

## UNIT 2. CITY LIFE

### TEST 01 – GRADE 9

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

**Question 1.**

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| A. <u>s</u> lowly | B. <u>d</u> owntown |
| C. <u>p</u> ower  | D. <u>c</u> rowded  |

**Question 2.**

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| A. <u>m</u> odern  | B. <u>p</u> ollute   |
| C. <u>p</u> roduce | D. <u>c</u> ongested |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

**Question 3.**

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| A. fabu <u>l</u> ous | B. reliab <u>l</u> e  |
| C. vari <u>e</u> ty  | D. forbidd <u>e</u> n |

**Question 4.**

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| A. price <u>y</u>   | B. metr <u>o</u>    |
| C. advan <u>c</u> e | D. proce <u>s</u> s |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

**Question 5.** The sky train is \_\_\_\_ with commuters at rush hour.

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| A. packed | B. full        |
| C. busy   | D. interesting |

**Question 6.** It is often more \_\_\_\_ to live downtown than in the suburbs.

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|---------------|-------------|
| A. quiet      | B. peaceful |
| C. convenient | D. silent   |

**Question 7.** The \_\_\_\_ the public transport system is, the \_\_\_\_ it is for residents to get around the city.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A. more reliable / easier | B. more reliable / harder     |
| C. less reliable / easier | D. less reliable / convenient |

**Question 8.** My phone battery is low; I need to \_\_\_\_ it before the meeting.

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|-------------|---------------|
| A. turn off | B. charge     |
| C. turn on  | D. run out of |

**Question 9.** We've \_\_\_\_ milk; we need to buy more.

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|----------------|-------------------|
| A. set up      | B. got along with |
| C. put up with | D. run out of     |

**Question 10.** During \_\_\_\_, traffic can be very heavy and slow-moving.

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| A. public transport  | B. rush hour         |
| C. a concrete jungle | D. a high crime rate |

**Question 11.** The smoother the traffic flow in the downtown area is, the \_\_\_\_ the commute is for workers.

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|---------|-----------|
| A. good | B. better |
| C. best | D. well   |

**Question 12.** Linda: "Would you mind opening the window?" – Jane: " \_\_\_\_ "

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| A. I agree with you. | B. Yes, you can.     |
| C. Not at all.       | D. Yes, I'd love to. |

Read the following announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 13 to 16.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Welcome to the annual City Life Festival! This event will showcase (13) \_\_\_\_ vibrant culture and (14) \_\_\_\_ activities of our city. Join us (15) \_\_\_\_ Central Park for a day filled with music and fun. There will be many exciting attractions, (16) \_\_\_\_ performances from local bands and a food market featuring international cuisines.

**Question 13.**

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| A. a   | B. an |
| C. the | D. Ø  |

**Question 14.**

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|--------------|--------------|
| A. diverse   | B. diversity |
| C. diversely | D. diversify |

**Question 15.**

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|-------|-------|
| A. at | B. in |
| C. on | D. by |

**Question 16.**

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|--------------|-------------|
| A. including | B. included |
| C. include   | D. includes |

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct order of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph or letter in each of the following questions.*

**Question 17.**

- a. However, I am still looking for the best spots to eat and shop.
- b. Additionally, I have discovered many parks where I can relax and enjoy nature.
- c. I hope you are doing well. I am writing to tell you about my new city life. Firstly, I have been exploring various places and activities in the city.
- d. Moreover, there are numerous entertainment options available, including theaters and music venues.
- e. Finally, I look forward to hearing about your experiences in the city as well!

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

**Question 18.**

- a. Firstly, the city offers a diverse range of experiences for its residents.
- b. For example, from shopping malls to museums, there is something for everyone.
- c. Moreover, public transport is easily accessible, making it convenient to get around.
- d. For some people, the hustle and bustle of city life is exciting, while others may find it stressful.
- e. However, living in the city can be exciting but also overwhelming at times.

