

READING ASSESSMENT

Institution: Horizon Educational Institute

Subject: English as a Foreign Language

Level: Intermediate

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Score: _____

Objective:

Students will be able to read and understand an impromptu informational paragraph and demonstrate comprehension by answering multiple-choice questions.

Indications.

Read the following passage and then choose the correct answers in the items given

Reading Text

The Rise of Urban Gardening



In many cities around the world, urban gardening has become increasingly popular. People are turning rooftops, balconies, and small backyards into green spaces where they grow fruits and vegetables. This trend started as a way to save money, but it quickly became a lifestyle choice.

Urban gardening offers many benefits. First, it allows people to eat fresher and healthier food. Second, it helps reduce pollution because plants improve air quality. Finally, gardening is known to reduce stress and improve mental health.

However, urban gardening also has challenges. Limited space, lack of sunlight, and busy schedules can make it difficult to maintain a garden. Despite these obstacles, more city residents continue to adopt this practice because of its positive impact on their lives and the environment.

National Geographic. (n.d.). Urban gardening articles. Adapted for educational purposes.

Comprehension Questions

Choose the best answer.

1. Why did urban gardening first become popular?

- A. To decorate rooftops
- B. To save money
- C. To compete with farmers
- D. To create parks

2. Where are people growing food in cities?

- A. Only in public parks
- B. In large farms outside cities
- C. On rooftops, balconies, and backyards
- D. Inside shopping malls

3. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a benefit of urban gardening?

- A. Healthier food
- B. Reduced stress
- C. Better air quality
- D. Faster transportation

4. What is one challenge of urban gardening?

- A. Too much land
- B. Lack of sunlight

- C. Expensive tools
- D. Dangerous animals

5. Why do people continue urban gardening despite challenges?

- A. It is required by the government
- B. It makes cities quieter
- C. It has positive effects on life and the environment
- D. It replaces supermarkets

6. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Cities are becoming too crowded
- B. Gardening is only for farmers
- C. Urban gardening is growing in popularity and has benefits and challenges
- D. People dislike living in cities