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Teens for planet Earth

This is a social networking site for teenagers who want to get involved in protecting our planet. They can connect with other green-minded teens, choose a project or create their own. Teens for Planet Earth encourages young folks to get busy in their own communities. They offer guidance on local projects with categories such as habitats, animals, water and education. Awards are given to active members.

Meez

At Meez, teens can create their own avatars(头像), rooms and virtual pets. It is a social community of creative people that combines avatars, virtual worlds and games. Meez offers contests and chat as well as homework help, a fashion centre and a writers' corner. A chat area for younger teens is available. Other areas are music, geek(极客) centre, art and sports.

Cyberteens

Cyberteens is another cool site that celebrates the teen years. Here teenagers can find communities, games, and news. There is a link called "creativity" where teens can share their poems, stories, photos and artwork. The "cool links" section offers a huge variety of choices to curious teens. This site also has surveys and helps with jobs and schoolwork.

Student.com

Student.com is a resource site for teens and high school students. Its social network has over 900,000 members. Members earn points to win prizes just by browsing and they offer several multi-player games. Points are used to buy items at auction(拍卖会). Student.com is filled with useful information and articles.

21. What is Teens for Planet Earth aimed at?

- A. Setting up a project. B. Giving awards to teens  
C. Getting young folks busy D. Giving advice on local projects.

22. Which website offers assistance in jobs?

- A. Teens for planet Earth B. Meez C. Cyberteens D. Student.com

23. What makes Student.com special among these websites?

- A. It has the most members B. Teens can read articles on it.  
C. It offers help on schoolwork D. Teens can make purchases on it.

24. What can we infer about the websites mentioned in the text?

- A. They provide game platform B. They benefit teens in their social life.  
C. They award outstanding teens D. They offer various study guidance

2.

My dearest son and daughter,

The story of New Jersey high school student Rachel Canning suing(起诉) her parents for child support and high school education inspired me to write you a little letter. Let me just put this out there: the only way I expect to see you in a court is as a lawyer or a judge.

There are two things about this case that seem to be disaster.

First, it's natural for parents and children to argue. I can guarantee that we will disagree. One or both of you will, at some point, scream at the top of your lungs the various ways you hate me. And I won't always like you, either. But I will always love you and do everything I can to keep your best interests as my focus, even when I am so angry. We are family. That means we are as much a part of one another as the flesh, blood and bones in our body. And we all should think about it very deeply instead of breaking that bond.

Second, I'll be honest, and no matter how far apart we are on your life choices, your father and I will most certainly pay everything we can for your higher education. But that doesn't mean you deserve it. To be clear, this is a privilege we happily extend(给予) to you – not a right you are born with. And you will have to work hard to earn that privilege. Growing up is hard work.

If I do my job properly as your mother – and you do yours as my children – you would sooner get a job or two, and find a way to make your dreams come true rather than go to trial over what you think you are entitled to.

Love always,

Mom

25. The mother writes this letter because she wants her children to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. be prepared for education B. learn a lesson from the case  
C. take up the legal profession D. remember Rachel Canning