

## **Select Readings, Second Edition**

### **Intermediate, Chapter 2 Test**

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

#### **Celebrities Giving Back**

We all know that celebrities are glamorous. Whether walking down the red carpet in designer clothes, or shooting a scene in a big-budget movie, the lifestyles of the rich and famous are the envy of us all. Nowadays, however, more and more celebrities are using their fame and wealth to give back to the world around them. Here we profile some of the world's most famous people and ways they are changing the world we live in for the better.

#### **Brad Pitt, *Make It Right Foundation***

Known as one of the world's best-looking leading men, Brad Pitt started the foundation called *Make It Right* to help rebuild the city of New Orleans after it was devastated<sup>1</sup> by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. By building affordable, eco-friendly homes, the foundation has given thousands of families the opportunity for a new start in life.

#### **Christopher Reeve, *The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation***

After becoming paralyzed<sup>2</sup> from the neck down following a fall from a horse, the actor best known for his role as Superman decided to help others in the same situation. *The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation* is dedicated to curing spinal cord injuries by collecting money for innovative research, and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis.

#### **Garth Brooks, *Teammates for Kids***

The *Teammates for Kids* foundation, co-founded in 1999 by popular country-and-western singer Garth Brooks, exists to develop and implement innovative concepts in partnership with professional athletes, celebrities, organizations, and fans that raise funds for the benefit of children's charities.

#### **Sharon Stone, *Planet Hope***

Sharon Stone, one of the world's most famous actresses, and her sister Kelly came together to create *Planet Hope*. *Planet Hope* programs offer free medical and dental care, new clothes for kids, counseling and image makeovers for homeless women and women who have been victims of domestic<sup>3</sup> abuse. *Planet Hope* has made a huge difference to thousands of homeless and abused children and their families since it was started in 1992.

#### **Oprah Winfrey, *Oprah's Angel Network***

Oprah Winfrey, celebrity talk-show host and one of the world's richest women, started *Oprah's Angel Network* in 1998. Encouraging people to make a difference in the lives of others, *Oprah's Angel Network* has raised more than 80 million dollars over the years.

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<sup>1</sup> **devastated** destroyed

<sup>2</sup> **paralyzed** unable to move

<sup>3</sup> **domestic** inside one's own home or family

1. The reading passage is primarily about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. how to raise money for people in need
  - B. which celebrities help people and which don't
  - C. how some celebrities' foundations are helping people
  - D. which celebrities who have foundations are the most famous
  
2. Why did Brad Pitt start the *Make It Right Foundation*?
  - A. Because he is one of the best-looking celebrities
  - B. To rebuild the city of New Orleans
  - C. To keep New Orleans safe from hurricanes
  - D. To help cities across America that are devastated
  
3. In what type of accident did Christopher Reeve become paralyzed?
  - A. He was injured while filming the movie *Superman*.
  - B. He got a spinal cord injury after falling from a horse.
  - C. He was paralyzed from the neck down.
  - D. He decided to help others with spinal cord injuries.
  
4. Which of the following is not mentioned as a fundraiser for *Teammates for Kids*?
  - A. Children's charities
  - B. Professional athletes
  - C. Celebrities
  - D. Fans
  
5. Based on the reading, what can we infer about Sharon Stone's sister Kelly?
  - A. She sells children's clothing.
  - B. She was once homeless herself.
  - C. She is a doctor.
  - D. She is not a famous actress like her sister.
  
6. Which of the following is not mentioned as a service of *Planet Hope*?
  - A. Clothing for children
  - B. Free dental care
  - C. Free homes for women in need
  - D. Counseling and image makeovers
  
7. Based on the reading, which of the following is true about *Oprah's Angel Network*?
  - A. It has raised over 80 million dollars since 1998.
  - B. It tries to get people to help themselves.
  - C. Oprah has donated 80 million dollars of her own money.
  - D. Oprah stopped being a talk-show host to start this foundation.
  
8. Which foundation helps build inexpensive homes?
  - A. *Make It Right*
  - B. *The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation*
  - C. *Teammates for Kids*
  - D. *Planet Hope*
  
9. Which foundation was started in 1999?
  - A. *Make It Right*
  - B. *Teammates for Kids*
  - C. *Planet Hope*
  - D. *Oprah's Angel Network*

10. Which foundation is focused mostly on helping women?
- A. *Make It Right*
  - B. *The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation*
  - C. *Planet Hope*
  - D. *Oprah's Angel Network*