

UNIT 2: CITY LIFE

PART I. VOCABULARY

a. Vocabulary

Word	Part of speech	Pronunciation	Meaning
1. traffic congestion	(n)	/ˈtræfɪk kənˈdʒɛstʃən/	xe điện
2. bustling	(adj)	/ˈbʌlɪŋ/	hối hả, nhộn nhịp, náo nhiệt
3. concrete jungle	(n)	/ˈkɒŋkri:t/ ˈdʒʌŋɡl/	khu vực bê tông hóa (<i>nhều nhà cao tầng</i>)
4. construction site	(n)	/kənˈstrʌkʃn saɪt/	công trường xây dựng
5. congested	(adj)	/kənˈdʒɛstɪd/	tắc nghẽn (giao thông)
6. downtown	(n)	/ˈdaʊntaʊn/	khu trung tâm thành phố, thị trấn
7. entertainment centre	(n)	/ˌentəˈteɪnmənt ˈsentə/	trung tâm giải trí
8. hygiene	(n)	/ˈhaɪdʒiːn/	vệ sinh, vấn đề vệ sinh
9. itchy	(adj)	/ˈɪtʃi/	ngứa, gây ngứa
10. leftover	(n)	/ˈleftəʊvə/	thức ăn thừa
11. liveable	(adj)	/ˈlɪvəbl/	đáng sống
12. metro	(n)	/ˈmetrəʊ/	hệ thống tàu điện ngầm
13. pricey	(adj)	/ˈpraɪsi/	đắt đỏ
14. process	(v)	/ˈprəʊses/	xử lý
15. public amenities	(n)	/ˈpʌblɪk əˈmiːnɪtiz/	những tiện ích công cộng
16. rush hour	(n)	/ˈrʌʃ aʊər/	giờ cao điểm
17. sky train	(n)	/skaɪ treɪn/	tàu điện trên không
18. traffic jam	(n)	/ˈtræfɪk dʒæm/	nạn kẹt xe
19. tram	(n)	/træm/	tàu điện ngầm

b. Collocation/ phrase/ phrasal verb

Collocations/ phrases	Meaning
1. carry out	tiến hành, thực hiện
2. come down with	bị ốm, mắc bệnh
3. cut down on	cắt giảm
4. get around	đi xung quanh
5. hang out with	đi chơi (cùng ai)
6. packed with	đông đúc

PART II. GRAMMAR

a. Double comparatives

Càng, thì càng.....

Adj/Adv_ER

Adj/Adv_ER

The + LESS + Adj/Adv/N,

THE + LESS + Adj/Adv/N

MORE + Adj/Adv/N

MORE + Adj/Adv/N

The darker it gets, **the colder** it is.

The less money you spent, **the more** you can save.

The more beautiful she is, **the more miserable** her husband is.



LISTENING

Exercise 1: Listen to the recording and choose the best answer A, B, C, or D for each question below:

- What is one of the benefits of living in a city?
 - Access to a wide range of amenities
 - Peaceful and quiet surroundings
 - Limited job opportunities
 - Lack of cultural activities
- Why do cities provide better job opportunities?
 - Due to fewer businesses and industries
 - Because of convenient access to healthcare
 - Presence of numerous businesses and industries
 - Lack of cultural diversity
- What do cities offer in terms of cultural activities?
 - Theaters, museums, and concerts
 - Only shopping malls
 - Limited entertainment options
 - No cultural diversions
- How is public transportation in cities typically?
 - Underdeveloped
 - Non-existent
 - More developed
 - Inefficient
- What social opportunities does living in a city provide?
 - None
 - Meeting new friends and participating in events
 - Isolation
 - Limited social interactions

Exercise 2: Listen to the audio and decide whether those sentences are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F):

	True	False
1. London is the smallest city in Britain.	☐	☐
2. The West End of London is known for historical places, parks, shops, and theatres.	☐	☐
3. The South End of London is where working people live and work.	☐	☐
4. The "Odeon" is one of the most famous museums in London.	☐	☐
5. Oxford Street is London's main shopping centre.	☐	☐

PHONETIC

Exercise 1: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. <u>serious</u> | B. <u>thousand</u> | C. <u>found</u> | D. <u>around</u> |
| 2. A. <u>conflict</u> | B. <u>itchy</u> | C. <u>reliable</u> | D. <u>determine</u> |
| 3. A. <u>hygiene</u> | B. <u>heritage</u> | C. <u>hotel</u> | D. <u>hour</u> |
| 4. A. <u>construction</u> | B. <u>popular</u> | C. <u>regular</u> | D. <u>fabulous</u> |
| 5. A. <u>tram</u> | B. <u>carry</u> | C. <u>safe</u> | D. <u>traffic</u> |
| 6. A. <u>famous</u> | B. <u>nervous</u> | C. <u>dangerous</u> | D. <u>mountain</u> |
| 7. A. <u>town</u> | B. <u>cow</u> | C. <u>snow</u> | D. <u>brown</u> |
| 8. A. <u>spread</u> | B. <u>disease</u> | C. <u>health</u> | D. <u>pleasure</u> |
| 9. A. <u>flood</u> | B. <u>good</u> | C. <u>foot</u> | D. <u>look</u> |
| 10. A. <u>crop</u> | B. <u>export</u> | C. <u>shortage</u> | D. <u>resort</u> |

Exercise 2: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. locate | B. mingle | C. develop | D. attract |
| 2. A. populous | B. determine | C. forbidden | D. delicious |
| 3. A. bustling | B. advance | C. itchy | D. pricey |
| 4. A. capital | B. gallery | C. harbour | D. museum |
| 5. A. fascinate | B. expensive | C. restaurant | D. difference |
| 6. A. conduct | B. ancient | C. drawback | D. feature |
| 7. A. determine | B. pagoda | C. fabulous | D. convenient |
| 8. A. intelligence | B. facility | C. development | D. education |
| 9. A. metropolitan | B. university | C. organisation | D. multicultural |
| 10. A. fascinate | B. expensive | C. restaurant | D. difference |



VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR

Exercise 1: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. The construction _____ next door has been noisy all week.
A. metro B. tram C. underground D. site
2. The theater in the _____ area hosts fantastic performances.
A. downtown B. hygiene C. rural D. underground
3. The new _____ features a cinema, bowling alley, and arcade.
A. traffic jam B. entertainment centre C. concrete jungle D. construction site
4. It's easy to _____ the city using public transportation.
A. carry out B. find out C. get around D. come back
5. Good _____ practices are essential to prevent the spread of diseases.
A. construction B. hygiene C. leftover D. downtown
6. My allergies cause _____ during springtime.
A. road dust B. underground system C. congested road D. itchy eyes
7. _____ is a common issue in large cities.
A. Traffic light B. Traffic flow C. Traffic safety D. Traffic congestion
8. The _____ streets of downtown are filled with people rushing to work.
A. bustling B. special C. empty D. quiet
9. To save money, I try to _____ unnecessary expenses.
A. come down with B. cut down on C. hang out with D. get on with
10. The old library was quite _____, but they recently renovated it.
A. pricey B. reliable C. dusty D. quiet
11. Eating out in this city can be quite _____, especially at fancy restaurants.
A. affordable B. pricey C. interesting D. reasonable
12. I _____ a fever last night.
A. came down with B. cut down on C. got on with D. ran out of
13. The city government aims to _____ environmental initiatives.
A. get around B. hand down C. carry out D. give up
14. Let's _____ at the local café this weekend!
A. get on with B. hang out C. come down D. cut down on
15. The city offers a _____ lifestyle with everything within reach.
A. crowded B. noisy C. boring D. convenient
16. Unfortunately, I _____ a cold last week.
A. handed down B. came down with C. ran out of D. gave up
17. During _____ hour, the subway is always packed with commuters.
A. rush B. low C. crowded D. liveable
18. New York City is often referred to as a _____ due to its tall buildings and busy streets.
A. public amenity B. entertainment center C. concrete jungle D. construction site
19. The city park feels like an oasis of _____ green space.
A. noisy B. careful C. safe D. dangerous
20. The cityscape is a mix of historic and _____ architecture.
A. crowded B. modern C. boring D. noisy
21. I need to _____ sugary snacks for better health.
A. run out of B. cut down on C. get on with D. take care of
22. The city streets are often _____ during rush hour.
A. itchy B. open C. congested D. pricey
23. My skin gets _____ when I'm stressed.
A. itchy B. narrow C. perfect D. clear
24. Be cautious of _____ in crowded areas.
A. pickpocketing B. crime-free C. safety D. security
25. Despite the noise, this neighborhood is quite _____.
A. dangerous B. liveable C. silent D. careful
26. The _____ metro system is efficient for daily commuting.
A. leftover B. construction C. underground D. traffic jam



27. Many families prefer to live in the quieter _____.
A. suburbs B. centers C. amenities D. transportation
28. The _____ of having shops nearby makes life easier.
A. inconvenient B. difficulty C. convenience D. unreliable
29. To stay healthy, I try to _____ processed foods.
A. avoid B. transport C. widen D. complete
30. The city council plans to _____ infrastructure improvements.
A. hand down B. carry out C. get around D. look after
31. Make sure to cook chicken _____ to avoid food poisoning.
A. properly B. shortly C. narrowly D. especially
32. Unfortunately, this area has a _____.
A. low noise level B. high crime rate C. clean environment D. high safety level
33. The more invaluable world heritages are to humanity, _____.
A. the more protected and preserving they are B. the more they are protected and preserved
C. the more they have people protect and preserve D. the more people make them protect and preserve
34. _____ the temperature, _____ water turns into steam.
A. Higher / faster the B. The higher / the faster
C. The more higher / the faster D. The higher / the fast
35. The older you are, _____.
A. the more you may become worried B. the more worried you may become
C. the more worry you may become D. you may become more worried
36. The more challenging the exercises are, _____ we feel.
A. the less bored B. the least bored C. the less boring D. the least boring
37. The _____ you encounter failure, the more confident you are.
A. more frequently B. as frequently C. most frequent D. more frequent
38. He spent a year in India and loves spicy food. _____ the food is, _____ he likes it.
A. The hotter/the more and more B. The hotter/the more
C. The more and more hot/the more D. The hottest/the most
39. _____ he drank, _____ he became.
A. More/more violent B. The most/the most violent
C. The more/the more violent D. The less/less violent
40. Earning money has always been the thing that pleases him most. _____ he becomes, _____ he is.
A. The more rich/ the more happy B. The richest/ the happiest
C. The richer/ the happier D. Richer and richer/happier and happier
41. _____ you study for these exams, _____ you will do.
A. The harder/ the better B. The more/ the much
C. The hardest/ the best D. The more hard/ the more good
42. My neighbor is driving me mad! It seems that _____ it is at night, _____ he plays his music!
A. the less/ the more loud B. the less/less
C. the more late/ the more loudly D. the later/the louder

Exercise 2: Fill in each blank with one appropriate word or phrase from the box. (There are some extra words or phrases.)

bustling	process	pricey	leftovers
traffic jams	itchy	entertainment center	construction sites

- _____ are a common sight in bustling cities, with cranes and workers building new skyscrapers.
- After a long day at work, people often unwind by visiting an _____, where they can enjoy movies, games, or live performances.
- Instead of wasting food, it's better to save _____ from meals and use them for another day.
- Dining out in the city can be _____, especially at upscale restaurants with gourmet cuisine.
- Rush hour brings heavy _____, causing delays for commuters trying to get home.



