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Subject: Art presentation

Dear Ben,

I hope you are doing well. I just wanted to remind you about our art presentation next week. You will first talk about why street art has become popular in many cities, such as its bright colors and messages about society. Then, I will explain how street art can change the image of a town, including making old walls look more interesting and attracting visitors. Finally, you will give some examples of rules that artists should follow when they paint in public places. Our presentation should be about ten minutes long, so we should keep our parts clear and easy to follow.

After our last meeting, I finished writing the notes for my part. I also made three slides to show examples of street art from different cities. You said you were still choosing pictures for your final slide. If you want, I can look at your slides and give you some advice. You can also check my slides and tell me if the pictures are easy to understand. I think we are making good progress, and there is only a little more work to do.

We should practice one more time before the presentation. Let's meet this Tuesday afternoon in the art room. So, we should send each other our slides by Monday evening. Then, we can practice with complete slides on Tuesday. That will help us speak more confidently. Please let me know if that time is not convenient for you. Although I will not be available this weekend, we can meet before school if necessary.

Thank you,

Grace Hill

(1) What is true about the presentation?

- 1 Grace will talk about why street art is popular.
- 2 Ben will explain how street art changes a town.
- 3 The presentation will be about ten minutes long.
- 4 The presentation will be given this weekend.

(2) Grace Hill thinks that

- 1 Ben has already finished all of his slides.
- 2 there is still a small amount of work left to do.
- 3 she needs to visit more cities before the presentation.
- 4 the presentation should be much longer.

(3) What does Grace suggest to Ben?

- 1 Practicing in the art room on Tuesday
- 2 Sending their slides on Tuesday evening
- 3 Meeting this weekend to take pictures
- 4 Asking their teacher to paint a wall

B

The Role of Street Art

Street art can be seen on walls, buildings, and bridges in many cities. In the past, some people thought it was only a problem because it was often painted without permission. However, today, many people see
5 street art as a way to make towns more colorful and interesting.

Street art can have several benefits. It can turn old or empty spaces into attractive places. For example, a plain wall near a station may become a popular photo spot after artists paint a large picture on it. Street art can also show local culture because artists often include
10 people, animals, or stories from the area in their work.

However, street art can also cause problems. If artists paint on private buildings without asking, building owners may become upset. Also, some pictures may not match the image of the town. For this reason, many cities make rules about where artists can paint and what kind of
15 art is allowed.

Even so, street art can be valuable when it is created in the right way. It can make public spaces more enjoyable and give artists a chance to share their ideas. With clear rules, street art can become a positive part of city life.

(4) Why did some people think street art was a problem in the past?

- 1 Because it was often painted without permission
- 2 Because it was too expensive to look at
- 3 Because it was only found in museums
- 4 Because it made all buildings safer

(5) How can street art help a town?

- 1 It can make old spaces more attractive
- 2 It can stop people from taking photos
- 3 It can remove local culture
- 4 It can make stations disappear

(6) Why do many cities make rules about street art?

- 1 Because all artists dislike painting outside
- 2 Because street art is never popular
- 3 Because it can cause problems without control
- 4 Because people cannot understand any pictures

(7) What is the main idea of the passage?

- 1 Street art should always be forbidden
- 2 Street art can be useful if it is done properly
- 3 Street art is important only inside museums
- 4 Street art has no connection with local culture