

Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 6.

CHARITY OF THE YEAR SCHEME

The University of Reading's Charity of the Year Scheme aims to deliver positive impacts for both the chosen charity and the University, whilst also benefitting the local community. It will also support the University's charitable objectives of (1) _____ education, learning and research for public benefit. The University will select a single charity to work with and support, in a variety of ways, throughout an academic year. To qualify, the charity must be active and (2) _____ in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire or Oxfordshire.

Charities could be supported in a number of ways, including:

- awareness – raising among the large University staff community about the charity and its services
- staff fundraising opportunities
- staff and student volunteering opportunities
- collaborative research in areas of mutual interest.

If you have any questions, please email charityoftheyear@reading.ac.uk.

Charity of the Year for 2025/26

Daisy's Dream has been selected as the University of Reading's next Charity of the Year for 2025/26, following a vote by University staff.

Daisy's Dream provides vital support to children, young people and their families in Berkshire (3) _____ bereavement or (4) _____ loss. Dedicated teams ensure that each family receives individually tailored support through the toughest of times.

Please see Daisys Dream selected as University's Charity of the Year – University of Reading.

(5) _____ information

Rainbow Trust Children's Charity was the University's inaugural Charity of the Year for 2024/25, after the scheme launched in March 2024.

Across the year, a (6) _____ of activities helped to raise awareness of the Thames Valley Care Team and raised funds to help Rainbow Trust support families caring for a seriously ill child.

The Scheme for 26/27 is expected to open in April 2026 and more information will be shared on this page nearer the time.

If you have any questions, please email charityoftheyear@reading.ac.uk.



[Adapted from <https://www.reading.ac.uk/>]

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| Question 1: A. advancing | B. advancement | C. advanced | D. advancer |
| Question 2: A. local people supporting | C. supporting local people | B. local supported people | D. local people supported |
| Question 3: A. experiencing | C. having experienced | B. who has experienced | D. to experience |
| Question 4: A. carrying out | B. focusing on | C. caring about | D. preparing for |
| Question 5: A. Another | B. Other | C. The other | D. Lots of |
| Question 6: A. number | B. amount | C. series | D. level |

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Save the Children: Save the Future of the World

Save the Children is a charity that helps children all over the world. Its aim is to improve children's lives by supporting their education, health, and human rights. It also helps children (7) _____ by natural disasters or war.

Over the last ten years, the charity has helped about 273 million children have a better education. In 2019, it helped over 144 million children in around 117 countries.



Save the Children

Save the Children spent around seven hundred million dollars on charity (8) _____ in that year alone. This money was raised from donations and (9) _____ events. Save the Children runs many projects in Africa. (10) _____, right now, the charity is helping children and families in Somalia who live in poor and dangerous conditions. It provides them (11) _____ food and water, and tries (12) _____ their health and education.

In short, Save the Children has done a lot to make children safe and healthy, and it will continue to do so in the future.

[Adapted from savethechildren.org 11]

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| Question 7: A. effected | B. affected | C. influenced | D. attacked |
| Question 8: A. events | B. meetings | C. campaigns | D. services |
| Question 9: A. fundraising | B. volunteering | C. advertisement | D. non – profit |
| Question 10: A. In addition | B. What is more | C. For example | D. In case of |
| Question 11: A. for | B. with | C. to | D. by |
| Question 12: A. improving | B. to improving | C. to improve | D. improve |

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentence to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.

Question 13:

- a. **Lan:** What a wonderful initiative! As a volunteer, you could help by giving directions, handing out water, and offering encouragement to students who need it most.
- b. **Hải:** That's right! It's truly fulfilling to interact with these students – we not only help build their confidence but gain valuable experience ourselves.
- c. **Hải:** I'm thinking of joining the "Tiếp sức mùa thi" program to support students during this exam season.
- A. c – a – b B. b – c – a C. c – b – a D. a – c – b

Question 14:

- a. **Linh:** That's right. They organize courses to help teachers improve their teaching skills and use digital technology in classrooms.
- b. **Linh:** Exactly! Plus, they offer training on life – saving skills for both teachers and students, and help children and households who are in need.
- c. **Minh:** They also create more opportunities for children in remote areas by giving them books and school materials so they can have access to learning.
- d. **Linh:** Have you heard about Save the Children? It's an international NGO that helps improve children's lives around the world.
- e. **Minh:** Yes, I know! They started their work in Vietnam in 1990 and provide practical support in areas like education and training.

