

You are a student at Park High School. Your teacher, Mr. Ruiz, sent an e-mail to invite you and your classmates to visit an elementary school. The school has many children who have just arrived from foreign countries.

Hello, Everyone!

I want to invite you to visit Douglas Elementary School with me next week. If you don't know, Douglas now has many new students who have just moved to the U.S. with their families from Central American countries such as Nicaragua and Panama. Many are learning English, and they can learn a lot from older students like you.

We'll meet the students and their teachers, and make plans for an after-school program in which Park High School students will help teach English. If you're interested, we'll meet Wednesday, September 30 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 101 and walk over to Douglas Elementary School together. Please bring any English children's books you may have. The Douglas students will greatly appreciate them.

*Thanks very much,
Ruiz Brown*

問1 The teacher wants you to help the Douglas students 1.

- ① communicate in their new country
- ② find new homes with their families
- ③ prepare to attend Park High School
- ④ teach new educational programs

問2 The teacher requests books to help the students with 2.

- ① directions around the city
- ② making friends at Douglas
- ③ school programs for kids
- ④ understanding English

Your English teacher gave you an article to help you prepare for a debate in class. A part of the article is shown below with one comment from another reader.

High school to Require Community Service

By Evan White

Next year, all 9th graders at Brown high school must do community service work in order to graduate. Students must spend at least 40 hours working for volunteer organizations or programs that help people in the city. Current students will not have this requirement.

Students had mixed reactions. 11th grader Alicia Torres said, "Many students already volunteer in the neighborhoods near school. They'll help more if they don't have to count hours."

10th grader Brad Johnson said, "I live with my parents far away from school, and I work at their small business. I have a lot of things to do, so it's hard for me to do volunteer work. I'd love to, but I'm slammed with my other responsibilities."

Yet some students thought it was a good idea. 12th grader May Park said, "Many students spend all their time studying or having fun with their friends. Everyone says they want to do volunteer work, but somehow they don't find the time."

11th grader Aaron Ehrlich said, "Forty hours isn't much. Lots of students graduate without knowing anything about the people and neighborhoods just a few miles from school. I think it's good to require community service."

"However," Ehrlich added, "I understand if some students have jobs or serious responsibilities at home. I think they need to take that into consideration."

Comments

Kendra Wilson: While it's important for students to help people, it's much better to give them course credit for community service. Instead of forcing students to do community service, Brown high school should create a policy that strongly encourages it.

問 1 According to the article, Brown high school will 11.

- ① ask current students to do community service
- ② give students course credit for community service
- ③ make new students do community service
- ④ start a community service group for students

問 2 Your team will support the debate topic, "High schools should require students to do community service." In the article, one opinion (not a fact) helpful for your team is that 12.

- ① Brown high school students don't volunteer
- ② many Brown high school students already do volunteer work
- ③ some students at Brown high school have lots of responsibilities
- ④ students should learn about the people in their community

問 3 The other team will oppose the debate topic. In the article, one opinion (not a fact) helpful for that team is that students 13.

- ① are too interested in their social activities
- ② do not think 40 hours is a lot of time
- ③ sometimes live with their families
- ④ will help more if they have a choice

問 4 In the third paragraph of the article, "slammed with" means 14.

- ① being busy with
- ② being successful in
- ③ feeling happy about
- ④ not paying attention to

問 5 According to her comment, Kendra Wilson 15 the new policy described in the article.

- ① has no particular opinion about
- ② partly agrees with
- ③ strongly agrees with
- ④ strongly disagrees with