Exercise 3: Fill in each blank with a suitable word or phrase from the box.

green spaces
rush hour

leftovers
city center

livable
cafeteria

traffic lights
construction site

food waste
traffic congestion

1. Every morning during _____, the streets are packed with cars and buses.
2. I made too much pasta last night. I'll pack the _____ for lunch tomorrow.
3. Many office buildings have a _____ where employees can go to buy and eat lunch.
4. We need to wait patiently for the _____ to turn green before crossing the street.
5. Some restaurants donate their _____ to local shelters instead of throwing it away.
6. _____ is the heart of the city, with high activity, shops, and businesses.
7. The high cost of rent makes it difficult for many young professionals to find a _____ apartment in the city center.
8. The city is planning to build a new subway line to help reduce _____ during rush hour.
9. Many people enjoy spending time relaxing in the city's _____, like parks and gardens.
10. My friend's apartment building is under renovation, so they are currently living in a temporary place until the _____ is finished.

Exercise 4: Circle the correct option in brackets.

1. The **(more / many)** people live in a city, the **(busy / busier)** traffic there is.
2. The **(most / more)** expensive an apartment is, the **(less / much)** likely it is to be in a central location.
3. The **(closer / closest)** you live in the city center, the **(most / more)** expensive the rent is likely to be.
4. The **(less / little)** noise there is in the city, the **(easier / difficult)** it can be to get a good night's sleep.
5. **(The more / The most)** you walk in the city at night, **(the more / the most)** important it is to be aware of your surroundings.
6. The **(largest / larger)** city you live in, the **(more / fewer)** opportunities there are for jobs.
7. The **(less / heavier)** traffic there is, the **(short / shorter)** time it takes to get around.
8. The **(many / fewer)** tourists there are, the **(less / more)** crowded the museums become.
9. The **(most / more)** options for entertainment there are, the **(most / more)** diverse the culture becomes.
10. The **(more / least)** historical landmarks a city has, the **(weakest / stronger)** sense of connection you might feel to the past.

Exercise 5: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. New York city was **founded** by the Dutch in 1624.
A. demolished B. destroyed C. established D. pointed
2. More and more city **dwellers** suffer from coughing or breathing problems.
A. residents B. roads C. pollution D. traffics
3. At weekends the city centre is always **packed** with people.
A. empty B. crowded C. peaceful D. convenient
4. Public transportation in the city is generally **reliable**, with frequent buses and trains.
A. unsteady B. broken C. delayed D. trustworthy
5. The city skyline, with its tall buildings and shimmering lights, is undeniably **attractive**.
A. appealing B. boring C. ugly D. unattractive

Exercise 6: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. There is far too much pollution nowadays in **urban** areas.
A. local B. rural C. nation D. neighbour
2. Unfortunately, some neighborhoods in the city can be **dangerous** due to high crime rates.
A. dull B. special C. safe D. unsafe
3. Living in the city has a number of **drawbacks**.
A. negatives B. advantages C. disadvantages D. problems
4. The new road is very **wide**, which helps to reduce congestion and improve the flow of vehicles.
A. narrow B. broad C. large D. vast



5. Living in the city can be **pricey**; rent, dining out, and entertainment all come at a premium.
 A. cheap B. expensive C. costly D. dear

Exercise 7: Write the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. Many city dwellers appreciate the convenience of public transportation, but sometimes crowded buses and trains lack the _____ of a private car. **(comfortable)**
2. The streets during rush hour can be incredibly _____, with people hurrying to work or school. **(crowd)**
3. Unfortunately, the city's public Wi-Fi network is quite _____; it frequently disconnects without warning. **(rely)**
4. The skyline is constantly changing due to ongoing _____ projects, as new buildings rise alongside older ones. **(construct)**
5. The city's parks are _____ landscaped, providing green spaces for residents to relax and unwind. **(attract)**
6. The nightlife in the city is incredibly _____, with bars, clubs, and live music venues open until the early hours. **(live)**
7. Despite the hustle and bustle, there are _____ corners in the city, like the serene botanical garden. **(peace)**
8. Air pollution from traffic is a major concern, and efforts are being made to reduce _____ in the city. **(pollutants)**
9. Living near grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants offers great _____ for city dwellers. **(convenient)**
10. Some neighborhoods can be _____, especially after dark, so it's essential to stay alert and take precautions. **(endanger)**

SPEAKING

Exercise 1: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

1. **Ann:** "Alex, the traffic in this city is unbearable!" - **Alex:** "I know, Ann. _____."
 A. You are Welcome. B. I think it's quite hard to do that.
 C. You are excellent. D. It takes forever to get anywhere
2. **Ann:** " _____ " - **Alex:** "I love it! There are so many clubs and bars."
 A. Would you like to have dinner with me?"
 B. Do you feel like going to the cinema this afternoon?
 C. What do you think of the nightlife here?
 D. What can I do for you?
3. **Ann:** "Alex, do you feel safe walking around at night?" - **Alex:** "Generally, yes. _____."
 A. I haven't experienced it much B. It's too noisy for me
 C. But it's always good to be cautious D. I prefer staying at home
4. **Ann:** "I enjoy spending time in the city parks." - **Alex:** " _____ They're a nice escape from the hustle and bustle."
 A. No problem B. It's on the wall
 C. I'm glad you like it D. Me too!
5. **Ann:** "Any good restaurant suggestions?" - **Alex:** "Definitely! _____."
 A. Let's try that new sushi place. B. Just round the corner over there.
 C. Look it up in a dictionary! D. There's no traffic near here.
6. **Ann:** "The air quality here isn't great, is it?" - **Alex:** " _____ . We need more green spaces."
 A. Not really B. No way! It's useful
 C. I'm of the opposite opinion D. No, it's not
7. **Ann:** " _____ " - **Alex:** "There are plenty of opportunities, but competition is fierce."
 A. What do you think about job prospects? B. Can I pay by credit card?
 C. What do you have? D. You're welcome.
8. **Ann:** "The noise level drives me crazy sometimes." - **Alex:** " _____ . Earplugs are my best friends."
 A. I don't agree B. Absolutely C. I doubt it D. Not at all
9. **Ann:** " _____ ?" - **Alex:** "Yes, the subway is convenient, but it gets crowded."
 A. Do you mind if I sit here? B. Do you use public transport?
 C. It's a bit hot in here, isn't it? D. Would you like a cup of coffee?
10. **Ann:** "Would you ever move to the countryside?" - **Alex:** " _____ , but for now, I'm a city person."



