Bilngual Geography Year 10

The European Union – Why does it matter?

Tasks:

Complete tasks 1 and 2a) + b)

Vocabulary help:

A) ***common*** *= gemeinsam*
B) ***training certificate*** *= Ausbildungsbescheinigung*
   charges *= Gebühren, Kosten*
C) ***to provide s.th.*** *= etw. zur Verfügung stellen*
D) ***insurance*** *= Versicherung*
   treatment *= Behandlung*
E) ***border*** *= Grenze*
F) ***delay*** *= Verspätung*
   cancellation *= Ausfall, Streichung*
G) ***convenient*** *= vorteilhaft, bequem*
H) ***owing to*** *= wegen, aufgrund*
   former *= ehemalig, früher*
   independent *= unabhängig*

A The EU supports common educational goals and programmes. Standards were developed to categorise language skills (B2, C1, etc.). Furthermore, your school reports as well as training certificates are accepted throughout the EU. This makes it easier for you to study in another European country or to do voluntary service there.

E Due to the Schengen Agreement, you are free to move in the EU and do not even have to show your passport at the border.

B EU regulations protect customers, which is why telephone and internet costs have been reduced over the past years. In June 2017 roaming charges were entirely abolished.

F Travellers have been given more rights with respect to delays or cancellations over recent years. This is not only true for train passengers, but also for those travelling by plane, ship or bus.

G The common currency, the Euro, makes life rather convenient in 19 of the 28 member states of the EU. It allows you to travel without having to change money and to compare prices easily.

C Your school exchange programmes are quite likely also supported by the EU, as financial help is provided, for instance, by the Comenius programme.

H Owing to the cooperation of formerly independent countries, the EU ensures safety for its citizens. Therefore, you now live in relative peace and stability.

HELPFUL WORDS AND PHRASES
for TASK 2:
- My first choice is … as it is very important to me that …
- Furthermore / Moreover I think …
- Consequently, …

D Thanks to the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which is accepted all throughout the EU, visits to a doctor and even treatments at hospitals are simplified as you are guaranteed state-provided healthcare.

TASKS

1 Categorize of the statements (A–H) about life in the EU and find suitable headings for each category.

2 a) Sort the statements (A–H) according to their importance to you.
b) Give reasons for your arrangement.
c) Compare your results.

KEY TERMS

- Euro
- European Union
- Schengen Agreement

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Proposal for solution

Task 1:

Education

A Standards for language skills

C Exchange programmes

Communication

B Reduced costs for phone and internet

Mobility

D European Health Insurance Cards

E No more border controls

F More rights for travellers in case of delays

Money

G The Euro – a currency for 19 countries

Politics

H Peace and stability for Europe

Task 2a)

H, F, E, B, D, G, C, A

Task 2b)

I love travelling. However, to be able to go travelling you need to live in peace, which the European Union helps to keep.

I travel a lot by train and I don't have a lot of money. Therefore it's important that I get my money, or part of it back, when trains or flights are cancelled.

Because I don't like waiting or wasting time, I am happy that I don't have to wait at the border when I go abroad.

I want to be able to talk to my friends and family when I'm abroad, therefore having lower fees through the EU is great.

Having the same currency in 19 countries is also good for me. I won't have foreign money left over, and I save a lot of time because I don't need to exchange money.

School exchanges are not important for me, but it's great that people can go to abroad at a young age and get to know other cultures.

Having the same standards for language learning is important, it helps to get into university abroad or to get a job. The same applies for training certificates. This doesn't matter to me so much because I only want to go travelling.