

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

You and your classmates have received a handout from your English teacher with instructions for a homework assignment.

Summer Homework Assignment

Dear Students,

I'm excited to be your teacher next fall. I want to make sure you're ready for our class in September, so I'm asking an important favor. I want you to practice your English often this summer. To help you study, I have created a summer homework assignment with reading, listening, speaking, and writing tasks.

Reading

I want you to read at least one English newspaper article every day. It can be about any subject that interests you. I also want you to read at least two English books this summer.

Listening

Watch at least one English movie every week. If the movie has subtitles, try closing your eyes sometimes and listening to the characters speak.

Speaking

Call or meet your classmates at least once a week. Try to speak English with them for at least 30 minutes.

Writing

Write a journal about your experiences in English this summer. On the first day of class next fall, I'll ask to see your journals.

Please e-mail me to tell me how you're doing. My e-mail address is amitsue@oakwood.edu.

I look forward to meeting you in September.

Anna Mitsue

問1 The teacher is writing to the students to help them 3.

- ① decide what to study at school in September
- ② improve poor skills she had noticed last year
- ③ meet other students interested in English
- ④ prepare for her class in the coming year

問2 The teacher asks the students to read 4.

- ① articles on a particular subject
- ② books from a list she made
- ③ journals by other students
- ④ some published material every day

問3 The teacher will check the students' work by 5.

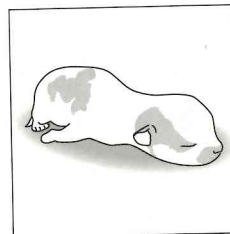
- ① asking which movies they watched
- ② e-mailing them once a week
- ③ reading their personal writings in the fall
- ④ speaking with them in the summer

You want to get a dog for the first time. Your friend advised you to look at a webpage with tips for new pet owners.

Your New Friend

The First 30 Days

Many people say the first 30 days with a young dog are the hardest. I've heard the first 24 hours are especially difficult. But it's worth it, since puppies are so cute!



Items you need

- Food: about \$30
- Food and water bowls: about \$20
- ID tags, collar, and leash: about \$30
- Cage with bed: about \$100
- Brushes, combs, and shampoo: about \$10
- Toys: about \$20

The first 24 hours

Vets say to start when your house is quiet and you can spend several days with your puppy. When your pet wants quiet time, put it in the cage.

Daily routine

- 6:30 a.m. — Wake up
- 7:00 a.m. — First meal, walk, and playtime
- 10:00 a.m. — Short walk and playtime
- 12 noon — Second meal
- 1:00 p.m. — Playtime
- 5:00 p.m. — Third meal, walk, and playtime
- 7:00 p.m. — Playtime
- 9:00 p.m. — Bedtime

The first 30 days

Vets say to establish a daily routine and feed your pet 3 times a day. (The amount varies by the dog's body weight.) Puppies need 300 to 600 ml of water every day. Also visit a vet twice in the first month, and slowly introduce your puppy to new people. Make sure everyone in your home helps care for your puppy!

Comments

Doglover24: This is great advice! It helped me easily take care of my chihuahua!

GoldenRetrieverFan14: You forgot to mention puppies seldom sleep! That's the hardest part of bringing one home!

問1 The webpage's advice is most useful if you are **6**.

- ① becoming a dog owner
- ② caring for an older pet
- ③ solving a dog's health problem
- ④ visiting a friend's new dog

問2 If you follow the webpage's advice, you'll walk your pet **7**.

- ① two times a day
- ② three times a day
- ③ four times a day
- ④ five times a day

問3 During the first 30 days, the webpage suggests **8**.

- ① keeping a regular schedule
- ② letting your dog sleep two to three times a day
- ③ meeting lots of new people
- ④ seeing the animal doctor twice a week

問4 According to the webpage, one **fact** (not opinion) about a new puppy is that **9**.

