

Volunteering

Read the text below and answer accordingly.

Our Vision: Be The Change in the World

In 1984, Global Volunteers helped lay the foundation for what became known a decade later as "Volunteer Vacations." **Our** vision was simple: to wage peace and promote justice worldwide in such a way as to change lives. We engage short-term volunteers on long-term projects to create, nurture and sustain the wellbeing of the world's children - so **they** can realize the full promise of their human potential. That changes everything.

"Volunteerism is a wonderful thing. It brings people together in ways that are mutually beneficial on so many levels and always has the potential for experiences and human contact that are profoundly life-changing. A single spark can indeed start a prairie fire."

- Bob Klepper, Encore Global Volunteer

Global Volunteers is a private, non-profit tax-exempt organization working at the invitation and under the direction of local leaders to deliver the 12 Essential Services to partner communities worldwide. By honouring local problem solving, we engage you in respectful, direct community service. These "people-to-people" initiatives succeed where simply writing a check often fails.

Our methods of volunteer engagement and program management set the standard for appropriate community service. We take a comprehensive, integrated approach to community development to catalyze sustained partnerships directed by local leaders, targeting at-risk children. Each program is evaluated frequently, and maintained over the long term. We choose our host partners thoughtfully, and prepare our volunteers carefully. Most important, Global Volunteers is led by experts grounded in development to ensure that the work we do genuinely contributes to communities for the better. When **you** work with us, you maximize your contribution as a "servant learner." That's how you change lives - yours and community members'.

Global Volunteers was granted Special Consultative Status with the United Nations in 1999, and formalized a relationship with UNICEF in 2008. **This** positions Global Volunteers to represent local leaders in an international arena, and in turn, to share international advancements with community partners. We collaborate with United Nations agencies and programs to ensure the safety and development of children as we address hunger, poverty and educational needs in our partner communities worldwide.

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1. Decide if the following statements are True [T] or False [F].

- a) Volunteering is an awful thing.
- b) Global volunteers hire people under the direction of local leaders.
- c) "People-to-people" initiatives are more successful than simply paying people.
- d) As a "servant learner" you change lives by maximizing your contribution.

2. Decide if the following statements are True [T] or False [F]. Correct the false ones.

- a) Global Volunteers is a public organization.
- b) Global Volunteers ensures the safety and development of youngsters by collaborating with U.N. agencies.
- c) Global Volunteers is led by the United Nations.
- d) Global Volunteers represents local leaders internationally.

3. Choose the correct option.

Global Volunteers gives you the opportunity to...

- a) work abroad.
- b) attain life enriching experiences.
- c) earn more.

4. Choose the correct option.

"Volunteer vacation" means you...

- a) volunteer for a vacation and hope to get selected.
- b) don't have to pay for your vacation because you volunteered.
- c) volunteer to go abroad during your vacations and take part in a community service program.

5. Choose the correct option.

The sentence "a single spark can indeed start a prairie fire" means...

- a) it's easy to set fire to prairies.
- b) one action can lead to a lot of other things.
- c) you can cause a lot of damage with a single spark.

6. Find synonyms in the text for the following words:

- a) fight for (paragraph 1)
- b) associate (paragraph 3)
- c) generate (paragraph 4)
- d) knowledgeable (paragraph 4)

7. Find antonyms in the text for the following words:

- a) local (paragraph 1)
- b) independently (paragraph 2)
- c) carelessly (paragraph 4)
- d) danger (paragraph 5)

8. Match the words on the left with their definitions on the right.

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| 1- Lay. | a) Group of people who live in the same area. |
| 2- Nurture. | b) The conducting or supervising of something. |
| 3- Community. | c) To prepare or position for action. |
| 4- Management. | d) The care and attention given to someone or something that is growing. |

9. What do the following words refer to?

- a) "**Our**" (paragraph 1)
- b) "**they**" (paragraph 1)
- c) "**you**" (paragraph 4)
- d) "**this**" (paragraph 5)

10. Finish the sentences according to the text.

- a) From the moment it was created Global Volunteers has aimed to...
- b) Klepper thinks volunteerism is...
- c) Global volunteers delivers essential services under the direction of...
- d) The organization represents local leader internationally and shares...

11. Find evidence for the following statements.

- a) Volunteer Vacations appeared in 1984.
- b) Global Volunteers doesn't pay any taxes to the government.
- c) Global volunteers is among the most suitable programs for community services.
- d) They constantly monitor the success and appropriateness of their programs.

12. Find the odd one out.

- a) Fundraising; catering; in-kind contributions; grant proposals.
- b) Community services; capitalism; active citizenship; volunteerism.
- c) UNICEF; United Nations Children's Fund; General Motors; World Food Programme.

13. Fill in the blanks with the words below.

a) _____ organizations help you contribute with **b)** _____ work, raising **c)** _____ towards much needed **d)** _____ services.

Options: Community; Awareness; Non-profit; Volunteer

14. Fill in the blanks with the words below.

Every year **a)** _____ organizations hold **b)** _____ events in order to raise money that will allow them to continue their **c)** _____ work and contribute to the **d)** _____ of many underprivileged people.

Options: Charity; Humanitarian; Welfare; Fundraising

15. Write the correct questions for the following answers.

- a) "Volunteer Vacations" began in 1984.
- b) Everyone should try voluntary work because it helps bring people together.
- c) Global Volunteers is a private organization.
- d) Global Volunteers shares international advancements with community partners.

