

Read the text carefully, then choose the correct answers.

A YEAR WITH OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERS

I was with Overseas Volunteers (OV) for a year after leaving university, and I was sent to an isolated village in Chad, about 500 km from the capital N'Djamena. Coming from a rich country, I got quite a shock as conditions were much harder than I had expected. But after a few days I soon got used to living there. The people were always very friendly and helpful, and soon I began to appreciate how beautiful the countryside was.

One of my jobs was to supply the village with water. The well was a long walk away. And the women used to spend a long time every day carrying heavy pots backwards and forwards. So I contacted organization and arranged to have some pipes delivered. We built a simple pipeline and a pump, and it worked first time. *It* wasn't perfect - there were a few leaks, but it made a great difference to the villagers, who had never had running water before. And not only did we have running water, but in the evenings it was hot, because the pipe had been lying in the sun all day. All in all, I think my time with OV was a good experience. Although it was not well-paid, it was well worth doing, and I would recommend it to anyone who was considering working for a charity.

36. The author _____.
 - A. has been working for OV for a year
 - B. is living in the capital N'Djamena
 - C. was born in a rich family
 - D. used to be a volunteer working in a remote village
37. How did the author feel when he arrived in the village?
 - A. surprised
 - B. impressed
 - C. disappointed
 - D. depressed
38. Which of the following is not true?
 - A. It took a lot of time to take water home from the well.
 - B. The villagers used to live in conditions without running water.
 - C. A pipeline was built to carry clean water to homes.
 - D. Solar energy was used to heat water.
39. The word '*It*' in line 9 refers to _____.
 - A. running water
 - B. the pump
 - C. the pipeline
 - D. the supply of water
40. What does the author think about his time with OV?
 - A. It was paid a lot of money.
 - B. It was not worth working.
 - C. It wasted time.
 - D. It provided good experience.

D. TRANSFORMATION

Rewrite the sentences beginning with an appropriate participle (present, past or perfect).

1. If it is looked after carefully, the plant can live through the winter.

2. As John doesn't have a credit card, he finds it difficult to book an airline ticket over the phone.

3. Peter spent a lot of time filling in job application forms because he was unemployed.

4. Because I was walking quickly, I soon caught up with her.

5. The house was built of wood, so it was clearly a fire risk.

6. She was eager to catch the bus in good time because she had been told off the day before for arriving late.

7. She didn't know where the theater was, so she asked for directions at the hotel reception.

8. As she was a nurse, she knew what to do after the accident.

9. He had spent his childhood in Oslo so he knew the city well.

10. The fruit was expensive because it was imported.

11. As we didn't want to offend him, we said nothing about his paintings.

12. Although James is known mainly as a write of novel, he has now written a successful biography.

13. Although it had been hunted close to extinction, the rhino is once again common in this area.

14. Before we came to Lam's party, we had bought some flowers.

15. After I had had my dinner, I invited Linda for a walk.

16. After she had spent the whole month studying the effects of deforestation, she collected enough data.

17. He risked his own life to rescue a girl from drowning. He was really admired for that.

18. Since the local authorities had failed to manage water resources efficiently, they had to deal with water shortages.

19. Tom broke his promise to keep my secret. He apologised for that.

20. Because farmers had been told about the dangers of chemical fertilisers, they turned to bio-fertilisers.

The best way to
find yourself is
to lose yourself
in the service
of others.

-Mahatma Gandhi