

Questions 10 to 14 are based on this draft newspaper article.

If you are on a tight budget and don't have that extra money for home improvement, a local council grant is the best thing for you. It is free and many people are eligible. However, before going into the details and asking your local council about the grant, there are some things that you should remember. Here are some of the basic things that you need to understand about grants for home improvement.

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The grants available do differ from council to council and so it is important that you contact your local council with regards to the home improvements available. Each council also has certain rules that must be adhered to and although the rules can be different dependent on what that councils grants, they all must, by law, not discriminate against age sexuality, race, religion or disability. If you would struggle financially taking a loan, the grant is the next best thing for you.

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Before making home improvements, you should ensure that you own the home and that you are not going to sell it for at least three years. Elderly people can get the grant easily, especially if they need to renovate their home to fit their condition.

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There are certain areas where you need to comply before you can have the grant. The areas you wish to renovate for improvement must have valid reasons. A good example of generally acceptable criteria, above, is if you want to renovate your house to accommodate the elderly. Another good reason for acceptance is if you intend to make your house more energy efficient, such as fitting loft insulation.

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Don't be discouraged to ask for a grant if you think you are not eligible. There are a lot of rules that the councils have and most of them are really easy for compliance. Ask your local council office about these specific rules or contact the Citizens Advice Bureau and you will be well on your way to securing a grant to help improve your home.

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10) What would be the most suitable headline for this article?

- A** Do you need to insulate your home?
- B** Free grants available now.
- C** Improve your home – apply for a council grant
- D** Improve your home for an elderly relative

11) In which newspaper section would you be most likely to find this article?

- A** sports news
- B** financial pages
- C** entertainment news
- D** editorial

12) A comma has been left out by mistake from

- A** line 6
- B** line 10
- C** line 16
- D** line 20

13) Before applying for a grant you should make sure that you

- A** own your home
- B** have an elderly relative
- C** cannot apply for a loan
- D** need loft insulation

14) The purpose of this draft newspaper article is

- A** to advertise local council services
- B** to advise how to go about getting a home improvement grant
- C** to promote home improvement
- D** to inform readers about a new type of grant