

READING

UNIT 4

Part 1. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to complete the passage.

A volunteer is someone (11) ____ “works for free” or someone “working of their own free will.” People choose to volunteer for many reasons. Some people choose to do this (12) ____ they want to help, and others hope that they might get jobs if they do their volunteer work with care. Parents often volunteer in their children’s classrooms or to help (13) ____ money for their children’s schools. No matter the reason, becoming a volunteer helps many people feel good about themselves. There is something about ‘working for free’ that allows people to feel that they are making a positive difference in their (14) _____. Employers will often choose (15) ____ someone who has volunteered for them because they have already proven themselves. Whatever the reason, becoming a volunteer will open new doors for you and you can bet that you will feel like you really did make a difference!

Question 11. A. which B. when C. where D. who

Question 12. A. although B. because C. however D. therefore

Question 13. A. raise B. earn C. divide D. make

Question 14. A. community B. family C. school D. office

Question 15. A. to hire B. hiring C. hires D. hired

In the United States, volunteering is viewed as a good way (11) ____ children a sense of community responsibility and to bring the family together. Volunteerism is growing across the United States today because people are trying to put more emphasis on family togetherness, and they are looking (12) ____ ways to help young people have a feeling of hope and (13) _____. It is believed that volunteering helps children discover their talents, develop their skills, and (14) ____ about cooperation and problem solving. ____ (15) ____, family volunteering has some advantages it benefits the community that is served, it benefits the family for serving together, and it benefits each individual in the family.

Question 11: A. to give B. give C. gave D. giving

Question 12: A. with B. at C. by D. for

Question 13: A. satisfied B. satisfy C. satisfaction D. satisfiedly

Question 14: A. make B. learn C. advise D. take

Question 15: A. Therefore B. Moreover C. Instead D. However

Part 2. Read the passage and choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D to each of the questions.

Orbis is an organisation which helps blind people of everywhere. It has built an eye hospital inside an aeroplane and flown it all over the world with an international medical team. Samantha Graham, a fourteen-year-old schoolgirl from England, went with the plane to Mongolia. Samantha tells the story of the Eukhtuul, a young Mongolian girl.

“Last year, when Eukhtuul was walking home from school, she was attacked by boys with sticks and her eyes were badly damaged. Dr. Duffey, an *Orbis* doctor, said that without an operation she would never see again. I thought about all the things I do that **she** couldn't, things like reading schoolbooks, watching television, seeing friends, and I realised how lucky I am.”

“The *Orbis* team agreed to operate on Eukhtuul and I was allowed to watch, together with some Mongolian medical students. I prayed the operation would be successful. The next day I waited nervously with Eukhtuul while Dr. Duffey removed her bandages. “In six months your sight will be back to normal,” he said. Eukhtuul smiled, her mother cried, and I had to wipe away some tears, too!”

“Now Eukhtuul wants to study hard to become a doctor. Her whole future has changed, thanks to a simple operation. We should all think more about how much our sight means to us.”

Question 16. What information can be learned from this passage?

A. the international work of some eye doctor

B. the life of schoolchildren in Mongolia

- C. the difficulties for blind travellers
- D. the best way of studying medicine

Question 17. The word "she" in the passage refers to _____.

- A. the nurse B. the writer C. Eukhtuul D. the medical student

Question 18. After meeting Eukhtuul, Samantha felt _____.

- A. proud of the doctor's skill C. surprised by Eukhtuul's ability
- B. grateful for her own sight D. angry about Eukhtuul's experience

Question 19. What is the result of Eukhtuul's operation?

- A. She can see better but can never have normal eyes
- B. Before she recovers, she needs another operation
- C. After some time she will see as well as before
- D. She can't see perfectly again

Question 20. What is the writer's main purpose in writing this passage?

- A. to report a patient's cure B. to warn against playing with sticks
- C. to describe a dangerous trip D. to explain how sight can be lost

UNIT 5

Part 1. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D to complete the passage.

Television now plays such a (an) (11) _____ role in so many people's life that it is essential for us to decide whether it is good or bad. First of all, television is not only the convenient source of (12) _____, but also a rather cheap one. For a family of four, (13) _____, it is more convenient as well as cheaper to sit comfortably at home than to go out. There is no transport to arrange. They don't have to pay (14) _____ expensive seats at the theater or in the cinema. All they have to do is to press a button, and they can see plays and films of every kind, not to mention political discussion and the latest exciting football matches. Some people, however, say that this is just where the danger is. The TV viewer needs (15) _____ nothing. He does not need to use his legs.

