

TEST PREP

Know the News: Teens in Office

Read the article, then answer these questions.

- What is a central idea of the article?
 - Some towns allow students to be junior council members.
 - Most people don't take teen candidates seriously.
 - Teens can get involved in politics and even play important roles in government.
 - New York State now allows 16- and 17-year-olds to join their local community boards.
- Which sentence best supports that central idea?
 - "I want the community to be heard and not drowned out by businesses."
 - "People always think that kids are home on their PlayStation."
 - "She showed me that if you hear people out and then you follow through with helping them, it can be a really wonderful thing."
 - "It's never too early to engage."
- What was Caleb Owens's campaign slogan?
 - "New vision, new way"
 - "Young but ready"
 - "Stop the violence"
 - "Inspiring the next generation"
- Which of these is *not* one of the initiatives Brandon Paulin has overseen as mayor?
 - demolishing three abandoned properties
 - restoring a park
 - expanding police coverage to 24 hours a day
 - converting railroad tracks into a hiking trail
- Which of the following statements is an opinion?
 - Critics said Caleb Owens was too young to have any real experience.
 - You have to be at least 35 to run for U.S. president.
 - Brandon Paulin is the youngest mayor in Maryland's history.
 - Teens bring more energy to government roles than adults do.
- What is the main purpose of the "Dive Into the Political Process!" sidebar?
 - to give readers some ideas on how to get involved in politics
 - to encourage readers to register to vote
 - to tell readers how to run for office
 - to prove to readers that teens have a good chance of being elected
- In the section on Caleb Owens, which of these events happened first?
 - He ran in the mayoral primaries.
 - He went to Army medic training in Texas.
 - His friend was killed in a drive-by shooting.
 - He attended his senior prom.
- Which of these is mentioned as an effect of the gentrification of Susan Wu's neighborhood?
 - fewer luxury shops
 - higher rents
 - lower crime rates
 - an increase in the number of affordable stores
- What does *eyesore* mean in the following sentence? "[The buildings] were an eyesore and had been empty for more than two decades."
 - dangerous
 - crumbling
 - expensive
 - displeasing to look at
- How did Katie Cox first become a council member?
 - She applied for an open spot and was selected.
 - She was elected by voters.
 - She won a lottery.
 - A departing council member asked her to succeed him.