

UNIT 12: AN OVERCROWED WORLD

C. SPEAKING

I. Write questions for the underlined parts.

1. A: _____

B : Children living in slums have more diseases because of poor living conditions.

2. A: _____

B: The population of London is 9 million people.

3. A: _____

B: Overcrowding causes problems such as housing, congestion, unemployment, etc.

4. A: _____

B: Dharavi slum in Mumbai was founded in 1883.

5. A: _____

B: Nearly one million people live in Dharavi slum.

6. A: _____

B: Many people from the countryside are moving to big cities to find work.

7. A: _____

B: Jamal Malik is the main character of the film *Slumdog Millionaire*

8. A: _____

B: The world population has grown very rapidly.

II. Put the dialogue into the correct order.

_____ Yes. However, there was much fewer vehicles 10 years ago. About half of them.

_____ So do I.

_____ I didn't notice it, but I know why the city gets crowded over the time.

_____ What for?

___1___ Look at the street, Eva! Too crowded!

_____ You're right. I think overpopulation is such a serious issue.

_____ Because more and more people from rural areas are moving to the city.

_____ To find work and a better life. So the city is now overcrowded.

_____ Sure. It's always very crowded in the rush hour, isn't it?

_____ Why?

D. READING

I. Complete the passage with the words from the box.

seeking	affected	densely	hygiene	overcrowded	slums	jams	urban
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The population of the world is an ever increasing number. In most parts of the world, the cities are (1) _____ populated. Moreover, this figure keeps on increasing as people move to (2) _____ areas for jobs and better opportunities. Overcrowding of the cities leads to multiple problems. Often, people have trouble (3) _____ accommodation, those who do not have sufficient funds have to stay in shanties and (4) _____. Lack of proper living facilities leads to a variety of health and (5) _____ problems. Transportation is also (6) _____. Overpopulation is a burden upon transport facilities

and this is seen in many cities today; (7) _____ trains, buses and multiple traffic (8) _____ . Overall overpopulation is a strain on the economy and environment.

II. Read the passage carefully, then do the tasks.

Tokyo, the City with the World's Largest Population Density

As of 2018, the world population has climbed to around 7.3 billion people and is expected to reach 10 billion people by 2050. There's a steady increase in Europe and the United States, while the Middle East, Asia, and Africa are expected to grow even more in the future. But where are the most densely populated places on the globe?

Metropolitan areas with a population of over 10 million are called megacities, and currently, there are 37 of them dotted around the planet. Included in this number are Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya, Japan's three biggest cities. While Japan is currently experiencing a decline in the population overall, Tokyo is an exception and keeps growing, boasting the largest number of people of all the cities in the world.

People who come to Japan for the first time are often surprised by the mass of people in Tokyo's rush-hour trains during weekdays. Sightseeing spots, too, are always crowded and even when walking down the street in a popular area, it is often hard to not bump into someone all the time. Tokyo city itself has a population of 13 million people and it houses about 10% of the population of all of Japan. If you include the neighboring prefectures of Kanagawa, Saitama, and Chiba, the total population reaches 38 million people! The total population of Japan is about 127 million people, so that's a whopping 30% and makes it the most populous urban area in the world.

A. Decide if the following statements are true or false.

1. Tokyo is the most populated city in the world.
2. The population of Tokyo is growing despite Japan's population decline.
3. Tokyo city itself has a population of 38 million people.

4. Around 10% of Japan 's population lives in Tokyo and the neighboring prefectures.
5. The trains in Tokyo are extremely crowded during peak time at weekends.
6. The streets in Tokyo's popular areas are crowded with people.

B. Answer the questions.

1. What will the world's population be by 2050?

2. What are megacities?

3. What is the population of Japan?

4. What percentage of Japan's population lives in the Tokyo area?

E. WRITING

I. Arrange the words to make sentences meaningful.

1. there/ a/ in/ is/ of/ clean/ country/ shortage/water/ this/ clean.

2. In/children/living/ suffer/ malnutrition/ from/ often/slums

3. serious/ overpopulation/ it/ problem/ isn't/ a/ is?

4. causing/is/ more/ overpopulation/ we/ problems/can/imagine/ than.

5. is/ main/ causing/air pollution/reasons/ the/ one/ of/ overpopulation.

6. less/countryside/ the/ traffic/there/ air pollution/ is/ and/in.

7. of/ most/Mumbai/ is/ densely/ the/ cities/in/ one/ populated/the/ world.

8. problem/ for/ traffic/becoming/ congestion/is/ a/ major/ huge/ many/ cities.

II. Write the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one. Use the word in brackets.

1. It's necessary for the government to find a solution to reduce traffic jams. (have)

The government _____

2. What is the population of Ho Chi Minh City? (in)

How many _____

3. They no longer love going out at the weekend, don't they? (used)

They _____

4. There is more crime in cities than in rural areas. (lower)

Crime rates _____

5. Most people think overpopulation is less dangerous than it is. (more)

Overpopulation _____

6. Although the weather was bad, I had a very good time in Brazil. (spite)

In _____

7. Crime affects everyone in different ways. (by)

Everyone _____

8. You want to have a look at my new car, don't you? (like)

You'd _____