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- Timp de lucru: 2 ore
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- Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu

**20 points**

## A Life of Volunteering and Its Benefits

I first began volunteering at school when I would read with younger kids for half an hour on Monday mornings. I carried this experience through to my gap year when I volunteered at a school in Germany, teaching English. I have always found that I get as much out of volunteering as I put in, and in this case, it was my German that benefited. It was at Nottingham University that I began volunteering as a switchboard operator for the charity ChildLine. As the first person a child speaks to when they're calling for help, I had to gain the children's trust before introducing them to a counsellor. The skills I developed across all my voluntary experiences, such as a persuasive telephone manner, have been useful in the job I'm doing now. The Home Office, like many other employers, has an employee volunteering scheme.

As 2025 is the Year of the Volunteer, my team and I volunteered at a homelessness shelter. We served food and helped clean up, while the other volunteers kept us all laughing. Through Community Service Volunteers (CSV), our office has since spent a whole day cleaning up, rebuilding and painting an adventure playground. Everyone had a great time. [www.worldvolunteerweb.org](http://www.worldvolunteerweb.org)

1. The writer has an active social life.  
**A. Right** **B. Wrong** **C. Doesn't say**
2. She has been a volunteer since she was a school student.  
**A. Right** **B. Wrong** **C. Doesn't say**
3. She taught French at a school in Germany.  
**A. Right** **B. Wrong** **C. Doesn't say**
4. The writer says volunteering helped improve her language skills.  
**A. Right** **B. Wrong** **C. Doesn't say**
5. At ChildLine, she immediately transferred children to a counsellor.  
**A. Right** **B. Wrong** **C. Doesn't say**
6. The abilities she acquired during her volunteer work help her in her career.  
**A. Right** **B. Wrong** **C. Doesn't say**
7. In 2025 she did volunteer work in a homeless shelter.  
**A. Right** **B. Wrong** **C. Doesn't say**
8. The volunteers at the homelessness shelter created an enjoyable atmosphere while working.  
**A. Right** **B. Wrong** **C. Doesn't say**

**SUBJECT II****20 points**

You are currently on a weekend trip with your classmates in an exciting place (for example: the mountains, a lake, or a nearby city). Write an email to a close friend telling him/her about your adventure.

In your email:

- say where you are, who you are with, and what is happening at the moment;
- describe the most exciting things you've done so far;
- explain what was going on when something surprising or funny happened;
- say whether you would like to go on a similar trip again and why.

Write 120–150 words. Sign your email as Brian/Brianna.

**SUBJECT III****20 points**

Read the text below and use the words given in capitals (1-10) to form words that fit in the gaps. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Nowadays, excessive phone use is a common problem, especially among young people. Many teenagers spend too much time on their phones every day. This is called (0) overuse (USE), and it can lead to device (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (ADDICT) through gaming, social media and online chatting. Phone overuse can cause disconnection from real life and family. Social media apps are very (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (ATTRACT) and make people check their phones all the time, even at (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (EXPECT) moments. Because of this, users may have reduced focus in school and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (HEALTH) sleeping habits. Even though phones are useful, being constantly connected to them can become (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (HARM) and affect daily life in a negative way.

**SUBJECT IV****20 points**

Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to complete each of the numbered gaps in the text below.

**Artificial intelligence**

Artificial intelligence is becoming an important part of everyday life. In the UK, more and more companies are investing in the (1) ..... of AI systems that can support people at work, at home and in education.

These systems are now used in many different (2) ....., including healthcare, transport and customer service. They are designed to improve speed, accuracy and overall efficiency.

One major benefit of AI is the (3) ..... of large amounts of data in just a few seconds, which helps users make quicker decisions. Today, many people (4) ..... AI tools to help them complete tasks more easily. Students often (5) ..... on these tools when they are studying or doing homework.

In many workplaces, AI has become part of the daily (6) ....., helping employees save time and reduce human error. However, some users still struggle to (7) ..... up with the rapid changes in technology, especially if they are not confident with digital systems. Recent (8) ..... suggest that AI will continue to grow and influence almost every area of life. Despite its advantages, AI can also (9) ..... concerns about privacy, creativity, job security and the future of work. Looking ahead, it will be important for governments and companies to (10) ..... control over how AI is developed and used. At the same time, experts believe that AI should not replace human judgement and creativity, but rather support it in a responsible way.

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| 1. A) development | B) invention  | C) structure    | D) system    |
| 2. A) customs     | B) habits     | C) routines     | D) fields    |
| 3. A) intake      | B) processing | C) interference | D) contact   |
| 4. A) use         | B) recycle    | C) distract     | D) prevent   |
| 5. A) benefit     | B) rely       | C) meet         | D) structure |
| 6. A) awareness   | B) pattern    | C) routine      | D) diversion |
| 7. A) keep        | B) catch      | C) stay         | D) hold      |
| 8. A) beliefs     | B) reports    | C) assurances   | D) faiths    |
| 9. A) raise       | B) give       | C) take         | D) make      |
| 10. A) maintain   | B) lose       | C) forget       | D) drop      |

Choose the best answer (a, b or c) to answer the questions below:

1. **What's the matter?**
  - a) I've got a terrible toothache.
  - b) I haven't got one.
  - c) Mum is downstairs.
2. **My brother's just bought a new car.**
  - a) I'd rather not.
  - b) That's fantastic!
  - c) Yes, he should.
3. **Hello, Jessica! Why are you outside?**
  - a) I always go there on Monday.
  - b) I'm waiting for Mrs. Richards.
  - c) I don't enjoy his company.
4. **Vicky? What are you doing?**
  - a) I went to the sports centre.
  - b) I really enjoy walking to school.
  - c) I'm having ice cream.
5. **I haven't cleaned my room yet.**
  - a) I'll call you tomorrow.
  - b) Why did she leave?
  - c) Well, get started then.
6. **Would you like to join us for dinner tonight?**
  - a) That sounds wonderful.
  - b) I went there yesterday evening.
  - c) Not every day.
7. **Is that Mr. Parker speaking to the head teacher?**
  - a) I think it might be him.
  - b) She doesn't believe it.
  - c) This is Rebecca calling.
8. **What time does the concert begin tonight?**
  - a) It will begin at half past eight.
  - b) It's going to begin at 8:30 this evening.
  - c) It begins at 8:30 this evening.
9. **Why were you absent from school yesterday?**
  - a) I forgot my notebook.
  - b) I wasn't feeling well.
  - c) I'll come tomorrow instead.
10. **What were you doing when I called you last night?**
  - a) I called you two days ago.
  - b) I'm going to the cinema at the weekend.
  - c) I was studying for my English test.