

## **Hobbies and volunteering. Interests of modern society.**

### Task 1

***Imagine that you are preparing a project with your friend. You have found some interesting material for the presentation and you want to read this text to your friend. You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, then be ready to read it out aloud. You will not have more than 1.5 minutes to read it.***

The interests of modern society have changed a lot in the last few years. A recent survey shows some interesting results. In the past, people's hobbies were often things like gardening or knitting, but now many people are interested in new experiences and adventures. They want to travel to different countries and try new sports like surfing or mountain biking.

Volunteering is another activity that is more common among young people. Over half of those under 25 do some kind of voluntary work, while only 10% of those over 65 help out in their local community. Volunteering can be hard work, but it can also be very rewarding and fun. There are many different types of volunteering opportunities available. If you enjoy working with children, you could volunteer at a local school or community center. If you're interested in the environment, you could join a conservation group and help clean up parks and beaches, plant trees, or protect endangered species. Whatever type of volunteering you choose, it's important to remember that your time and effort can make a big difference.

## Task 2

### ***Study the advertisement.***

Slow down and relax!



You are considering joining the yoga club and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out about the following:

- 1) location
- 2) number of people in a group
- 3) duration of a class
- 4) pensioner and student discounts

You have 20 seconds to ask each question

Task 3.

***You are going to give an interview. You have to answer five questions.***

***Give full answers to the questions (2–3 sentences).***

***Remember that you have 40 seconds to answer each question.***

Interviewer: Hello everybody! It's Teenagers Round the World Channel. Our guest today is a teenager from Russia and we are going to discuss teenagers' attitude to volunteering. We'd like to know our guest's point of view on this issue. Please answer five questions. So, let's get started.

Interviewer: What kind of volunteer work do you think is important in your region?

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer: Have you ever volunteered for an organization ?

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer: Do you prefer volunteering alone or with a group of friends? Why?

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer: What skills do you think are important for volunteers to have?

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer: What advice would you give to someone who is considering getting involved in volunteer work?

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer: Thank you very much for your interview

#### Task 4.

Imagine that you and your friend are doing a school project “Outstanding hobbies”. You have found some photos to illustrate it but for technical reasons you cannot send them now. Leave a voice message to your friend explaining your choice of the photos and sharing some ideas about the project.

In 2.5 minutes be ready to:

- explain the choice of the illustrations for the project by briefly describing them and noting the differences;
- mention the advantages (1–2) of the two hobbies;
- mention the disadvantages (1–2) of the two hobbies;
- express your opinion on the subject of the project – which of the hobbies presented in the pictures you’d prefer and why.



Photo 1



Photo 2