- A. It's too heavy. B. Maybe someday
C. Thanks a lot, indeed. D. Welcome back.
11. **Ann:** "I heard that the government will build a roof garden on top of this high-rise building. Do you think that will be possible?" - **Alex:** _____. They are now making a plan and it will be built soon.
A. I'm not sure this is true B. You should give them some advice
C. There can't be any doubt about it D. That's a great idea
12. **Jane:** Mum, I think our city will become more modern. - **Mother:** _____
A. I'm absolutely sure about it. B. You can't do anything.
C. I have some ideas for that. D. We hope that.
13. _____ - "How much does this taxi ride cost?" - "_____"
A. Let me see, it should be around \$10. B. You look tired, take a seat.
C. No problem, hop in! D. Almost! It arrives in 5 minutes.
14. _____ - "Is this a good place to find souvenirs?" - "_____"
A. Yes, there are many shops on this street. B. Sure, follow me. I'm always ready for help.
C. I'm not sure, maybe ask the prices first. D. Excellent choice, the shirt here is amazing!
15. - "Hi, can I pay with my card at this market stall?" - "_____"
A. Thanks for your purchase. B. Do you have the exact amount?
C. Cash only, I'm afraid. D. No, you don't have to lend me your card.
16. - "Wow, this street is crowded!" - "_____"
A. Maybe we should take a taxi. B. It's always like this on weekends.
C. Let's find a quieter place to chat. D. I think I left my phone at home.
17. - "Is this the bus stop for the train station?" - "_____"
A. It looks closed today. B. I'm not waiting for it.
C. No, you need to take the train. D. Yes, the next bus arrives in 15 minutes.
18. - "Excuse me, do you know where the nearest grocery store is?" - "_____"
A. I'm not sure, sorry. B. It's closed on Sundays.
C. Sure, it's right next to the bookstore. D. No problem, thanks for asking.

READING

Exercise 1: Look at the sign or the notice. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for these questions.

1. What does this sign mean? A. Keep your distance. B. Do not enter. C. Beware of opening door. D. Prepare to stop	
2. What does this sign mean? A. Anybody can park here. B. You can park here if you are not visitors. C. Only the visitor living in this country can park here. D. Parking in this space for visitor only	
3. What does this sign mean? A. Using mobile phones is allowed when pumping gas. B. Using mobile phones is prohibited when pumping gas. C. You can make a phone call when pumping gas. D. Using mobile phone isn't dangerous when pumping gas.	

4. What does this sign mean? A. You must wear masks. C. You can't wear masks. B. You can wear masks. D. You want to wear masks.	
5. What does this sign mean? A. The airbag is activated. B. The airbag isn't working. C. The airbag need to be serviced. D. Engage the airbag right now	

Exercise 2: Read the following advertisement / announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks

①

Uncover the Magic of the City with Our Walking Tours!

Our guided walking tours offer a unique and intimate way to experience (1) _____ heart of our city. Wander through (2) _____ neighborhoods, discover charming cafes, and admire stunning architecture. Learn about the (3) _____ stories and legends that shape our city's identity. Tours are available daily and can be booked online or (4) _____ our visitor center.

Walking Tours - Your Path to Urban Discovery!

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| 1. A. no article | B. a | C. the | D. an |
| 2. A. convenient | B. historic | C. polluted | D. dangerous |
| 3. A. fascinated | B. fascinating | C. fascinatingly | D. fascinate |
| 4. A. in | B. to | C. at | D. for |

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Calling all Cyclists!

Join us for the City Bike Ride this November! Riders of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate (1) _____ this fun event that celebrates (2) _____ living and explores the city's (3) _____ routes. The bike ride will wind through parks, along rivers, and past charming neighborhoods. Register online or at (4) _____ event starting point. Let's ride together!

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| 1. A. in | B. for | C. about | D. on |
| 2. A. healthily | B. healthy | C. health | D. unhealthy |
| 3. A. terrible | B. attractive | C. unsafe | D. scenic |
| 4. A. a | B. an | C. no article | D. the |

③

Welcome to the annual Riverfront Night Market!

This vibrant event showcases (1) _____ best of our city's riverside charm. Join us along the riverbank for an evening filled with (2) _____ street food, unique crafts, and live music. Explore stalls offering handmade goods, enjoy (3) _____ views, and immerse yourself (4) _____ the lively atmosphere.

Riverfront Night Market - A feast for the senses!

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| 1. A. no article | B. an | C. the | D. a |
| 2. A. unreliable | B. peaceful | C. beautiful | D. delicious |
| 3. A. stunned | B. stun | C. stunning | D. to stun |
| 4. A. in | B. on | C. at | D. with |

Exercise 3: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

① It is reported that there is a rising (1) _____ of people living in urban areas. Big cities provide both a significant amount of (2) _____ and higher average salaries. With so many companies and factories, it is easy for city dwellers to find work. Statistics from New York City show that people here have ten times more job opportunities than those (3) _____ the neighboring suburbs and smaller towns. Additionally, greater earnings are also another reason why workers are attracted to large cities. High-

skilled workers tend to concentrate in urban centers because they can (4) _____ valuable experiences that are not available in other places. This skilled workforce is, of course, hunted by companies which are often willing (5) _____ higher wages.