[Adapted from Global Success 11]

- A. b – c – a – e – d B. d – c – a – e – b C. d – e – a – c – b D. b – e – a – c – d

Question 15:

- Hi Billy,
- a. You can even donate some of the clothes you don't want anymore. There's also an art sale.
- b. Some of the most talented students in school have created amazing paintings and we sell them in low prices.
- c. In the morning, there's a clothes sale. We have collected old and unused clothes, so you can buy anything you want.
- d. We did a similar event last year, and it was really good. It starts at 9:30 and finishes at about 3:00 in the afternoon.
- e. How are you? This Saturday, my school is organising an event to raise money for disabled children.
- f. In the afternoon, there's can join it. We have got some great by a famous author.
- Do you fancy coming? My family can pick you up at 9:00 on Saturday morning.
- Claire
- Let me know if you can come.

[Adapted from Bright Workbook 11]

- A. d – e – a – f – c – b B. e – d – c – b – a – f C. a – f – e – c – b – d D. a – e – d – b – f – c

Question 16:

Mia Roberts, May 5

- a. People think Muddy Dog Challenge is exciting and meaningful. It's a great way to bond with your pet while helping other animals.
- b. The participants can choose a 2.5 – kilometer or five – kilometer run with up to 20 fun and muddy challenges.
- c. Muddy Dog Challenge is an interesting charitable event. There are many competitions in many places across the UK every year.
- d. They can do it with or without their funny friends. In 2019, the competitions raised over one million pounds for the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home.
- e. It aims to raise money to help animals at Battersea Dogs and Cats Home – a charity that has cared for dogs and cats since 1860.

Both the owners and their dogs will have a lot of fun at the Muddy Dog Challenge.

[Adapted from iLearn Smart World Workbook 11]

- A. c – b – e – a – d B. c – a – e – b – d C. a – c – b – e – d D. c – e – b – d – a

Question 17:

- a. Despite challenges, dangerous waste, and some criticism, the members are always willing to do the work with joy and smiles.
- b. Through these actions, they not only boost confidence but also develop social and communication skills, inspiring others to get involved as well.
- c. Saigon Green Team is a group of young volunteers who get involved in cleaning up polluted canals in Ho Chi Minh City.
- d. The team often announces their work on social media so that people can come into contact with their message and feel thankful for small but meaningful efforts.
- e. They participate in volunteering activities every week to improve the environment and raise community awareness.

[Adapted from <https://ilotusland.com/>]

- A. c – a – e – b – d B. d – b – a – c – e C. c – e – d – a – b D. d – a – b – c – e

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 22.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) is one of the biggest charities in the world. It was set up by Howard Hughes in 1963. He was a famous and successful businessman, pilot, engineer, and film director.

HHMI is a health charity. Its aim is (18) _____. Their main research program, called Investigators, chooses scientists they believe can make a difference and support them. Every year, they organize a competition, and the winners will receive money for their research for seven years. Through their research, HHMI scientists have increased our understanding of our body. HHMI (19) _____. It has spent 653 million dollars on supporting research and since 1978, more than 30 scientists (20) _____.

(21) _____. It provides free resources for teachers and students on its website and gives scholarships to both students and professors. It has spent more than 66 million dollars to support science education. To make science more interesting to the public, (22) _____. One of its movies won the Emmy Award for Outstanding Science and Technology Documentary in 2018. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)...

[Adapted from iLearn Smart World Workbook 11]

Question 18:

- A. providing financial aid that is solely intended for the research of various diseases
- B. its primary focus is on commercializing scientific discoveries
- C. to promote human knowledge of science, especially biology and medicine
- D. for making the general public more aware and knowledgeable about health issues

Question 19:

- A. actively involved in sponsoring groundbreaking research across many diverse fields of science
- B. will also provide a wide range of support for talented scientists around the world
- C. was funding a lot of research projects for scientists at various universities
- D. has also provided money for other scientists' research at universities and hospitals

Question 20:

- A. whom HHMI supported have won the Nobel Prize

- B. having gone on to receive Nobel Prizes for their work
- C. who received support from the Nobel Prize have gone on to win
- D. has been funding have been recognized with Nobel Prizes

Question 21:

- A. In addition, the institute must also be responsible for educating the public
- B. The institute also works to bring science knowledge to everyone
- C. They also work to provide free scientific resources and tools for all
- D. It also has a mission to make complex science concepts understandable

Question 22:

- A. HHMI has produced science fiction series to make scientific topics more understandable
- B. the films made for HHMI have become popular and attracted more research participants
- C. the public is exposed to science in a more engaging way through films produced by HHMI
- D. the institute has worked with filmmakers to create science films that bring science to life

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions from 23 to 30.

