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Subject: Plans for the School Open Day

Hi, Mei,

Thank you for helping at yesterday's student committee meeting.

10 As you know, our school will hold its annual Open Day next Saturday. Many junior high school students and their parents are expected to visit, so our committee has been asked to prepare an activity that will help them learn more about school life. Since this may be their first visit to Westfield High School, we want them to feel welcome
15 and comfortable.

During the meeting, we decided to organize a guided tour led by current students. The tour will include the science laboratories, the library, the gym, and several classrooms. At each place, one student will give a short explanation about the activities that usually take
20 place there. We also plan to introduce some of our school clubs because many visitors are especially interested in after-school activities.

I have already prepared a timetable and a simple route for the tour. However, the music club will be using the main hall in the afternoon,
25 so visitors will not be able to walk through that area. I think we should change part of the route, but I am not sure which hallway would be the easiest for large groups to use. Since you helped guide visitors during last year's Open Day, could you look at the school map and suggest a safer route?

30 We also need to prepare name cards for the student guides. Each card should show the student's name, class, and club activity so that visitors can easily start conversations with them. Could you collect this information from the guides by Wednesday? I will print the

35 cards on Thursday. Let's meet after school on Friday to check the route and practice the explanations together.

Best wishes,

Daniel Lee

Student Committee

(1) Why is the student committee preparing an activity?

- ① To help visitors understand life at the school.
- ② To raise money for new science laboratories.
- ③ To choose students for the music club.
- ④ To teach parents how to use the school library.

(2) Why does Daniel want to change part of the tour route?

- ① Some classrooms will be cleaned in the morning.
- ② The school map contains several mistakes.
- ③ The main hall will be used by the music club.
- ④ Visitors have asked to avoid the gym.

(3) What does Daniel ask Mei to do by Wednesday?

- ① Print a new school map.
- ② Collect information about the student guides.
- ③ Practice giving explanations in the library.
- ④ Invite junior high school students to the event.

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Learning Through Volunteering

Many teenagers spend most of their time studying, participating in club activities, or relaxing with friends. However, some also choose to volunteer in their local communities. They may help at
5 libraries, clean public parks, support sports events, or visit elderly people. Although volunteers are not paid for their work, these activities can provide valuable experiences that are difficult to gain in an ordinary classroom.

One important benefit of volunteering is that young people can
10 develop practical skills. For example, students who help organize a community festival may learn how to create schedules, give clear instructions, and deal with unexpected problems. Those who volunteer at a library may improve their ability to communicate with people of different ages. Because volunteers often work as part of
15 a team, they also learn to share responsibilities and cooperate with others.

Volunteering can also change the way young people view their communities. Before taking part in volunteer work, some teenagers may not realize how many people need support. By meeting elderly
20 residents, young children, or people with disabilities, they become more aware of the difficulties others face. This experience may encourage them to think more carefully about how their own actions affect the people around them.

Of course, volunteer work is not always easy. Some tasks are
25 tiring, and volunteers may sometimes feel that their efforts are not producing immediate results. In addition, students must balance volunteering with schoolwork and other responsibilities. For this reason, it is important to choose an activity that matches their interests and available time. Starting with a few hours a month may
30 be more realistic than making a large commitment immediately.

Despite these challenges, many volunteers say that helping others gives them a strong sense of satisfaction. They can see that even small actions may improve someone's day or make a

35 community a better place. Volunteering therefore benefits not only the people who receive help but also the volunteers themselves. It teaches them useful skills, broadens their understanding of society, and gives them greater confidence in their ability to make a difference.

(4) According to the first paragraph, why can volunteering be valuable for teenagers?

- ① It allows them to avoid studying at school.
- ② It provides experiences they may not get in class.
- ③ It guarantees them a paid job in the future.
- ④ It gives them more time to spend with friends.

(5) What can students learn by helping at a community festival?

- ① How to organize activities and handle problems.
- ② How to become professional athletes.
- ③ How to study without working with others.
- ④ How to avoid speaking to older people.

(6) How may volunteering change teenagers' views?

- ① It may make them less interested in their communities.
- ② It may show them that everyone has the same experiences.
- ③ It may help them understand the needs of other people.
- ④ It may encourage them to stop participating in school clubs.

(7) What advice does the passage give to students beginning volunteer work?

- ① They should volunteer every day.
- ② They should immediately accept a large responsibility.
- ③ They should choose only activities organized by schools.
- ④ They should begin with an activity suitable for their time and interests.

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

- ① Volunteering can help both communities and volunteers grow.
- ② Teenagers should give up schoolwork to help other people.
- ③ Only difficult volunteer activities are truly valuable.
- ④ Volunteer work should always lead to paid employment.