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

*Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each numbered blank from 19 to 24.*

The city is known (19) \_\_\_\_ its lively atmosphere and diverse population. (20) \_\_\_\_ the high cost of living, many people find the urban environment stimulating. The city's landscape is filled with (21) \_\_\_\_ landmarks and modern architecture. (22) \_\_\_\_ the hustle and bustle of daily life, residents often find solace in the city's green spaces. The vibrant energy of the city (23) \_\_\_\_ it an appealing place for those who enjoy an active lifestyle. (24) \_\_\_\_ you're looking for excitement or relaxation, the city provides plenty of options.

**Question 19.**

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| A. as   | B. for |
| C. with | D. to  |

**Question 20.**

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|------------|------------|
| A. Despite | B. Because |
| C. So      | D. And     |

**Question 21.**

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|-----------------|--------------|
| A. historic     | B. history   |
| C. historically | D. historian |

**Question 22.**

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|-------------|---------------|
| A. Despite  | B. Because    |
| C. Although | D. Because of |

**Question 23.**

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| A. makes | B. puts |
| C. takes | D. make |

**Question 24.**

- A. Whether
- C. While

- B. If
- D. Although

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions.**

**Question 25.** Mary doesn't study as well as she used to.

- A. Mary used to study worse than she does now.
- B. Mary used to study better than she does now.
- C. Mary studies as well as she did in the past.
- D. Mary has never studied well.

**Question 26.** My current house is more spacious than the old one.

- A. My old house is not as spacious as my current one.
- B. My current house is the most spacious house.
- C. My old house is as spacious as my current one.
- D. My old house had more space than my current one.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is made from the given cues in each of the following questions.**

**Question 27.** Some cities / be / not safe / because of / high crime rates.

- A. Some cities are not safe because of high crime rates.
- B. Some cities are not safely because of high crime rates.
- C. Some cities are unsafe because high crime rates.
- D. Some cities are not safe because of crime rates are high.

**Question 28.** The town's / public amenities / make / it / liveable place / its residents.

- A. The town's public amenities make it a liveable place for its residents.
- B. The town's public amenities makes it a liveable place for its residents.
- C. The town's public amenities make it liveable place to its residents.
- D. The town's public amenities make a liveable place its residents.

**Read the following sign or notice and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

**Question 29.** What does the sign say?

**Question 29.** What does the sign say?



- A. You can park your car anywhere.
- B. Do not park your car here.
- C. Only customers can park in this area.
- D. You can park here for a short time.

**Question 30.** What does the notice say?

**Don't keep this soup in the fridge for more than two days after opening it.**

- A. If you open this soup, keep it in the fridge for no more than two days.
- B. You must open and eat this soup within the next two days.
- C. Put this soup in the fridge before you open it.
- D. After opening, this soup should not be kept in the fridge.

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 36.**

One of the most important aspects of city life is public transportation. Efficient public transport systems can greatly enhance the quality of life for city dwellers by reducing traffic congestion and pollution. Many large cities have developed extensive networks of buses, trains, and subways to help people get around quickly and affordably.

In cities like Tokyo and New York, public transportation is an essential part of daily life. The Tokyo subway system is known for its punctuality and cleanliness, transporting millions of passengers every day. Similarly, New York's subway system, though older and less reliable, is crucial for the mobility of its residents. Public transportation not only benefits individuals but also has a positive impact on the environment. By reducing the number of private vehicles on the road, public transport systems help to lower emissions and decrease the city's carbon footprint. Additionally, using public transportation can be more economical for residents, saving money on fuel and parking.

fees.

However, public transportation systems also face challenges. In many cities, aging infrastructure and lack of funding can lead to delays and overcrowding. Safety and cleanliness are other concerns that need to be addressed to make public transport more appealing to users.

Despite these issues, the advantages of public transportation in city life are clear. Investments in modernizing and expanding public transport can lead to significant improvements in urban living conditions. Encouraging the use of public transportation is essential for the sustainable development of cities.