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| 1. A. amount | B. number | C. sum | D. group |
| 2. A. employ | B. employed | C. unemployment | D. employment |
| 3. A. in | B. on | C. at | D. by |
| 4. A. achieve | B. make | C. take | D. gain |
| 5. A. to pay | B. pay | C. paying | D. to be paid |

② In spite of its many (1) _____, living in the city also brings lots of disadvantages. The first problem is that citizens have to deal with traffic congestions every day. This problem is even worse (2) _____ the rush hour when so many people run out to work and are stuck on streets for hours. Moreover, ambulance and fire engine sometimes can't get in time to complete duty, which makes a lot of serious loss. High cost of living is also a serious issue in the city, especially in metropolitan cities. More and more people find (3) difficult to live on their modest salaries when prices are going up all the time. Financial pressure makes city dwellers become constantly stressed and tired. Another drawback of the city life is the (4) _____ air caused by exhaust emissions from millions of vehicles, construction dust and the lack of green trees. This negatively affects residents' health. (5) _____ people suffer from respiratory problems such as lung cancer, sore throat or asthma.

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| 1. A. profits | B. benefits | C. drawbacks | D. difficulties |
| 2. A. on | B. in | C. at | D. by |
| 3. A. it | B. them | C. their | D. they |
| 4. A. pollutant | B. pollute | C. polluted | D. pollution |
| 5. A. little | B. A lot | C. Few | D. Many |

③ There is a saying that big cities never sleep. This is true for some cities in which the nightlife begins just when people in other cities are ready to go to bed. Big cities like New York, Madrid, London and Paris have vibrant nightlife. People can still find (1) _____, dine out or go shopping into the early hours.

City dwellers are usually more diverse and there are (2) _____ communities that hold social events or parties, which provide interesting opportunities for social interactions and social networking. The social interactions allow you to learn about other cultures and share interests (3) _____ people from different backgrounds, which make you more open minded and able to understand individuals. On the other hand, the social networking helps you to broaden not only personal but also professional relationships. All in all, living in big cities is more (4) _____ because of the complete facilities provided. The advanced transportation system enables the citizens (5) _____ public facilities easier, cheaper and faster. Big cities also provide better education and health service. In addition, city life is more fun and exciting because there is a wide range of entertainment to enjoy and a lot of social events to attend.

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|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. A. entertain | B. entertaining | C. entertainment | D. entertainingly |
| 2. A. little | B. many | C. most | D. much |
| 3. A. with | B. to | C. for | D. by |
| 4. A. convenient | B. affordable | C. expensive | D. suitable |
| 5. A. accessed | B. accessing | C. to access | D. access |

④ Some people live in urban areas of dynamic cities, and some live in quiet countryside towns. Many argue that the hustle and bustle of urban sprawl result (36) _____ a stressful lifestyle. Also, a lot of people say that the (37) _____ the movement and the peacefulness of the countryside offers serenity. However, busy city life provides high-quality education, a sustainable career, better access to health facilities, etc. People choose to live in cities to have better standards of living. Therefore, (38) _____ people ask the following question: In order to make a lot of money, how to hustle in a big city? Those who are tired of (39) _____ in a noisy urban environment wish to move to the country, though. In-country life, there are not many career options and chances to build businesses with astonishingly huge profits. However, you can still create a company (40) _____ will generate a satisfactory level of income enough to live everyday life. As you can see, it is challenging to decide which one is better: noisy and dynamic city life or quiet and peaceful country life?

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|------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1. A. in | B. from | C. for | D. to |
| 2. A. simple | B. simplify | C. simplicity | D. simply |
| 3. A. Many | B. every | C. another | D. each |
| 4. A. travelling | B. playing | C. living | D. going |



5. A. where

B. that

C. when

D. who

⑤

TREES BRING HANOIANS CLOSER TO NATURE

City planners have claimed trees play an important role in an urban environment. Children growing up close to nature have better health, while walking in parks reduce blood pressure, stress and obesity. The problem is to select the right trees and (1) _____ them.

Ha Noi is considered one of the greenest cities in Viet Nam thanks to its beautiful and precious trees. Ancient trees in Ha Noi are frequently mentioned in poems. Each street can be represented by a tree. To local residents, the hundred-year old trees that line the streets are more than just beautiful, they are a part of the city's identity.

(2) _____ the treasured place the trees have in the heart of the local resident, Hanoians seem to have a lot of concern when construction workers chop them down. Workers get away with digging around the trees without much care, and even leave the trees without enough earth to grow - making them vulnerable to storms.

To (3) _____ the problem, Ha Noi's authorities have started a project of replanting trees: each of the capital's streets (4) _____ with two or three sorts of trees. Moreover, more people should be made aware (5) _____ the importance of protecting trees in communities.

1. A. maintain

B. service

C. provide

D. care

2. A. Because

B. However

C. Due to

D. Although

3. A. deal with

B. cut down on

C. come up with

D. make up

4. A. planted

B. will be planted

C. had been planted

D. will plant

5. A. of

B. in

C. for

D. with

Exercise 4: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

① Do you live in a big city? It is said that living in big cities is expensive because of the high living cost. There are also pollution and traffic problems that make living in big cities unpleasant. However, many people enjoy living in big cities because they offer convenience and **countless** options for entertainment.

Many big cities already have good public transportation systems, which makes it easy for the citizens to go anywhere around the city. This also reduces and helps overcome the problem of traffic jams that often occur at peak times. With the convenience of public transportation, the citizens do not have to drive everywhere and can save money as they do not have to pay for parking charges.

Staying healthy is everybody's concern and in big cities you can find the best possible medical care for any diseases, especially the severe ones. Moreover, compared to rural areas, access to medical treatment is easier because there are always clinics or medical centers that open 24 hours in many parts of the city so

you can get medical help anytime, as soon as you need it. Reaching hospitals is also easier as public transport is usually available 24 hours a day.

