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Task 2 – Multi-text Reading

In this section there are four short texts for you to read and some questions for you to answer.

Questions 16-20

Read questions 16-20 first and then read texts A, B, C and D below the questions.

As you read each text, decide which text each question refers to. **Choose the letter – A, B, C or D – and write it on the lines below.** You can use any letter more than once.

Which text

16. compares just one problematic aspect of rural and urban life?
17. talks about very personal experiences?
18. shows a pattern of movement?
19. mentions technological problems?
20. seems to favour city life?

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Text A

My family had lived an urban life for several generations. We were a family of butchers and shopkeepers. It was taken for granted when I was a child that I would carry on the family tradition of being a butcher in the city. I had inherited a very successful business and I enjoyed my job. However, from a young boy I had a secret desire to move to the country. I wanted my children to live a life that was both safer and at a much slower pace. So against my parents' wishes I took the leap and uprooted my family to a small village three hours' drive from the city where I had grown up. It was a painful decision to make because I knew how disappointed my parents would be. But in my heart I knew it was the right thing for my young family.

Text B

Report on urban and rural crime

Notes

Rural:

- Farming equipment stolen
- Out of control dogs attacking sheep
- Burglaries of remote houses/farms
- Sheep, chickens etc. sometimes stolen

Urban:

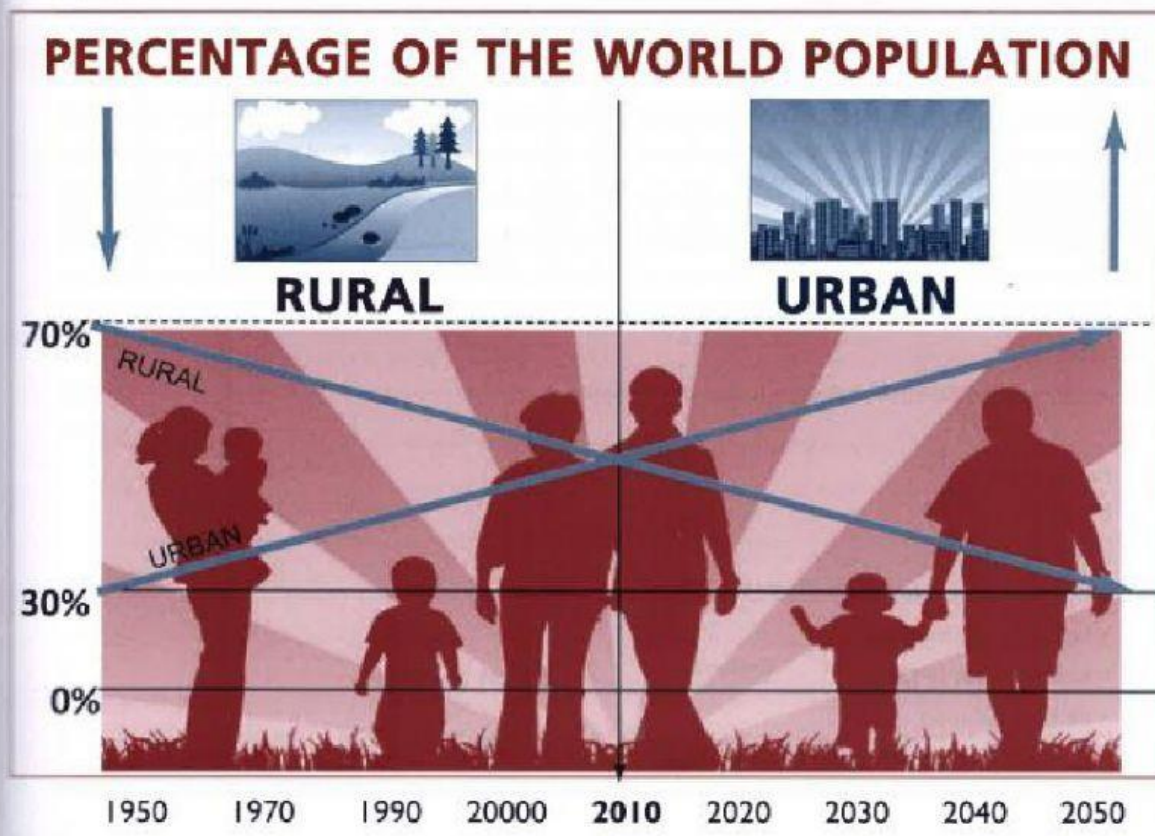
- Burglaries
- Car theft
- Assault/muggings
- Robberies

Text C

Statistics show that the people of rural England are healthier, safer and better educated than their city cousins. They are less likely to be homeless, living in poverty, unemployed or the victims of crime. They will probably live longer too. Of course there are downsides to living in the countryside. With more space in isolated areas come inevitably higher transport costs, poor mobile phone coverage and slower internet speeds. But statistics show that rural life is becoming increasingly more popular as the glamour of city life fades.

Text D

The chart below shows how a change is taking place concerning the popularity of rural and urban living over a 100-year period.



Questions 21-25

Choose the **five** statements from A-H below that are **TRUE** according to the information given in the texts on the previous pages. Write the letters of the **TRUE** statements on the lines below (in any order).

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22.
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24.
25.

- A Families can be divided by a change of location.
- B Dogs are always more aggressive in the country.
- C Burglary is more common in the country.
- D There appears to be less violent crime in rural areas.
- E Unemployment is higher in cities.
- F Urban life in England is not as popular as it used to be.
- G Worldwide rural populations are decreasing.
- H Worldwide it seems that urban populations are less likely to grow.

Questions 26-30

The summary notes below contain information from the texts on the previous pages. Find a number, word or phrase (maximum three words) from texts A-D to complete the missing information in gaps 26-30. Write your answers on the lines below.

Summary notes

Main point:

- Significant differences between urban and rural life

Rural life:

Pros:

- Feeling safer
- Not such a fast (26.) of life
- Fewer crime incidents
- More popular in (27.) but not worldwide
- Better education
- Less likely for people to become crime (28.)

Cons:

- Isolation
- Greater (29.) costs
- Weaker (30.) signal
- Worse internet reception

Task 3 – Reading into writing

Use the information you read in Task 2 to write an essay (150-180 words) for your teacher about the advantages and disadvantages of rural and urban life.

You should plan your essay **before** you start writing. Think about what you want to say and make some notes to help you in this box:

Planning notes

(No marks are given for these planning notes)

Now write your essay of 150-180 words. Try to use your own words as far as possible – don't just copy sentences from the reading texts.