16. Answer the following questions.

- a) What did Global Volunteers help lay the foundations for?
- b) Why does Global Volunteers nurture the wellbeing of the world's children?
- c) How many Essential Services does Global Volunteers deliver to its partner communities?
- d) How does Global Volunteers prepare the implementation of their programs?

17. Bob Klepper thinks that "*Volunteerism is a wonderful thing. It brings people together in ways that are mutually beneficial on so many levels*". What about you? What's your opinion on it? Are there really benefits in taking part in a volunteering program?

18. Volunteering programs like "Volunteer Vacation" grant you the opportunity to visit a new country while giving a helping hand to those in need. Would you consider being a part of such a volunteer program? What do you feel might be the ups and downs of it?

19. There are many volunteer programs available both locally and internationally. Are you aware of any of them? Have you ever considered taking part in one of them?

20. After completing their secondary studies, sometimes young people take what is called a gap year, to learn a new skill, raise cultural awareness or simply to buy themselves some thinking time before making the move into work or further study. During that time they usually go on adventure travel programs, do volunteer work and even go on unpaid internships.

What about you? Would you consider taking a gap year? What would gain and lose from it?

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Answer Key

1.

a) F; b) F; c) T; d) T.

2.

a) F - Global Volunteers is a private organization.

b) T.

c) F- Global Volunteers was granted Special Consultative Status with the United Nations.

d) T.

3.

b)

4.

c)

5.

b)

6.

a) wage; b) partner; c) catalyze; d) grounded.

7.

a) worldwide / global; b) mutually; c) carefully; d) safety.

8.

1- c); 2- d); 3- a); 4- b)

9.

a) the Global Volunteers' vision;

b) children;

c) people who volunteer;

d) the Special Consultative Status with the United Nations and the relationship with UNICEF.

10.

a) ...to wage peace and promote justice worldwide in such a way as to change lives.

b) ...a wonderful thing.

c) ...local leaders.

d) ...international advancements with community partners.

11.

a) "In 1984, Global Volunteers helped lay the foundation for what became known a decade later as "Volunteer Vacations.""

b) "Global Volunteers is a private, non-profit tax-exempt organization".

c) "Our methods of volunteer engagement and program management set the standard for appropriate community service."

d) " Each program is evaluated frequently, and maintained over the long term."

12.

- a) Catering.
- b) Capitalism.
- c) General Motors.

13.

- a) non-profit; b) volunteer; c) awareness; d) community.

14.

- a) humanitarian; b) fundraising; c) charity; d) welfare.

15.

- a) When did "Volunteer Vacations" begin?
- b) Why should everyone try voluntary work?
- c) What is Global Volunteers?
- d) Who does Global Volunteers share international advancements with?

16.

- a) Global Volunteers helped lay the foundations for "Volunteer Vacations"
- b) Global Volunteers nurtures the wellbeing of the world's children to help them realize the full promise of their human potential.
- c) Global Volunteers delivers 12 Essential Services to its partner communities.
- d) Global Volunteers prepares the implementation of their programs by choosing their host partners thoughtfully, and by preparing their volunteers carefully.

17. Students should:

- express their opinion on the matter, using grammatically correct language, including vocabulary appropriate to the topic to enhance clarity and readability;
- present at least 1 benefit of it or alternatively present at least 1 reason why they don't see any benefits to it;
- demonstrate knowledge of the writing process related to creating an opinion essay with attention to organization, topic and quality of ideas by:
 - generating and organizing ideas for writing;
 - developing a clear purpose for writing;
 - making generalizations and using supporting details;
 - arranging paragraphs into a logical progression;
 - revising their writing for clarity, coherence, smooth transitions and unity.

18. Students should:

- express their opinion on the matter, using grammatically correct language, including vocabulary appropriate to the topic to enhance clarity and readability;
- present at least 1 reason why they would consider taking or not taking part on a volunteer program;
- state what they feel would be the advantages and disadvantages of doing it;
- demonstrate knowledge of the writing process related to creating an opinion essay with attention to organization, topic and quality of ideas by:
 - generating and organizing ideas for writing;

- developing a clear purpose for writing;
- making generalizations and using supporting details;
- arranging paragraphs into a logical progression;
- revising their writing for clarity, coherence, smooth transitions and unity.

19. Students should:

- express their opinion on the matter, using grammatically correct language, including vocabulary appropriate to the topic to enhance clarity and readability;
- state what programs (if any) they are familiar with, providing some detail on it;
- express their opinion on taking part in such a program;
- demonstrate knowledge of the writing process related to creating an opinion essay with attention to organization, topic and quality of ideas by:
 - generating and organizing ideas for writing;
 - developing a clear purpose for writing;
 - making generalizations and using supporting details;
 - arranging paragraphs into a logical progression;
 - revising their writing for clarity, coherence, smooth transitions and unity.

20. Students should:

- express their opinion on the matter, using grammatically correct language, including vocabulary appropriate to the topic to enhance clarity and readability;
- present at least 2 reasons why they would consider taking or not taking a gap year;
- state what they feel would be the advantages and disadvantages of doing it.
- demonstrate knowledge of the writing process related to creating an opinion essay with attention to organization, topic and quality of ideas by:
 - generating and organizing ideas for writing;
 - developing a clear purpose for writing;
 - making generalizations and using supporting details;
 - arranging paragraphs into a logical progression;
 - revising their writing for clarity, coherence, smooth transitions and unity.