- Question 11.** A. necessary B. important C. detrimental D. main
- Question 12.** A. entertainment B. music C. films D. culture
- Question 13.** A. moreover B. for example C. even D. as long as
- Question 14.** A. on B. in C. for D. with
- Question 15.** A. does B. do C. to do D. doing

MOBILE PHONES

When Scotsman Alexander Graham Bell (11) _____ the telephone in 1876, it was a revolution in communication. (12) _____ the first time, people could talk to each other over great distances almost as clearly as if they were in the same room. Nowadays, though, we (13) _____ use Bell's invention for taking photographs, (14) _____ the Internet or watching video clips rather than talking. Over the last two decades a new (15) _____ of spoken communication has emerged: the mobile phone.

- 11. A. has been invented B. is invented C. invented D. was invented
- 12. A. As B. By C. For D. Since
- 13. A. increase B. increased C. increasing D. increasingly

14. A. accessing B. contacting C. entering D. searching

15. A. aids B. means C. tools D. ways

Part 2. Read the passage and choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D to each of the questions.

The first discovery of electricity is over 2,600 years old. Does that surprise you? Of course, there were no lights, telephones, refrigerators, radios, motion pictures, or television sets that long ago. In fact, all of these modern conveniences are of such recent development that you might well wonder how electricity could be any older than Thomas Edison's development of the first practical electric light bulb in 1879.

The word *electricity* comes from the Greek word meaning amber, which is elektron. The fossilized sap of a pine tree, amber looks much like a hard lump of honey. In 600 B.C., a Greek philosopher named Thales rubbed a piece of amber against his sleeve to shine it. Much to his interest, he found that the rubbed amber attracted small bits of lint, feathers, and dried leaves. This property of attraction was a strange characteristic which he thought only amber had. Today, our word electricity still goes back to Thales' early discovery about amber.

More than two thousand years after Thales, an English physician discovered that other substances also had this characteristic of electricity. From then on, more and more men added to the knowledge of electricity. They set off the many developments and discoveries which have brought about our electrical era of today.

Question 16. While not directly stated, it may be inferred from the article that _____.

- A. amber is the only substance that can be magnetized
- B. electricity is a recent discovery
- C. Thomas Edison really invented electricity
- D. facts may be observed long before they are put to practical use

Question 17. This article as a whole tells us _____.

- A. about electricity
- B. about amber
- C. about the curiosity of an ancient Greek philosopher
- D. about Thomas Edison

Question 18. Which device was the first practical application of electricity?

- A. the refrigerator
- B. the radio
- C. the electric bulb
- D. the telephone

Question 19. Elektron is _____.

- A. the ability to generate electricity of amber
- B. the property of attraction of amber
- C. the strange characteristic of amber
- D. the Greek word meaning amber

Question 20. Which sentence is NOT true?

- A. The name electricity comes from the Greek word for amber.
- B. Amber is the fresh sap that runs out of pine trees.

- C. Many, many men added to the discoveries of electricity.
D. Thales was a Greek philosopher who lived in ancient times.

WRITING

Part 1. Identify the mistake in each of these sentences.

Question 1. They were cooking free meals for poor children when a man was offering to deliver the meals.

- A. were cooking B. for C. was offering D. meals

Question 2. To develop her musical talent, her father made her to sing at family gatherings.

- A. To develop B. talent C. to sing D. gatherings

Question 3. Have you finished to type the letter?

- A. Have B. finished C. to type D. letter

Question 4. I hate see people using their smartphone at the dinner table.

- A. see B. using C. their D. at

Question 5. Buying organic products helps reduce the use of harm chemicals in food.

- A. organic B. helps C. harm D. in food

Question 6. Ms Lan has been a teacher in 14 years.

- A. been B. a C. in D. years

Question 7. E-readers used for reading texts taken from the Internet.

- A. used B. reading C. texts D. from

Question 8. They decided to help build a community centre for young people while they visit some poor villages.

- A. to help B. community centre C. visit D. villages

Question 9. While he taught English to children at an orphanage, he realised how happy he was as a child.

- A. taught B. to children C. realized D. a

Question 10. While we talked, someone in the same room was recording our conversation.

- A. while B. talked C. someone D. was recording

Part 2. Rewrite the sentences without changing their meanings.

Question 1. We should not leave the door open at night.

→ We should avoid _____

Question 2. They are fond of reading books for the disabled children in the charity centres.

→ They like _____

Question 3. Ms Hoa started teaching English in 2000.

→ Ms Hoa has _____

Question 4. I sat down to read a magazine and Dylan came in.

→ While I _____

Question 5. She began to do this research 2 weeks ago.

→ She has _____

Question 6. I bought this computer when I was 15.

→ I _____

Question 7. Our school has set up an English club recently.

→ The English club _____

Question 8. E-readers help us read books bought from online stores easily.

→ E-readers allow _____

Question 9. Watching a programme on new technologies in cars made me decide to buy an electric car.

→ I decided _____

Question 10. I was walking home when it started to rain.

→ While I _____