ANSWERS TO WS 4A

COMPASSION AND WISDOM WORK TOGETHER

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GROUP A



1. A compassionate passerby gives money to a drunken homeless man, who immediately buys another bottle of liquor in return.

TIP
Contributions in kind (food, clothing, etc.) make more sense here in the long term than monetary contributions.



2. The parents ground the son because he has been late home several times and stress that he needs to learn punctuality.

TIP
The son may become hardened by the parents' harshness. Trust and an agreement can be found in an understanding conversation.



3. A politician has many schools built in his disaster-stricken country with the aid money available to enable women in particular to receive vocational training.

TIP
This case can be judged as balanced because education offers a way out of the poverty trap.

ANSWERS TO WS 4B

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GRUPPE B



1. A classmate who is struggling in a particular subject, e.g. math, refuses to help the other with his homework, saying that he has no time and that the other person is to blame for his lack of knowledge.

TIP
The classmate is probably right, but his reaction is too cold-hearted. He could give the other person practice problems and check them with him instead of telling him the correct solution.



2. A teacher pleads for the exclusion of a student who threatens all other students. He notifies a social worker who deals with the student.

TIP
This case can be judged as balanced because it protects the class while offering help.



3. A friend always stays home with his girlfriend on weekends because she is shy and anxious.

TIP
The boyfriend should also make his needs clear to his girlfriend and help her overcome her weaknesses so that both can enjoy a long-term fulfilling relationship.

ANSWERS TO WS 4C

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GRUPPE C



1. During a flood disaster, the residents are evacuated in order to bring them to safety. They are forbidden to return to the house again to get their possessions.

TIP
This case can be judged as balanced, so as many lives as possible are saved.



2. A father buys his daughter anything she wants so that she will be well off.

TIP
This overabundance of objects is not wise and cannot replace love and attention. The father should perceive what his daughter really needs.



3. A mother gives her child painkillers every time he has a headache so that he does not suffer.

TIP
The mother should find out (e.g. with the help of a doctor) the causes of the headache and find other forms of therapy without side effects.