The Risks and Pitfalls of Charitable Giving

Engaging in volunteering and charitable activities is widely regarded as altruistic and fulfilling. Individuals who donate their time or resources often experience a profound sense of purpose, acquire new skills, and cultivate social connections. Charitable contributions can have a transformative impact on the lives of vulnerable individuals, families, and entire communities.

Nevertheless, not all charitable entities operate with integrity. Certain organizations or **unscrupulous** individuals may exploit the generosity of donors and volunteers for personal enrichment. **They** might misappropriate funds, embellish the urgency of needs, or divert resources for their own benefit. Such malpractices not only undermine the welfare of intended beneficiaries but also erode public trust in legitimate philanthropic endeavors.

Volunteers may also encounter adverse experiences when their commitment is taken advantage of. Some organizations impose excessive responsibilities without adequate support, neglect proper training, or fail to acknowledge the contributions of their volunteers. Consequently, what should be an enriching experience can become burdensome and demotivating.

To safeguard your time and financial contributions, it is crucial to conduct thorough due diligence before engaging with any charity. Examine financial transparency reports, consult testimonials from former volunteers, and inquire explicitly about the allocation of donations. Credible organizations will provide comprehensive information and welcome such scrutiny.

Despite these potential pitfalls, the majority of charitable initiatives are conducted ethically and yield significant benefits. By approaching philanthropy with **discernment** and vigilance, individuals can continue to make a meaningful impact on their communities while minimizing the risk of exploitation. Engaging responsibly in charitable work ensures that both the community and the volunteer reap genuine rewards.

Question 23: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a potential negative experience for volunteers?

- A. Being given too much responsibility without enough help.
- B. Not receiving proper training for their tasks.
- C. Having their contributions go unnoticed and unappreciated.
- D. Being asked to donate a portion of their own earnings.

Question 24: The word "**unscrupulous**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:

- A. benevolent
- B. unethical
- C. respectable
- D. compassionate

Question 25: The word "**discernment**" in paragraph 5 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to:

- A. insightfulness
- B. confusion
- C. judgment
- D. awareness

Question 26: The word "**They**" in paragraph 2 refers to:

- A. donors and volunteers
- B. intended beneficiaries
- C. unethical organizations and individuals
- D. charitable entities with integrity

Question 27: Which of the following best paraphrases the statement from paragraph 2: "Such malpractices not only undermine the welfare of intended beneficiaries but also erode public trust in legitimate philanthropic endeavors."?

- A. Unethical practices harm the people meant to be helped and also decrease public confidence in all charitable

efforts.

B. These bad actions cause a loss of trust from beneficiaries, making it difficult for legitimate charities to succeed.

C. The misconduct of a few charities has a significant financial impact on all charitable organizations.

D. These negative actions can only be prevented by increasing the public's trust in charity work and donors.

Question 28: According to the passage, which of the following is **TRUE**?

A. The main purpose of the passage is to discourage people from volunteering and donating.

B. The majority of charitable organizations are not trustworthy and should be avoided.

C. Potential donors should always check a charity's financial reports before contributing.

D. All volunteers will inevitably have negative experiences with the charities they work for.

Question 29: In which paragraph does the author advise readers on how to ensure their charitable contributions are used effectively?

A. Paragraph 1

B. Paragraph 2

C. Paragraph 3

D. Paragraph 4

Question 30: The author suggests in which paragraph that charitable work is generally positive, despite its potential risks?

A. Paragraph 1

B. Paragraph 3

C. Paragraph 4

D. Paragraph 5

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 31 to 40.

Giving Back to Your Community

[I] Volunteering is important for your community! Without volunteers, many of the services and events we enjoy in our communities would not be so readily available. Spending time helping out at local shelters or food banks provides an important service to less fortunate neighbors. Giving back to the place you call home helps to unite the community and bridge some of the social, economic and political gaps.