**Question 31.** What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The history of public transportation
- B. The benefits and challenges of public transportation in cities
- C. The differences between public transportation in Tokyo and New York
- D. The environmental impact of private vehicles

**Question 32.** The word “punctuality” in paragraph 2 is CLOSEST in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. speed
- B. cleanliness
- C. reliability
- D. timeliness

**Question 33.** According to the passage, what is one benefit of public transportation?

- A. Increased traffic congestion
- B. Reduced emissions
- C. Higher fuel costs
- D. Less safety

**Question 34.** Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a challenge for public transportation?

- A. Aging infrastructure
- B. Lack of funding
- C. Overcrowding
- D. High fuel costs

**Question 35.** The word “decrease” in paragraph 2 is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. reduce
- B. increase
- C. lower
- D. limit

**Question 36.** What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Public transport can completely eliminate pollution.
- B. Cities should discourage the use of buses and trains.
- C. Improving public transport can contribute to more sustainable cities.
- D. Private vehicles are always cheaper than public transport.

**Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 37 to 40.**

I love city life. First, the availability of good and reliable health services (37) \_\_\_\_ is an important aspect that ensures a sense of security and well-being. Second, the convenience of easy shopping with numerous markets and malls (38) \_\_\_\_\_. Third, cities offer a wealth of public amenities, (39) \_\_\_\_\_, making city living a well-rounded and fulfilling experience. In conclusion, (40) \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. makes buying daily necessities quicker and simpler
- B. ranging from parks and recreational spaces to cultural institutions and educational facilities
- C. that are available whenever needed
- D. the combination of these factors contributes to a vibrant and liveable urban lifestyle and enhances the quality of city life

**Questions 37–40:** Choose A, B, C or D for each blank.

## UNIT 2. CITY LIFE

### TEST 02 – GRADE 9

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

**Question 1.**

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| A. <u>ca</u> mping | B. <u>ce</u> ntre |
| C. <u>co</u> ver   | D. <u>co</u> uch  |

**Question 2.**

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| A. <u>bea</u> r | B. <u>nea</u> r |
| C. <u>wea</u> r | D. <u>pea</u> r |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

**Question 3.**

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|------------|---------------------|
| A. locate  | B. m <u>i</u> ngle  |
| C. pollute | D. attr <u>a</u> ct |

**Question 4.**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. qual <u>i</u> ty   | B. inter <u>v</u> iew |
| C. new <u>s</u> paper | D. solut <u>i</u> on  |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

**Question 5.** I like getting around by \_\_\_\_ because it runs underground and avoids traffic jams.

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|----------------|----------------|
| A. underground | B. private car |
| C. taxi        | D. bus         |

**Question 6.** The town's public amenities make it a \_\_\_\_ place for its residents.

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|-------------|-----------|
| A. crowded  | B. boring |
| C. liveable | D. dull   |

**Question 7.** After I found all the information I needed, I turned \_\_\_\_ the computer.

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|-------|--------|
| A. in | B. off |
| C. on | D. of  |

**Question 8.** There's a \_\_\_\_ in my neighborhood. It's noisy and dusty.

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|-------------|----------------------|
| A. building | B. construction site |
| C. hospital | D. lake              |

**Question 9.** Hong Kong is like a concrete jungle with so many people in it. It's a \_\_\_\_ city.

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|-------------|-----------|
| A. calm     | B. quiet  |
| C. bustling | D. sleepy |

**Question 10.** The \_\_\_\_ the cost of living in the city is, the \_\_\_\_ people can afford to live there comfortably.

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| A. higher / fewer | B. higher / more     |
| C. lower / fewer  | D. expensive / fewer |

**Question 11.** The \_\_\_\_ the sky train system is, the \_\_\_\_ it is for people to travel across the city.

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. more efficient / easier | B. more efficient / harder     |
| C. less efficient / easier | D. less efficient / convenient |

**Question 12.** Tom: "Would you like to come to dinner next Friday?" – Lan: "\_\_\_\_. I have a lot of homework to do."

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| A. Certainly not. | B. I'm afraid I can't. |
| C. I hope not.    | D. Not at all.         |

Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 13 to 16.

