

I. Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.

1. A. low B. now C. how D. flower
2. A. coastal B. around C. overseas D. window
3. A. cloud B. sound C. house D. though
4. A. chair B. year C. rare D. heir
5. A. home B. tomato C. come D. most

II. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences. (Chọn từ đúng để hoàn thành các câu.)

1. A _____ is a large vehicle that carries many passengers along a fixed route in a city.
A. bus B. taxi C. bicycle D. train
2. Some _____ sell things you can buy, like clothes and toys.
A. schools B. works C. businesses D. holidays
3. Living close to _____ can sometimes be inconvenient due to the pollution they create.
A. cafes B. factories C. playgrounds D. grocery stores
4. The local library provides a quiet and comfortable _____ for students to study after school.
A. shopping area B. living room C. eating spot D. learning space
5. The park is open to the _____, which means that anyone can visit it for free.
A. public B. private C. local D. individual
6. The city never sleeps! Even at night, the streets are _____ with cars, taxis, and people enjoying the nightlife.
A. peaceful B. gloomy C. slow D. lively
7. Compared to living in a suburb, city life can be more _____ due to the variety of amenities nearby.
A. difficult B. isolated C. convenient D. complex
8. The city's _____ is booming, with new factories opening up all the time.
A. entertainment B. industry C. healthcare D. sports
9. It's important to keep your valuables _____ when traveling on public transportation.
A. safe B. open C. busy D. lost
10. Every morning, getting to school takes forever because of the traffic _____ on the main road.
A. lights B. signs C. jams D. lots

III. Complete the sentences using the phrasal verbs in the box:

pick up, come down, get around, carry out, get up,
cut down on, hang out, throw away, come across, come up with

1. The air pollution in the city is making many people _____ with respiratory illnesses.
2. After finishing work, Sarah wants to _____ with her friends at a local cafe.
3. They need to _____ a creative way to fundraise for the new park project.
4. It's raining cats and dogs! I can't _____ my friend on my bike without a raincoat.
5. I was surprised to _____ an old classmate performing in a small music venue during my visit.
6. I prefer exploring the city on foot as it allows me to _____ hidden alleys and charming cafes.
7. We live in a busy city, so there's always something to see and do once you _____ in the morning.
8. We need to be responsible citizens and _____ our trash in designated bins, not on the street.

9. The local council is planning to _____ a project to improve the city's public transportation system.

10. With so many cars on the road, air pollution is a major problem. We need to _____ our reliance on private vehicles.

IV. Match the sentences. (Ghép các câu với nhau.)

1. Is this the bus to the airport?	A. Sure, come this way.
2. Do you have a table for two?	B. 10.00 p.m.
3. Hi, what time does the park close?	C. It depends on where you're going.
4. Excuse me, do you know where the nearest ATM is?	D. It's around \$10.
5. How much does the bus ticket cost?	E. Yes, it makes several stops before the airport.
6. Are rent prices high here?	F. Yes! It's a good step towards a cleaner city.
7. Can we have a picnic in the park tomorrow?	G. Sounds fun! What time were you thinking?
8. Excuse me, is this seat taken?	H. I don't know, but there might be one on Republic Street.
9. Did you see the news about the new recycling program?	I. It's hard to find an apartment that's affordable.
10. How much does it cost to go to the movies here?	J. No, go ahead and sit down.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

V. Read the passage and choose the best answer to each of the questions.

Cities are fascinating places filled with a unique energy. They are home to a diverse population, with people from all walks of life and countless cultures coming together. These concrete jungles, as they are sometimes called, are constantly evolving, with new buildings reaching for the sky and innovations changing the urban landscape.

One of the most striking features of a city is its towering skyscrapers. These steel and glass giants offer breathtaking views and house businesses, offices, and even residential apartments. Beneath these giants, a network of subways and buses weaves through the city, forming the lifeblood of its transportation system. Thousands of people rely on this network to get to work, school, and appointments, creating a constant flow of movement.

Cities are also cultural hubs, bursting with museums, art galleries, and theaters. These institutions offer opportunities to learn about history, appreciate art, and enjoy live performances. From traditional museums showcasing ancient artifacts to modern galleries featuring contemporary art, cities offer a diverse range of cultural experiences.

However, city life also presents challenges. Traffic congestion can be a major issue, causing delays and frustration for commuters. Additionally, the high cost of living in a city can be a burden for some residents. Nonetheless, the vibrant energy, diverse culture, and endless opportunities make cities a unique and captivating environment for many people.

1. What are skyscrapers often used for in cities?

- A. Parks B. Homes, offices, and businesses C. Farming D. Airports

2. How do many people in cities get around according to the passage?

- A. By car B. By walking C. By airplanes D. By using subways and buses

3. Cities are known for offering a variety of what?

- A. Quiet places B. Small businesses C. Cultural experiences D. Farming opportunities

4. One challenge of city living is _____.

- A. Lack of nature B. Traffic congestion C. Lack of job opportunities D. Too many cultural activities

5. The word "unique" in the last sentence is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. special B. common C. modern D. developed

6. The main idea of this passage is _____.

- A. Cities are bad places to live. B. Cities have both positive and negative aspects.
C. Skyscrapers are important. D. Public transportation is the only way to travel in cities.

VI. Rewrite the following sentences without changing the meaning, using the word in brackets.

1. I was rushing to work because I woke up late. (so)

→ I woke up

2. If I lived closer to the city center, I would go there every weekend. (wouldn't)

→ Unless

3. They're building a new metro line near my neighborhood. (being)

→ A new metro line

4. Public transportation in the city is more efficient than driving your own car. (less)

→ Driving your own car

5. "I love the endless energy of the city," said Mark. (loved)

→ Mark said that

6. It is enjoyable for me to explore the diverse neighborhoods in the city. (exploring)

→ I enjoy