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LEVEL 3. LISTENING

Use the words in the boxes to complete the sentences.

provide	access	secure	basic necessities	poverty
confident	freedom	financial	socialize	standard of living

Life in Oman was very difficult before 1970. Many people did not have 1. _____ like good clothing or houses. Most people lived in tiny mudbrick houses then. There was a lot of 2. _____ because people didn't have enough money to buy essential things. Most villagers did not have 3. _____ to clean drinking water or schools. People did not have 4. _____ to travel to other places and foreign countries. Life was not 5. _____ because there were fights between different tribes. Things began to change when Sultan Qaboos became the Sultan of Oman. He tried his level best to improve the 6. _____ of Omanis by building new roads, hospitals and schools. He also tried to 7. _____ more jobs to all people in government services like the army and the police. The export of oil brought money to the country and improved the 8. _____ situation. He established many parks and gardens for people to relax and 9. _____ in their free time. . Today Oman is a fast developing country and the people here are 10. _____ about their prosperous future.

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