#### ADVERTISEMENT

Discover the excitement of city living with our new City Tour! Our guided tours provide a unique insight into (13) \_\_\_\_ urban life. Explore famous landmarks and hidden gems, and learn about the (14) \_\_\_\_ and culture of our bustling metropolis. Tours are available daily and can (15) \_\_\_\_ online or (16) \_\_\_\_ our office.

**Question 13.**

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|--------|-------|
| A. a   | B. an |
| C. the | D. Ø  |

**Question 14.**

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|-----------------|--------------|
| A. historic     | B. historian |
| C. historically | D. history   |

**Question 15.**

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|--------------|------------|
| A. book      | B. be book |
| C. be booked | D. booking |

**Question 16.**

- |       |       |
|-------|-------|
| A. in | B. at |
| C. on | D. by |

*Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct order of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in each of the following questions.*

**Question 17.**

- a. Firstly, the city offers many opportunities for social and cultural activities.
- b. Also, many people enjoy the variety of lifestyles and services available.
- c. In conclusion, city life provides a lively and exciting environment for its residents.
- d. For example, from theaters to art galleries, there is always something to explore.
- e. However, despite the fun, living in the city can be challenging because of noise and crowded streets.

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

**Question 18.**

- a. Firstly, the city's nightlife is vibrant and full of energy.
- b. For example, there are numerous clubs, restaurants, and theaters to visit.
- c. Moreover, many people enjoy spending their evenings exploring these places.
- d. However, the city can be noisy and busy, especially late at night.
- e. Despite this, the excitement of city life is something many people find enjoyable.

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

*Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each numbered blank from 19 to 24.*

Tokyo's rankings in several of the latest liveability indexes speak for themselves. In 2022, Tokyo (19) \_\_\_\_\_ second on Global Finance Magazine's Best Cities Index and sixth on Monocle's Quality of Life Survey. Taipei-born Kay Lin, Executive Officer at Japan Exchange Group (JPX), first came to Japan as a student. After some years in Taiwan and the US, she decided (20) \_\_\_\_\_ in Tokyo in 2009. "The cleanliness and (21) \_\_\_\_\_ make it comfortable to live here and the infrastructure is very well developed," she says, noting that the (22) \_\_\_\_\_ of living is low compared with other financial cities. David Shirt, CEO of investment advisory firm Astris Advisory Japan, concurs. "Tokyo is clean and safe, with world-class education and lots of international schools. And it's (23) \_\_\_\_\_. People talk about low taxes in Singapore, (24) \_\_\_\_\_ rents are sky-high. Here, on the other hand, rents are lower and you get a world-class city to live in."

**Question 19.**

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|---------------|--------------|
| A. ranks      | B. ranked    |
| C. has ranked | D. will rank |

**Question 20.**

- |             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| A. settle   | B. to settle   |
| C. settling | D. to settling |

**Question 21.**

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|-----------|-----------|
| A. safe   | B. safety |
| C. safely | D. unsafe |

**Question 22.**

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|------------|----------|
| A. price   | B. cost  |
| C. expense | D. value |

**Question 23.**

- A. affordable
- C. expensive

- B. pricey
- D. dangerous

**Question 24.**

- A. which
- C. who

- B. where
- D. whom

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in each of the following questions.**

**Question 25.** Living in the city is much more expensive than living in the countryside.

- A. Living in the countryside is much cheaper than living in the city.
- B. Living in the countryside is as expensive as living in the city.
- C. Living in the countryside is the most expensive.
- D. It is more expensive to live in the countryside than in the city.

**Question 26.** Her sister always runs more quickly than she does.

- A. She doesn't run as quickly as her sister does.
- B. Her sister is always the quickest runner in every race.
- C. She can run faster than her sister.
- D. Her sister has participated in many running competitions.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is made from the given cues in each of the following questions.**

**Question 27.** Some cities / be / like / concrete jungles / with / so many buildings.

- A. Some cities are like concrete jungles with so many buildings.
- B. Some cities like concrete jungles because so many buildings.
- C. Some cities are likely concrete jungles with so many buildings.
- D. Some cities are like concrete jungles so many buildings.