[II] Donating your time to support those around you is extremely beneficial, both for you and your community. It is statistically proven that people who volunteer regularly are healthier both physically and mentally. Individuals who have volunteered throughout their lifetime typically live longer and have better psychological well-being. In addition to the health benefits, volunteering gives people a sense of purpose. The fulfilling feeling of giving back and contributing to society is **unparalleled**.

[III] Giving back is also a great way to get to know your community and its citizens. When you volunteer, you have the opportunity to meet lots of new people. Working alongside individuals who also care about improving their surroundings will allow you to broaden your network of friends. Additionally, **it** will help you to better understand the circumstances of other members of your community. Having a broad, open-minded perspective of the different **walks of life** around you will help you to be an effective and empathetic citizen.

People skills are not the only skills you will gain through volunteering! Dedicating time to help others will teach you patience, kindness, and resilience. Not only will you improve your communication abilities by working alongside a diverse team of people, but you will also gain a plethora of other experiences that will help you as you navigate your future. Volunteering may even help you discover a new passion or interest.

[IV] Whether you're passionate about advocacy, animal rights, or helping the homeless, you can find a valuable way to donate your time. Many towns and cities have community centers, which can be a great place to find opportunities to give back to the place you call home. You can also check websites like VolunteerMatch or Idealist for volunteer opportunities that fit your interests and abilities. **Even if you only donate a few hours of time each month, you will be making a huge difference in the lives of others.**

[Adapted from <https://www.ef.com/wwen/blog/efacademyblog/importance-giving-back-to-your-community/>]

Question 31: Where in paragraph [] does the following sentence best fit?

There are so many important causes out there that always need volunteers to support the work they're doing.

A. [I]

B. [II]

C. [III]

D. [IV]

Question 32: The word "**unparalleled**" in paragraph 2 is **OPPOSITE** in meaning to:

A. unique

B. ordinary

C. superior

D. measurable

Question 33: The word "**walks of life**" in paragraph 3 could be replaced by:

A. independent lives

B. different kinds of people

C. types of jobs

D. various backgrounds

Question 34: The word "**it**" in paragraph 3 ("Additionally, it will help you") refers to:

A. giving back

B. the act of volunteering

C. network of friends

D. the opportunity

Question 35: Which of the following best paraphrases the statement from paragraph 5: “Even if you only donate a few hours of time each month, you will be making a huge difference in the lives of others.”

- A. Only those who volunteer full – time create meaningful change.
- B. Monthly donations of money are more effective than volunteering time.
- C. Small but regular contributions of time can significantly impact people's lives.
- D. People should avoid volunteering unless they can commit many hours.

Question 36: Which of the following is **NOT** mentioned as a personal benefit of volunteering?

- A. Improving physical and mental health.
- B. Learning new skills such as patience and kindness.
- C. Earning a salary or financial compensation.
- D. Broadening a network of friends and social connections.

Question 37: According to the passage, which of the following is **TRUE**?

- A. Volunteering is primarily done to meet new people and expand one's social network.
- B. Volunteering is a good way to improve communication and other valuable skills.
- C. All communities in America have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available.
- D. The feeling of giving back is a common experience that can be found in many other activities.

Question 38: Which of the following is the main idea of the second paragraph?

- A. Volunteering offers significant health benefits and provides people with a sense of purpose and fulfillment.
- B. It is statistically proven that people who volunteer regularly are more likely to have a longer and healthier life.
- C. The emotional satisfaction that comes from contributing to society is far superior to any other feeling.
- D. Regular volunteering is the single most important factor for improving one's mental and physical health.

Question 39: Which of the following can most likely be inferred from the passage?

- A. Volunteering mainly benefits the volunteers themselves, with minimal impact on the community.
- B. People who volunteer regularly are likely to experience improved health and well – being.
- C. Only professional volunteers can make a meaningful difference in their communities.
- D. Volunteering is an obligation rather than a personal choice for members of the community.

Question 40: Which of the following best summarises the passage?

- A. Volunteering is a rewarding activity that offers numerous benefits, from improving personal health and skills to strengthening the community.
- B. The most significant benefit of volunteering is the ability to connect with people from different walks of life and expand one's social network.
- C. While volunteering can be beneficial, the main reason people do it is to feel good about themselves and their contributions to society.
- D. Volunteering is a crucial activity that helps communities by providing free services and filling gaps left by other organizations.