NC of Note-Study Guide (student edition)

Jonathan Reckford

1. Where did Jonathan Reckford grow up?
   A. California
   B. New Hampshire
   C. New York
   D. North Carolina

2. What were Reckford’s specific areas of study?
   A. Drama and business
   B. Economics and government
   C. Political science and business
   D. Politics and management

3. Where did Reckford work first after graduating from UNC-CH?
   A. Best Buy
   B. Goldman Sachs
   C. Musicland
   D. Walt Disney Co.

4. Whose words encouraged Reckford to apply his skills to non-profits? (Extra: What did he/she say?)
   A. his father
   B. his rowing coach
   C. an undergraduate professor
   D. a graduate school professor

5. What led to Reckford’s work in Asia?
   A. boarding School
   B. Luce Foundation Scholarship
   C. Morehead Scholarship
   D. rowing team
6. Which heading belongs in the circle above?
   A. gender equity  
   B. global poverty  
   C. health issues  
   D. voting rights

7. How did Reckford become involved with Habitat for Humanity?
   A. His church recommended him for the position of CEO for Habitat.
   B. He received a phone call from someone helping Habitat find its CEO.
   C. His company offered him a year off to serve as interim CEO for Habitat.
   D. He worked his way from state level leadership to the position of CEO for Habitat.

8. What is the false dichotomy that Reckford describes?
   A. Service vs. faithful  
   B. Faithful vs. grassroots  
   C. Professional vs. faithful  
   D. Organized vs. professional

9. Which best represents Reckford’s view of former President Jimmy Carter?
   A. Carter gives funds to Habitat.
   B. Carter travels around the world.
   C. Carter is too old to build houses.
   D. Carter treats everyone the same.
10. What does Reckford mean when he says, Habitat’s work is “handing up, not handing out?”
   A. Home ownership represents a gift.
   B. Home ownership erases people’s debt.
   C. Home ownership empowers people to do more.
   D. Home ownership allows people to take care of their families.

11. Which word best describes Reckford, according to the profile?
   A. consultant
   B. religious
   C. scientist
   D. skeptical

WORDS: What does the text tell you about an attribute or meaning of the following? What clues do you find in context? Does any word have a prefix or suffix, similar word or word within the word that aids in defining the word?

1. nonprofit
2. crystallized
3. inclusive
4. dichotomy
5. volunteers

WRITING PROMPTS:
What caused Reckford to switch the focus of his career?
Identify someone in the news who switched careers? What caused the change? Did the person choose the change?

Choose a format to explain the changes and different viewpoints on the changes, include your thoughts on why and how each person changed his/her career.

Extra: Compare Reckford’s change in direction with changes chosen by other individuals featured in profiles written for North Carolinians of Note (Eben Alexander or Tom Ross, for example).