- ① it eats the same amount as other puppies
- ② necessary items cost a total of about \$200 in the first month
- ③ the first 24 hours are the hardest
- ④ you should leave it alone on the first day

問5 According to the webpage, one **opinion** (not fact) about new puppies is that **10**.

- ① chihuahuas are the easiest kind of dogs
- ② many people give up within 30 days
- ③ puppies drink 300 to 600 ml of water every day
- ④ they are difficult to take care of

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

You are preparing for a group presentation on pet ownership. You have found the article below.

Are Pets Worth the Cost?

[1] Pet ownership is common worldwide. In fact, over half the households in America have at least one pet, usually a dog or a cat. But why is keeping pets so common? Most people say they enjoy the companionship. Others like the unconditional love that pets provide. They say your pet loves you whether you're rich or poor, in a good mood or a bad one, if you're popular or not. But is owning a pet really worth the cost?

[2] Based on a recent survey, Americans spend almost \$130.00 every month on their pets. The costs however, vary depending on the type of animal. Dogs are the most expensive among commonly-owned pets. Taking care of a dog costs almost \$140.00 a month. Cats are less expensive at slightly below \$100.00 monthly. Between cats and dogs are birds and turtles, which have a monthly bill of about \$115.00 each.

[3] Although spending less than \$200.00 per month doesn't sound expensive, over the lifetime of the animal — which in most cases, can be at least 10 to 15 years — the costs add up. It's actually a lot more money than pet owners think they're spending. For example, in another poll, 12 percent of the people who responded thought they paid only about \$650.00 for the entire time they owned their pet. Most of the respondents estimated that the cost was about \$6,500.00. However, both of these guesses fell far short. For dogs, the lifetime expense that a person can anticipate is between \$27,000.00 and \$42,500.00. Cat owners spend a bit less: \$22,000.00 to \$31,000.00.

[4] Many people treat their pets as if they're children. Well, at \$42,000.00 dollars, these pets are a lot like children who have gone to university!

[5] Although people underestimate how much they spend on their pets,

they know they spend a lot. But why are these people willing to pay so much for their pets? As mentioned earlier, people say they appreciate the companionship that pets provide. In fact, statistical evidence shows that pet owners are mentally and physically healthier than those who don't own pets.

[6] Among the psychological reasons for keeping a pet is the decreased feeling of loneliness. Not only do pets provide people with company, but pet owners tend to socialize more. For example, they talk with other pet owners when they're walking their own pets outside. There are physical benefits, too. In addition to meeting other people in a park, the pet owner is getting exercise. Therefore, pet owners tend to weigh less and have lower blood pressure than people who don't have pets.

[7] But is owning a pet worth the expense? The apparent answer is that it depends. If a person who doesn't own a pet often goes out, exercises, and meets people, then the obvious answer is no. However, even healthy people who don't own pets tend to be slightly less healthy than their pet-owning counterparts. This means that if you have the money, desire, and dedication to care for an animal, the better option is to get a pet.

問1 According to the author, owning a pet 35.

- ① costs as much as raising a child and sending that child to university
- ② costs slightly less than exercising regularly in a gym
- ③ doesn't sound like a good financial decision
- ④ doesn't sound expensive when you consider the total amount

問2 The author emphasizes the high cost of pet ownership most likely because he or she 36.

- ① believes that pets are not truly family members
- ② feels the price of owning pets has increased recently
- ③ thinks people are not aware of the reality
- ④ wants to encourage people to save their money

問3 According to the article, people generally own pets 37.

- ① because staying healthy is expensive
- ② so that they won't be lonely
- ③ until their children leave home
- ④ when they can afford to spend the money

問4 Which of the following statements best summarizes the article? 38

- ① Although expensive, owning a pet has many rewards.
- ② Even with the benefits, owning a pet is not worthwhile.
- ③ Many people are satisfied with the pets they have.
- ④ Pet ownership requires a 10- to 15-year commitment.