1. What is the passage mainly about?

A. Advantages of living in big cities

B. Disadvantages of living in big cities

C. Drawbacks of living rural areas

D. Benefits of living rural areas

2. Which of the _____ following is closest in meaning to the word "**countless**" in paragraph 1?

A. definite

B. numberless

C. measurable

D. limited

3. What makes living in big cities costly?

A. public transport

B. healthcare

C. high cost of living

D. high parking charges

4. According to the passage, what is people's concern?

A. traffic congestions

B. air pollution

C. medical centers

D. good health

5. It can be inferred from the passage that in big cities

A. no one cares about the high cost of living.

B. it's impossible to get medical care for severe diseases.

C. traffic jams are often seen during rush hours.

D. city dwellers do not have to pay for parking.

② Magic city hustle attracts enormous crowds because of several advantages of living in dynamic cities. Many capital cities, huge metropolitans, and educational and financial centres of the countries are well known for their active urban life. The first **pro** of living in cities is that people can have access to great pre- school, school, and higher education institutions. Parents who live in cities conveniently leave their kids to the pre-school educational facilities. Pre-school



education in cities features perfect quality, thanks to the highly skilled and educated teaching staff. Due to the high salaries, pre-school teachers prefer working in cities. Also, city life offers a vast variety of schools, among which the families choose the most affordable one. When the kids enjoy the busy, engaging, and interesting pre-school life, families are busy with hustling and working for long hours. As a result, parents make more money and ensure better financial security for the family. Another huge advantage of living in cities is related to career and financial success. It is a worldwide trend that people move from country to urban areas in order to find better jobs. Cities are home to enormous marketplaces, companies, government institutions, banks, etc., that offer a myriad of jobs. Both high-skilled and low-skilled labour forces can find jobs very easily in urban areas. Workplaces continuously need new people to hire because the market forces change at a swift pace. Therefore, people usually move to cities confidently, believing that they will get jobs very conveniently.

- What could be the best title for the passage?
 - Advantages of living in Cities
 - Features of Dynamic Cities
 - Education and Employment in Cities
 - High-skilled and Low-skilled Labour Forces in Cities
- The word "**pro**" is closest in meaning to _____.
 - disadvantage
 - advantage
 - trouble
 - feature
- Why do pre-school teachers prefer working in cities?
 - Because parents leave their kids to the pre-school educational facilities.
 - Because they can earn high salaries.
 - Because can have access to great pre-school, school, and higher education institutions.
 - Because they can have more job opportunities.
- How many advantages of living in cities are mentioned in the passage?
 - four
 - three
 - two
 - one
- Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?
 - Cities offer various types of jobs suitable for people's abilities and skills.
 - Children spend all day at school as their parents are busy working.
 - Education in the cities features best quality thanks to the highly skilled and educated teachers.
 - Workplaces sack and hire employees at a swift pace.

③

HO CHI MINH CITY'S COFFEE CULTURE

Ho Chi Minh City is a metropolis where life is very busy and hasty. The best way to enjoy the balance in your mind in such a busy city is to sit on the balcony of one of the numerous coffee houses scattered throughout the city. In this way you will be out of the crowd but able to look down on the street below. You will also be drinking the beverage that must be at least partly responsible for the kinetic energy that has transformed this city into one of the busiest commercial centres of Southeast Asia in just 20 years - it is coffee.

The classic Vietnamese coffee served in this city comprises strong coffee, dripped from a small metal filter into a cup containing a quarter as much sweetened condensed milk, then stirred and poured over ice in a glass.

Coffee was introduced to Viet Nam by the French in the late 19th century, but the country quickly became a big exporter.

At Trung Nguyen Coffee - the Vietnamese equivalent of Starbucks, with a chain of cafes across the city - the coffee menu stretches to five pages. The varieties of Vietnamese coffee produced by Trung Nguyen deserve exploration. They come with different bean combinations and recipes, and nice names such as "Success", "Creation", "Discover" and "Thought". The "Passiona", another brand of Trung Nguyen, has been promoted for women with the promise that drinking this type of coffee would maintain perfect skin and a life of "passion and success".

- Coffee is considered _____.
 - the biggest part of Viet Nam's exports.
 - part of the kinetic energy of Ho Chi Minh City.
 - the symbol of the busy and hasty life
 - part of the French culture
- When you sit on the balcony of a coffee shop enjoying a cup of coffee, you can _____.
 - watch the busiest commercial centres of Southeast Asia
 - drink Starbucks coffee
 - taste all types of the classic Vietnamese coffee
 - relax for a while



3. We can infer from paragraph 2 that the classic Vietnamese coffee served in Ho Chi Minh City may be

- A. sweet B. light C. colourless D. often hot

4. All of the following are true about Trung Nguyen Coffee **EXCEPT** that _____.

A. it is considered equivalent to Starbucks in Viet Nam B. it offers several types of coffee for customers to enjoy

- C. its recipes stretches to five pages D. some types have impressive names

5. The "Passiona" for women promises that by drinking this type of coffee women may have all of the following **EXCEPT** that _____.

- A. they will become more interested B. they will be more successful in their life
C. they will have perfect skin D. they will keep their skin lively

④ The majority of London's inhabitants live in its suburbs. Many of them travel to the city to work every day by train, bus, tube or car. These people are called "commuters". Commuters may spend as much as two hours every morning getting to work and another two hours getting home again. The cost of living in London is higher than that in most other parts of Britain. Millions of visitors come to London every year from all over the world to see the famous sights here such as Buckingham Palace and many other historic buildings. London is also very famous for its theaters, red buses and black taxis. Some people find it a noisy and dirty place but it has many large, pleasant parks. Here, everyone can enjoy some peaceful and quiet moments. London has many attractions both people from other parts of Britain and people from overseas.

