

*For questions 5-6, choose the correct answers A, B, C, or D.*

**5. Why do some people prefer to live in tiny houses?**

- A) They want more furniture and hobbies.
- B) They need space for large families.
- C) They want a cheaper and simpler life.
- D) They like traditional houses better.

**6. What is one disadvantage of living in a tiny house?**

- A) It uses too much electricity.
- B) There is too much free space.
- C) It's hard to build them off-grid.
- D) It may not be comfortable in bad weather.

### **Exercise 15**

*Read the following text for questions 1-6.*

#### **URBAN GARDENING**

In many big cities, people live in tall buildings and do not have gardens or green spaces. Because the streets are crowded and there is not much land, normal gardening is hard. But more and more city people are starting urban gardening. This means growing plants, vegetables, or herbs in small places like balconies, rooftops, terraces, or windowsills.

Urban gardening is popular for several reasons. One reason is that people want to grow healthy food at home. Fruits and vegetables in supermarkets often have chemicals and are brought from far away, so they are not very fresh. When people grow food at home, they know it is organic and clean. It is also healthier and tastes better because it is eaten soon after picking.

Another reason is that gardening is good for mental health. It helps people feel calm and happy. After a busy or stressful day, watering plants or planting seeds can make people feel better. Many say taking care of plants gives them peace and joy.

Urban gardening is also good for the environment. Plants clean the air by taking in carbon dioxide and giving out oxygen. Even small green spaces can make cities cooler in hot weather. Rooftop gardens help grow food and also

cool down buildings, so people use less electricity. Some people plant in old boxes, plastic bottles, or containers. This helps recycle things and reduce waste.

Some cities support community gardens. These are shared gardens where people grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers together. It helps neighbors meet, talk, and work as a team. This is good for people who don't have their own space. Some schools and groups also start garden projects to teach children about food, nature, and health.

Even growing a few herbs in a small pot on a windowsill is a great start. Herbs like mint, basil, or parsley grow well with little sunlight and care. Urban gardening teaches people to be patient and creative. It helps people eat better, feel better, and take care of the planet. Whether in a small pot or a big shared garden, anyone can enjoy gardening in the city.

**For questions 1-4, fill in the missing information in the numbered spaces. Write no more than ONE WORD and/ or A NUMBER for each question.**

People in big cities use (1) \_\_\_\_\_ spaces like balconies and rooftops for gardening.

Urban gardening helps improve a person's (2) \_\_\_\_\_ health.

Plants help the air by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

In some cities, people garden together in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ gardens.

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**5. Why do people grow their own food in the city?**

- A) To make money
- B) To avoid shopping
- C) To eat fresh and chemical-free food
- D) To sell at the market

**6. What is one benefit of rooftop gardens?**

- A) They help cool buildings
- B) They grow faster than other plants
- C) They don't need water
- D) They can only grow flowers.