Homework

READING

1 A Read the article. Match the cities (1–4) with the sentences (a–h).

a It is being built at the moment.
b It isn't well-known for modern architecture.
c The majority of local people live in high-rise buildings.
d The area and population are increasing a lot.
e It has more tall buildings than anywhere else.
f It is very popular with tourists.
g Its design is good for the environment.
h One of things it is famous for are its areas of land that are not natural.

B Complete the facts with a number from the article.

1 The number of people in Dubai in the 1950s: _____
2 The height in metres of the Burj Khalifa: _____
3 The number of islands in the World Islands: _____
4 The distance in kilometres from Dubai to Masdar City: _____
5 The number of people who will live in Masdar City: _____
6 The number of people in Hong Kong: _____ million
7 The population of Bengaluru: _____ million

C Complete each sentence with one word from the article.

1 In the past, people mainly worked in _____, not the tourism industry.
2 Dubai has a group of islands designed to look like a _____ of the world.
3 Masdar City will use energy from the sun and _____.
4 People in Masdar City will use public transport rather than their own _____.
5 Hong Kong doesn't have such tall buildings as Dubai, but it has the most _____-rise buildings.
6 The science _____ in Hong Kong is popular with global companies.
7 The _____ of lots of Indian technology companies are in Bengaluru.
8 As well as technology companies, Bengaluru has lots of research _____ and universities.



Cities of the future

By 2050, around seventy percent of us will live in urban areas and the cities of today will have to change to support more people. We look at four cities which are already very modern.

1 Dubai

In the 1950s, Dubai was a small fishing village with a population of just 50,000 people. It is now one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world and home to 3.3 million people. Dubai is famous for its modern architecture and high-rise buildings, including the 828-metre tall Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. The city is also well known for its artificial islands. The World Islands are a group of 300 islands created in the shape of the world map, and the Palm Jumeirah – in the shape of a palm tree – is one of the largest artificial islands in the world.

2 Masdar City

Masdar City is a new city which is under construction 100 km from Dubai, in Abu Dhabi. Once it is completed, it will be the world's first zero-waste city. It will only use green energy, such as solar and wind power, and instead of using private vehicles, its 7,000 residents will use a clean energy public transport system.

3 Hong Kong

Another city famous for its tall buildings is Hong Kong. It doesn't have as many super-tall buildings as Dubai, but when it comes to high-rise buildings, Hong Kong still has plenty. It has the largest number of buildings taller than 150 metres in the world and most of Hong Kong's 7.5 million people live on the 15th floor or higher. Its huge science park is popular with technology companies from all over the world.

4 Bengaluru

With a population of 13 million, Bengaluru is one of the fastest-growing cities in the world. Many large Indian technology companies have their headquarters in Bengaluru, and it is also home to multinational companies, universities and research institutions. While Bengaluru isn't as famous for its modern buildings as Hong Kong or Dubai, there are lots of exciting architecture projects planned and high-rise buildings are being built across the city.

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