1. In London _____

- A. more people live in the suburbs than in the city center.
B. most people live in the suburbs than in the city center.
C. less people live in the suburbs than in the city center.
D. many people live in the suburbs than in the city center.

2. Commuters _____

A. live in the city center. B. live in the suburbs
and travel to work in the city.

- C. live in the suburbs and work there. D. live in the city center and work there.

3. Living in London is _____

A. cheaper than in most other parts of Britain. B. more expensive than in most other parts of Britain.
C. most expensive than in most other parts of Britain. D. more cheap than in most other parts of Britain.

4. London is famous for _____

- A. its delicious food. B. its theaters but not its red buses.
C. its theaters, red buses and black taxis. D. its inhabitants.

5. The attractions of London are _____

- A. for the Londoners only.
B. only for people from other parts in Britain.
C. just for foreigners.
D. both for foreigners and for people from other parts in Britain.

Exercise 5: Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. Choose the correct answer to complete the text. Write only the letter A-D in each blank.

① The London Underground, affectionately nicknamed "the Tube," (1) _____, which resemble a maze for the strangers. Opened in 1863, (2) _____. With a network of 11 distinct lines and over 270 stations, the Tube serves as I the lifeblood of the city, transporting millions of passengers daily across its vast expanse. (3) _____. Carefully studying detailed maps and understanding the nuances of different lines and travel zones are essential skills for navigating this network. (4) _____, the Tube is undeniably a convenient and like efficient way to travel around London. It seamlessly connects major landmarks Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London with bustling I residential areas and key business districts. Whether you're a seasoned commuter or a first-time visitor, the Tube offers a fascinating glimpse into the city's intricate transportation network and weaves its way beneath the busy streets of London.

- A. Navigating the Tube requires a degree of skill and familiarity
B. Despite its complexity
C. is a complex and sprawling network of underground railway lines



D. it holds the distinction of being the oldest underground railway system in the world

② New York City is a mix of cultures, (1) _____. This remarkable diversity is evident in the city's unique neighborhoods, each with its own distinct character and traditions. (2) _____, which transports you to a world of authentic restaurants and charming bakeries lining the streets. The aromas of freshly baked bread and hot sauces fill the air, creating a sensory experience that evokes the heart of Italy. (3) _____, with its markets overflowing with exotic spices and delicious street food. Here, you can experience the rich cultural heritage of China through its sights, sounds, and flavors. Harlem, known as a center of African American culture, (4) _____. This incredible cultural richness contributes to the city's dynamic energy and makes New York City a captivating place to explore, offering a unique blend of cultures and experiences that leave a lasting impression on visitors and residents.

- A.** boasts a rich history and continues to be a hub for music and artistic expression
- B.** with people from over 200 countries represented within its diverse population
- C.** In contrast, bustling Chinatown transports you to another world
- D.** Little Italy offers a taste of Italy

WRITING

Exercise 1: Write sentences, using the clues given.

1. she / never/ read/ such/ romantic story/ this/ before
→ _____
2. he/ spend/ most / time / surf/ net / information / the next trip
→ _____
3. Van Gogh/ have/ major influence / development / modern painting
→ _____
4. there/ be/ steady/ increase / demand/ hotel accommodation/ since 1998
→ _____
5. these days/ more / more / people/ be/ suffer / air pollution
→ _____
6. despite / Brexit, / London/ remain / one/ most / open / cosmopolitan / city/ the world
→ _____
7. the house / that/ we / rent/ London / last year / be/ fully/ furnish
→ _____
8. people / face / large / number / environmental problems / every day
→ _____

Exercise 2: Rearrange the words and phrases to make complete sentences.

1. high, / the rent / this city / in / roommates / I'm / looking for / Since / is
→ _____
2. worse/ than / in / the / countryside / significantly / the / city / air quality / is / in / The
→ _____
3. afford / an / increase / the rent / continues to / apartment / if / won't be able / I / to
→ _____
4. diverse city / in / a / new language / learn / challenging / It / is / while living / to
→ _____
5. and career / developing / offers / many opportunities / your skills / The city / for
→ _____
6. awake / night / keeps her / complained that / the noise from the traffic / She / at
→ _____

Exercise 3: Rewrite the following sentences using double comparatives.

1. She studies hard, she will get good grades.
→ _____
2. You rest much, you will feel better.
→ _____
3. The weather is warmer, I feel better.
→ _____
4. We leave early, we will arrive soon.
→ _____
5. We have much knowledge, we become wise.
→ _____



6. You are young, you learn easily.
→ _____
7. The hotel is expensive, the services are good.
→ _____
8. You use much electricity, your bill will be high.
→ _____
9. I thought about the plan, I like it little.
→ _____
10. He is old, he learns slowly.
→ _____
11. She eats much, she will become fat.
→ _____
12. She is older, she becomes more beautiful.
→ _____
13. You have much, you want more.
→ _____
14. I waited long. I got angry.
→ _____
15. I live far. I feel homesick.
→ _____
16. The apartment is big. The rent is high.
→ _____
17. We set off soon. We will arrive soon.
→ _____
18. The joke is good. The laughter is loud.
→ _____
19. She gets fat. She feels tired.
→ _____
20. As he gets older, he wants to travel less.
→ _____
21. The children are excited about the difficult games.
→ _____
22. People dive fast. Many accidents happen.
→ _____
23. I meet him often. I hate him so much.
→ _____
24. My boss works better when he is pressed for time.
→ _____
25. As he has a lot of money, he wants to spend much.
→ _____

Exercise 4: Rewrite the sentences, using the word in brackets as a cue.

