C. Food and medical equipment only.

D. Computers and mobile phones.

4. Why did the organisers ask volunteers to keep a record of their activities?

A. To help them remember the children's names.

B. To advertise the project online.

C. To evaluate the project's results and plan future activities.

D. To increase the number of applicants.

5. Which of the following activities was NOT mentioned in the passage?

A. Planting trees.

B. Collecting rubbish.

C. Teaching English.

D. Building new houses.

6. The word "limited" in paragraph 2 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

A. restricted
B. excellent
C. unlimited
D. available

7. The word "They" in the last paragraph refers to _____.

A. local residents
B. elderly people
C. the students
D. the organisers

8. What can be inferred from the passage?

A. Volunteering can benefit both local communities and volunteers.

B. Only university students can participate in charity activities.

C. The project failed to attract local residents.

D. Children in remote areas are not interested in learning English.

Exercise 6. Read the passage and decide whether the following statements are TRUE (T), FALSE (F) or NOT GIVEN (NG).

Young People and Community Service

In recent years, volunteering has become increasingly popular among young people. Many students believe that community service is a valuable way to develop useful skills while helping others.

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There are many different types of voluntary work. Some young people choose to work at orphanages, where they spend time with children and organise educational activities. Others visit nursing homes to talk to elderly people, help them with daily activities or simply keep them company.

Environmental projects are also popular. Volunteers often clean up public areas, pick up litter and encourage local residents to reduce plastic waste. Some organisations even organise live online events to raise money for environmental protection. Although volunteering does not usually provide financial rewards, it offers many other benefits. For example, students can boost their confidence, improve their communication skills and learn how to work effectively in a team. They may also meet new people and build meaningful relationships.

However, volunteering requires time and responsibility. Before applying for a position, students should carefully read the advertisement and understand what the organisation expects from them. They should also make sure that they can manage their studies and volunteer work effectively.

Statements

1. Volunteering has become more popular among young people.

2. All volunteers prefer working at orphanages.

3. Some volunteers visit nursing homes to spend time with elderly people.

4. Environmental projects may involve collecting rubbish.

5. Volunteers always receive money for their work.

6. Volunteering can help students improve their communication skills.

7. Students do not need to read advertisements before applying for volunteer positions.

8. Students should balance their studies and voluntary work.

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