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Anywhere one looks, the army of volunteers is hard at work. They do almost anything: they sew, clean, paint, repair things, record books for the blind, amuse sick children in hospitals or escort old people who do not want to go out alone.

Some people volunteer out of boredom because they need to find an occupation outside their house or work. But the majority is prompted by the desire to be useful. There have always been such people ready to give of **themselves** unselfishly.

At the beginning of the American Civil War, around 1861, a school teacher named Clara Barton undertook to deliver to the wounded soldiers all sorts of supplies: clothes, food and even medicines that they could not get easily. She paid for **these** out of her own money at first and later from the funds that she could collect from other generous people. She also ventured on the battlefields, during or after the battles to help the wounded and the dying.

She helped later in other wars in Europe and attracted a number of women willing to share her work. The group grew and eventually became the American Red Cross which now counts about 1,360,000 volunteers with a budget of eighty two million dollars, all from voluntary contributions.

Another pioneer of the same period, Dorothea Dix, fought to enhance the living conditions in the 'hospitals' for the mentally-ill., which were not well run at the time. Her efforts finally caused state governments to take financial responsibility for these institutions.

The early volunteers deserve special respect and admiration, for they were working alone and doing hard and unpleasant tasks. Often, they were regarded by the authorities as trouble-makers rather than angels. The situation improved as **their** number grew and as society became aware of their achievements. Gradually, the volunteers began to receive funds from private sources and from the government. They organised themselves, they became professional, and they did a considerable amount of good work.

I. COMPREHENSION (15PTS)
BASE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A- Say whether these statements are right or wrong? Justify your answer according to the text. (3pts)

- 1- All the volunteers have the same reasons for devoting themselves to others.

- 2- The American Red Cross is financed by the government and private donors.

- 3- Dorothea Dix's voluntary work was supported by the government right from the start.

B- Answer the following questions. (3pts)

- 1- Why was the first volunteers' work hard at the beginning?

- 2- What changed people's attitude and that of the government towards the volunteers?

- 3- According to you, should we have more volunteers in our society or do they just cause problem to the government?

C- Complete the following sentences according to the information from the text. (2pts)

- 1- Thanks to Dorothea Dix,
- 2- Volunteers ~~was~~ considered as

D- What do the words underlined in the text refer to?(3pts)

- 1- 'themselves' (line 6):
- 2- 'these' (line 9):
- 3- 'their'(line 21):

E- Find in the text words that mean the same as the following: (4pts)

- 1- took risks (paragraph 3):
- 2- ready (paragraph 4):
- 3- improve (paragraph 5):
- 4- considered (paragraph 6):

II. LANGUAGE (15 PTS)

A. PUT THE VERBS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE. (2 pts)

When Nancy (go).....to India, she (already / hear) so many things about street children. She (be).....there for three months now, collecting information for her first book about India. By the end of next month, she (visit).....India's major cities.

B. Fill in the gaps with an appropriate phrasal verb. Make any necessary changes. (3 pts)

drop in – set up – go through – come across – long for – turn down – put off

1. A very renowned NGO hasa local branch in our town.
2. The company.....his application for the job for his lack of experience.
3. I need some advice because I'm really.....hard times.

C. Give the correct form of the words between brackets. (3 pts)

1. Foreign investments are a key factor in economic.....(grow)
2. Some websites are immoral and must be subject to.....(censor)
3. The more educated a woman is, the more she spaces out her.....(pregnant)

D. REWRITE THE SENTENCES BEGINNING WITH THE WORDS GIVEN. (4pts)

1. The government is making a lot of efforts to reduce road accidents
A lot of efforts
2. I'll buy a new mobile phone when I pass my exams.
By the end of July,
3. She read the text twice. Then, she answered it.
After.....
4. Women have achieved great success. They have gained respect too.
Not only.....

E. MATCH THE SENTENCES WITH THEIR APPROPRIATE FUNCTIONS (3 pts)

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| 1. Although many efforts are made, our environment is still in danger. |
| 2. Citizenship refers to the participation in public life and national issues. |
| 3. I am sorry to say this but you are not taking your work seriously. |

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| a. apologizing |
| b. complaining |
| c. defining |
| d. concession |
| e. disagreeing |

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III. WRITING (10pts)

Write an e-mail to your friend to tell him or her about the importance ^{of} civic associations in society and the benefits young people can get from participating in volunteering (approximately 250 words).

Role of associations	Benefits for young people
-give / offer literacy classes	-be good citizens
-help the poor / the handicapped...	-develop personality (self-confidence – autonomy)
-protect the environment	-gain values and new experience
-defend human rights	-serve the community.