1. I spent my childhood in the countryside before moving to this city. (grow)
→ _____
2. She loves putting on smart clothes before going to work or meeting friends. (up)
→ _____
3. They entered the country and asked for permanent residence. (apply)
→ _____
4. Jim continues chatting although the teacher has warned him. (on)
→ _____
5. If you want to lose weight, you should stop eating fast food. (give)
→ _____
6. Lucy refused the job offer because of low commissions and benefits (turn)
→ _____
7. Linda doesn't like city life because she can't stand noisy places. (put)
→ _____
8. His accountant has advised him to stop doing his business. (close)
→ _____
9. I want to consider it carefully before I decide to join your project. (think)
→ _____



10. She left her village and tried to find a job in Ho Chi Minh City. (look)
→ _____

Exercise 5: Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one.

1. New York is the largest city in the United States.
→ No other city _____
2. I have never visited such a crowded city as Tokyo.
→ Tokyo is _____
3. They couldn't turn up on time because of the traffic jams.
→ The traffic jams prevented _____
4. I'll be happy to give you a lift to school.
→ I don't mind _____
5. It took them an hour to travel to Da Nang City by airplane
→ They spend _____
6. I don't know about this neighbourhood as well as David does.
→ David knows _____
7. Have you ever visited a bigger city than this?
→ Is this _____
8. Staying at home is better than going out on a polluted street.
→ I'd rather _____
9. The high cost of living influences most city dwellers.
→ Most city dwellers _____
10. As people get older, they seem to travel less.
→ The older _____

Exercise 6: Choose the option that best transforms the original one.

1. The bus is often late, so I miss the start of my class.
A. If the bus isn't late, I will miss the start of class.
B. I would miss the start of my class if the bus wasn't late.
C. The bus would be late if I missed the start of my class.
D. If the bus was on time, I wouldn't miss the start of class
2. "I enjoy the variety of food the city offers," said Maria.
A. Maria said she enjoys the variety of food the city offers.
B. Maria said she enjoyed the variety of food the city offered.
C. Maria said she will enjoy the variety of food the city offers.
D. Maria asked if she enjoys the variety of food the city offers.
3. The cost of living in the rural areas is not as high as in the city.
A. The cost of living in the city is higher than in rural areas.
B. The cost of living in the city is not higher than in rural areas.
C. The cost of living in the city is the highest in the country.
D. The cost of living in the city is as high as anywhere else.
4. Once I get used to the city noise, it won't bother me anymore.
A. The city noise won't bother me anymore, but I will never get used to it.
B. I am getting used to the city noise, and it won't bother me anymore.
C. As soon as I get used to the city noise, it will no longer bother me.
D. When I get used to the city noise, I won't be bothered by it anymore.
5. Living in the city is exciting, but I sometimes miss the quiet of the countryside.
A. Though living in the city is exciting, I sometimes miss the quiet of the countryside.
B. Because life in the country is quiet, I sometimes miss the excitement of the city.
C. Living in the city is exciting, so sometimes I miss the quiet of the countryside.
D. Although living in the city is exciting, but I sometimes miss the quiet of the countryside.
6. The government is building a new park to provide a green space for the residents.
A. a green space is being built by the government for providing the residents with a new park.
B. The government, in order to provide a green space for the residents, is building a new park.
C. In order to build a new park for the government, the residents are providing a green space.
D. The government needs to provide a green space, so the residents are building a new park.

Exercise 7: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.

①



- a.** I've found a nice apartment near the park, and I've already explored some of the local shops and cafes.
- b.** There's always something to do here, and I'm excited to discover more.
- c.** Dear Sue, I'm writing to tell you about my new city life! I moved to Ho Chi Minh city a few weeks ago, and it's been quite an adventure.
- d.** I miss you and Ha Noi city, but I'm enjoying this new chapter in my life. I hope to see you soon!
- Best, Thanh
- e.** The city is so big and busy, but I'm slowly getting used to it.

A. c - e - a - b - d B. c - e - a - b - d C. c - e - a - b - d D. c - a - e - b - d

②

- a.** Just in the same way, the job market in cities is vast, providing a wide array of career paths and opportunities for growth.
- b.** In the first place, cities offer a plethora of cultural experiences, from museums and theaters to diverse restaurants and vibrant nightlife.
- c.** While city living can be fast-paced and sometimes overwhelming, the endless possibilities and conveniences make it an attractive option for many.
- d.** Life in the city is a whirlwind of activity and opportunity.
- e.** Finally, public transportation systems make getting around convenient and efficient, eliminating the need for a car.

A. d - b - a - e - c B. d - a - b - e - c
C. d - a - c - e - b D. d - b - a - e - c

③

- a.** Secondly, public transportation networks are extensive, allowing for easy and efficient travel throughout the city without the need for a car.
- b.** Lastly, healthcare facilities, educational institutions, and cultural centers are often concentrated in urban areas, providing residents with convenient access to essential services.
- c.** Living in the city offers a plethora of conveniences that make life easier and more enjoyable.
- d.** Overall, the conveniences of city living contribute to a dynamic and fulfilling lifestyle.
- e.** Firstly, access to various amenities is readily available, with supermarkets, restaurants, and entertainment options just a short walk or commute away.

A. c - e - a - b - d B. c - a - e - d - b C. c - e - a - b - d D. c - a - e - b - d

④

- a.** Firstly, traffic congestion is a common issue. The streets are often crowded with cars, buses, and motorcycles, making it difficult to move around efficiently.
- b.** In conclusion, while cities offer convenience and opportunities, these drawbacks should be considered when deciding where to live.
- c.** Secondly, pollution is another concern. The air quality tends to be worse due to exhaust fumes and industrial emissions.
- d.** Living in the city has both advantages and disadvantages. Let's focus on the drawbacks.
- e.** Finally, high living costs can be challenging. Rent, food, and other expenses are generally more expensive in urban areas.

A. d - b - a - e - c B. d - a - b - e - c
C. d - a - c - e - b D. d - b - a - e - c

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