English: 2Bac (All Streams)

Unit 7 (Citizenship)

Comprehension : Active citizenship

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Summary

I- Text

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I- Text

(1) There is no universally accepted definition of active citizenship. But there is a general agreement that it refers to the involvement of the individual in public life and affairs. This car take place at local,national and international levels. The term is used especially at local level to refer to citizens who become actively involved in the life of their communities tackling problems or bringing about change. At national level, it can move from voting to being involved in campaigning pressure groups to being a member in a political party. At international level, global active citizens may be involved in movements to promote sustainable development, reduce poverty or eradicate racism.

(2 Active citizens are not necessarily people who follow the rules and laws of society. They may challenge them although they should generally respect democratic processes and should not become involved in violent acts. :'here is a general set of values that can be associated with active citizens. These include justice, democracy, openness, tolerance, courage,and willingness to listen to and work with others.

(3) Active citizenship is also expressed through citizens' initiatives and participation in civic activities. The following example is from a Moroccan public school. Two years ago a group of second year Baccalaureate students set up a Club for Citizenship in their school. The aim was to promote the values necessary for a person to act as a good citizen. The club launched a project for blood donating."There is a shortage of blood in hospitals," Nabil, the coordinator of the club pointed out. "Blood transfusion is needed due to road traffic accidents, premature babies and medical emergencies," he added. When Nabil spread the news, the response to his facebook page was fantastic. The Provincial Blood Centre got involved and the partners agreed on the following slogan:"A Drop of Blood Saves a Life."

(4) The date to donate was fixed to coincide with the World Blood Donor Day in June. Believe it or not, ninety two donors responded. Speaking after making her donation, Rahma commented: "The best things in life are free. Blood donating is an altruistic act..., and my fellow students have shown warm hearts, great spirit and amazing generosity."

II- Questions

2-1/ Question 1

Are these sentences true or false ? Justify.

1. It is easy to define active citizenship : _____

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2. Active citizens do not always respect the laws and rules : _____

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3. Rahma was one of the blood donors : _____

II- Questions

2-2/ Question 2

Answer these questions :

1. Why did the students set up a club for citizenship ?

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2. How did Nabil inform the public about the blood initiative ?

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3. When was blood donated ?

II- Questions

2-3/ Question 3

Put the following events in the correct order according to the text :

- The provincial blood centre participated in the campaign.
- A group of students established a cub for citizenship.
- Donors responded positively to the campaign.
- The students launched a campaign for blood donating.

II- Questions

2-4/ Question 4

What do the underlined words in the text refer to ?

1. the term (Paragraph 1) : _____
2. these (Paragraph 2) : _____
3. his (Paragraph 3) : _____

II- Questions

2-5/ Question 5

Find in the text synonyms of the following words :

1. readiness (Paragraph 2) : _____
2. started (Paragraph 3) : _____