

Singapore's urbanisation

In 2018, the United Nations announced that Singapore was completely urbanised as 100 per cent of its population is defined as "urban". Urbanisation has brought both (1) _____ and disadvantages to the small city-state. On the one hand, Singapore (2) _____ a lot of skilled workers from many other countries to ensure the economy continues to grow. Migrants have also helped create a more culturally diverse society in Singapore.

On the other hand, urbanisation has caused some serious problems such as deforestation, overpopulation, and waste (3) _____. Since it was first colonised by the British in 1819 and Singapore was formally founded, over 95 per cent of its vegetation has been cleared. In terms of population (4) _____, in many parts of Singapore, there are over 20,000 people living per square kilometre. Waste treatment used to be another problem in Singapore. (5) _____, thanks to the development of technology, this problem has been solved. Singapore has even become a leader in urban waste management.

- Question 1:** A. features B. benefits C. impacts D. concerns
Question 2: A. was attracting B. will attract C. attracts D. has attracted
Question 3: A. management B. leadership C. pollution D. structure
Question 4: A. workload B. density C. usage D. product
Question 5: A. Although B. In conclusion C. However D. Therefore

Students born in 2007 have just received the university entrance mock exam issued by the Ministry of Education. The exam, which is reportedly shorter and more difficult than previous years, has left many (7) _____ feeling anxious. The questions are mainly focused on reading comprehension and vocabulary, requiring students to (8) _____ complex words and phrases.

Teachers have acknowledged that this is a (9) _____ exam, but they believe it has the potential to accurately classify students based on their abilities. (10) _____ the increased difficulty, the exam is considered fair and capable of assessing the students' true competencies.

Despite the pressure, the (11) _____ of students sitting for the exam remains high. With a focus on reading comprehension, the exam is expected to test the (12) _____ of students' preparedness for the university entrance process.

- Question 7:** A. another B. others C. other D. the other
Question 8: A. figure out B. look for C. take in D. give up
Question 9: A. challenging B. relaxing C. simple D. boring
Question 10: A. Instead of B. On account of C. In case of D. Irrespective of
Question 11: A. number B. amount C. quantity D. level
Question 12: A. accuracy B. width C. depth D. randomness

- Question 13:** a. Jane: Watch out! You're too close and will burn yourself!
 b. Jane: Hi, Nga. Is that a coal-burning stove?
 c. Nga: Hi. Yes, my dad bought it last week. It heats up our home very quickly. Let me put in some more coal.
 A. c-a-b B. b-c-a C. c-b-a D. a-c-b

- Question 14:** a. Mike: I went to India for two weeks.
 b. Sue: No. What happened?
 c. Mike: I felt as if I was a fish out of water.
 d. Mike: Hey, have I ever told you about the time I traveled alone?
 e. Sue: How did you feel?
 A. c-b-a-e-d B. c-e-d-b-a C. d-b-a-e-c D. d-e-a-b-c

- Question 15:** Dear Alex,
 a. However, if you could let us know which area you are most interested in and why, we can make sure we won't disappoint you.
 b. Thank you for your email. It sounds like you would be perfect for the course.
 c. Looking forward to your reply.
 d. It would also be helpful to know if there is any food you don't eat. This will make life easier for our cook.
 e. We offer lessons in all types of art.
 Best wishes,
 Hillary Mason
 A. d-b-a-c-e B. b-e-a-d-c C. a-d-b-c-e D. a-c-d-b-e

- Question 16:** a. After completing my degree in social work, I began working as a social worker and have been doing it for almost five years now.
 b. My advice to anyone who is considering a career in social work is to have a strong support system in place and take care of yourself mentally and physically.
 c. It can be emotionally challenging at times, but the reward of seeing people's lives change for the better is what keeps me motivated to work hard every day.
 d. I have always been passionate about helping others in my community.

e. I always try to make a positive difference in someone's life, no matter how small it may be. Knowing that I am able to make a positive impact on someone's life makes me feel good.

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

Question 17: a. The local park has been renovated and now features a brand-new playground.
b. However, the increase in visitors has led to some littering issues.
c. Many families and children enjoy spending time there on weekends.
d. To address this, the city plans to install more trash bins and hire extra staff for maintenance.
e. Overall, it's a great improvement, but keeping the park clean will require community effort.

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

The future of electric vehicles (EVs) is promising, as technological advancements and environmental concerns (18) _____. As governments worldwide implement stricter emissions regulations and offer incentives for EV adoption, manufacturers are investing heavily in research and development. (19) _____, resulting in longer ranges and faster charging times. For instance, new solid-state batteries have the potential to enhance energy density and safety, making EVs more practical for everyday use.

Additionally, the rise of autonomous driving technology is set to revolutionize the way we interact with vehicles. Many electric models are now equipped with advanced driver-assistance systems (20) _____. Furthermore, the integration of smart technology allows for seamless connectivity, enabling drivers to monitor their vehicle's performance and locate charging stations through mobile apps.

As charging infrastructure continues to expand, (21) _____, the convenience of owning an EV is increasing. This transition to electric vehicles not only promises a reduction in carbon emissions but also fosters a cleaner, healthier environment. Overall, (22) _____ and sustainable transportation.

Question 18:
A. driving the automotive industry toward a sustainable transformation
B. drive the automotive industry toward a sustainable transformation
C. that drive the automotive industry toward a sustainable transformation
D. from which drive the automotive industry toward a sustainable transformation

Question 19:
A. This focus has led to significant improvements in battery technology
B. Having led to significant improvements in battery technology
C. This focus of significant improvements in battery technology
D. Significant improvements have led to this focus on battery technology

Question 20:
A. who not only enhances safety but also paves the way for fully autonomous driving
B. which not only enhance safety but also pave the way for fully autonomous driving
C. who not only enhance safety but also pave the way for fully autonomous driving
D. which not only enhances safety but also paves the way for fully autonomous driving

Question 21:
A. more public charging stations are being installed
B. with more public charging stations being installed
C. more public charging stations being installed
D. with more public charging stations installing

Question 22:
A. the future of electric vehicles holds immense potential for innovation
B. immense potential for innovation holds the future of electric vehicles
C. electric vehicles for innovation hold immense potential for the future
D. the future for innovation holds immense potential of electric vehicles