Know the News: Teens in Office

Read the article, then answer these questions.

1. What is a central idea of the article?
   A Some towns allow students to be junior council members.
   B Most people don’t take teen candidates seriously.
   C Teens can get involved in politics and even play important roles in government.
   D New York State now allows 16- and 17-year-olds to join their local community boards.

2. Which sentence best supports that central idea?
   A “I want the community to be heard and not drowned out by businesses.”
   B “People always think that kids are home on their PlayStation.”
   C “She showed me that if you hear people out and then you follow through with helping them, it can be a really wonderful thing.”
   D “It’s never too early to engage.”

3. What was Caleb Owens’s campaign slogan?
   A “New vision, new way”
   B “Young but ready”
   C “Stop the violence”
   D “Inspiring the next generation”

4. Which of these is not one of the initiatives Brandon Paulin has overseen as mayor?
   A demolishing three abandoned properties
   B restoring a park
   C expanding police coverage to 24 hours a day
   D converting railroad tracks into a hiking trail

5. Which of the following statements is an opinion?
   A Critics said Caleb Owens was too young to have any real experience.
   B You have to be at least 35 to run for U.S. president.
   C Brandon Paulin is the youngest mayor in Maryland’s history.
   D Teens bring more energy to government roles than adults do.

6. What is the main purpose of the “Dive Into the Political Process!” sidebar?
   A to give readers some ideas on how to get involved in politics
   B to encourage readers to register to vote
   C to tell readers how to run for office
   D to prove to readers that teens have a good chance of being elected

7. In the section on Caleb Owens, which of these events happened first?
   A He ran in the mayoral primaries.
   B He went to Army medic training in Texas.
   C His friend was killed in a drive-by shooting.
   D He attended his senior prom.

8. Which of these is mentioned as an effect of the gentrification of Susan Wu’s neighborhood?
   A fewer luxury shops
   B higher rents
   C lower crime rates
   D an increase in the number of affordable stores

9. What does eyesore mean in the following sentence? “[The buildings] were an eyesore and had been empty for more than two decades.”
   A dangerous
   B crumbling
   C expensive
   D displeasing to look at

10. How did Katie Cox first become a council member?
    A She applied for an open spot and was selected.
    B She was elected by voters.
    C She won a lottery.
    D A departing council member asked her to succeed him.