**Question 28.** Reducing noise pollution / the hometown / can lead / a better quality of life.

- A. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead in a better quality of life.
- B. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead of a better quality of life.
- C. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead to a better quality of life.
- D. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead from a better quality of life.

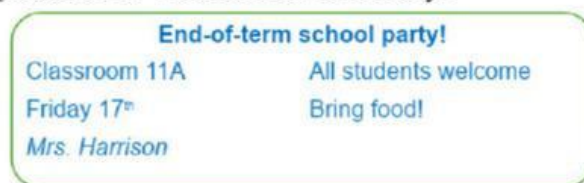
**Read the following sign or notice and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

**Question 29.** What does the sign say?



- A. The elevator is working normally.
- B. The elevator is not working and cannot be used.
- C. The elevator is being repaired and will work again soon.
- D. The elevator is for staff only.

**Question 30.** What does the notice say?



- A. Only students from Classroom 11A can attend the party.
- B. Mrs. Harrison will provide all the food for the party.
- C. All students are welcome to the party on Friday the 17th.
- D. The party will take place after Friday the 17th.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions from 31 to 36.

Traffic jams and pollution are two big problems in the city. Traffic jams occur when there are too many cars on the roads, making it difficult for people to move around quickly. To solve this, cities can encourage people to use public transportation, like buses or trains, instead of driving their own cars. This would reduce the number of vehicles on the roads, easing traffic congestion. Pollution is another issue in cities because there is too much dirty air from vehicles and factories. One solution for this problem is to plant more trees and create more green spaces in the city. Trees provide oxygen and clean the air. By increasing the number of trees, cities can improve air quality and make the environment healthier for everyone. In conclusion, we all need to work together to solve the problems of traffic and pollution. By using public transportation and starting green projects like planting trees, we can make our city environment more sustainable and enjoyable.

**Question 31.** Which title best suits the passage?

- A. The Benefits of Public Transportation
- B. Solutions for City Traffic and Pollution
- C. The Importance of Green Spaces
- D. The Role of Factories in Pollution

**Question 32.** What is one method suggested to reduce traffic congestion?

- A. Expanding road networks
- B. Increasing the number of vehicles
- C. Encouraging public transportation use
- D. Building more factories

**Question 33.** The word “reduce” in the passage is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. decrease
- B. lower
- C. increase
- D. limit

**Question 34.** The word “pollution” in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

- A. cleanliness
- B. contamination
- C. purity
- D. freshness

**Question 35.** What does “This” in the sentence “This would reduce the number of vehicles on the roads” refer to?

- A. Building more roads
- B. Encouraging people to use public transportation instead of driving
- C. Planting more trees
- D. Reducing the number of factories

**Question 36.** What can be inferred about the author’s viewpoint on solving city problems?

- A. Individual actions are more effective than collective efforts.
- B. Increasing industrial activities will solve pollution problems.
- C. A combination of methods is needed to address traffic and pollution.
- D. Environmental issues should be ignored in favor of economic growth.

*Four phrases/sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 37 to 40.*

The majority of London’s inhabitants live in its suburbs. (37) \_\_\_\_\_. These people are called “commuters”. Commuters may spend as much as two hours every morning getting to work and another two hours getting home again. (38) \_\_\_\_\_. Millions of visitors come to London every year from all over the world to see famous sights such as (39) \_\_\_\_\_. London is also very famous for its theaters, red buses, and black taxis. Some people find it a noisy and dirty place, but it has many large, pleasant parks. (40) \_\_\_\_\_. London has many attractions for both people from other parts of Britain and visitors from overseas.

- A. The cost of living in London is higher than that in most other parts of Britain.
- B. Here, everyone can enjoy some peaceful and quiet moments.
- C. Many of them travel to the city to work every day by train, bus, tube, or car.
- D. Buckingham Palace and many other historic buildings.

**Questions 37–40:** Choose A, B, C or D for each blank.