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A. VOCABULARY

We've received a lot of complaints from the local _____ about the degraded air quality in our area.

- a. residents b. muralists c. neighbors d. gang members

The colourful murals _____ the appearance of the whole neighborhood.

- a. became b. transmitted c. transformed d. transferred

Although we focused all our _____ on the performance, we didn't make it to the finals.

- a. spirit b. efforts c. trust d. society

The _____ consists of three roommates who shares monthly living expenses.

- a. family b. household c. house d. neighbourhood

All the houses were painted white to symbolise that all the residents were _____.

- a. the same b. unequal c. different d. equal

Don't worry if your family are allergic to certain foods. There's a _____ of dishes to choose from.

- a. different b. various c. variety d. way

The kids are drawing a picture to _____ the shape of a polar bear.

- a. illustrate b. paint c. color d. show off

Local people used to avoid going out after dark as there were gangs, there was _____, and _____ problems.

- a. criminal- social b. crime- social c. crime- society d. spirit- society

The people show great community _____ by spending time planting trees together.

- a. trust b. effort c. spirit d. violence

A _____ is an organized group of people who are often involved in crime.

- e. violence f. muralist g. gang h. gang member

This girl is a victim of domestic _____. Her father takes his anger out on her and beats her when he's drunk.

- a. unequal b. violence c. gang d. support

The volunteers put in tireless _____ to clean up the park.

- a. efforts b. support c. expectancy d. healthcare

As a long-time _____ of the town, she knows everyone in the neighborhood.

- a. problem b. trust c. muralist d. resident

The building's exterior was painted in a _____ gray color.

- a. mural b. green space c. drab d. congestion

The city center designated certain zones as _____ for environmental reasons.

- a. spirit b. raised walkways c. traffic d. car-free

The country's economy has been expanding over the last few years. In fact, its _____ grew by 3% last year.

- a. social support b. GDP c. healthcare d. income

The average _____ in the area consists of four family members.

- a. community spirit b. gang members c. income d. household

Community _____ plays a vital role in supporting a strong economy.

- a. income b. spirit c. healthcare d. support

Charlie used to be a billionaire, but unfortunately, he lost his _____ through poor investment.

- a. wealth b. income c. trust d. support

The local police department is working to reduce _____ rates in the city.

- a. social b. traffic c. congestion d. crime

Improved healthcare has led to an increase in _____ in the region.

- a. congestion b. social support c. life expectancy d. wealth

B. USE OF ENGLISH

Rewrite the sentences using the **-ING FORM** so they mean the same thing. Add **PREPOSITION** when necessary.

I like baking and cooking. I'm fond _____

My dream is to have a house by the beach. → I dream _____

"Let's go to the cinema." → I suggested _____

"I'm sorry. I came home late." → I apologized _____

We want to join the local community project. → We're looking forward _____

We need to focus on creating more green spaces. → We should concentrate _____

"Congratulations, Aiden. You've achieved the title of an excellent student this year."

→ We congratulated Aiden _____

"Thank you, Kim. It was very nice of you to visit us." → We thanked Kim _____

We managed to raise money for the community center.

→ We succeeded _____

They achieved a happier lifestyle because they spent more time together.

→ They achieved a happier lifestyle by _____

The council refused to cancel the plan for new bicycle lanes.

→ The council insisted _____

C. READING: Read and choose the correct answers:

Why Libraries Are More Important Than Ever

In an age where almost any book can be downloaded to a device in seconds, it's easy to assume that the public library is an obsolete institution, a dusty relic of a pre-digital world. This perception, however, couldn't be further from the truth. Far from becoming irrelevant, modern libraries have evolved to become dynamic, indispensable community hubs that offer much more than just books on shelves. They have proven to be surprisingly resilient institutions, adapting to the needs of the 21st century in ways many people fail to recognise.

One of the most crucial roles of the modern library is bridging the digital divide. While many of us take constant internet access for granted, a significant portion of the population lacks reliable access at home.

Libraries provide not only free Wi-Fi but also public-access computers, which are vital for job applications, accessing government services, and completing schoolwork. By offering these services, they ensure more equitable access to the digital world, preventing people from being left behind in an increasingly online society.

Furthermore, libraries have transformed into vibrant centres for education and personal development. They host a vast range of programmes and workshops, from digital literacy classes for senior citizens to coding clubs for teenagers and early-years story time for toddlers. These activities foster lifelong learning and provide valuable skills that people might not otherwise be able to afford. The library is no longer just a place to consume information passively; it is a place to create, collaborate, and learn new skills actively.

Beyond technology and education, the library also serves a vital social function. In a world where loneliness and social isolation are growing concerns, libraries offer a warm, safe and welcoming public

1. Which statement best summarises the author's main point about modern libraries?

- a. They are struggling to compete with online resources and are at risk of becoming obsolete.
- b. Their most important role is providing internet access, which is more critical than their other functions.
- c. They are important because their main function is still to provide a quiet place to read books.
- d. They have adapted to the digital age by serving crucial technological, educational, and social roles.

2. What does the author mean by 'bridging the digital divide'?

- a. Providing technology and internet access to those who lack it.
- b. Separating digital resources from physical books within the library.
- c. Encouraging people to spend less time on their digital devices.
- d. Teaching people to evaluate digital sources critically.

3. According to the text, how have libraries become centres for education?

- a. By focusing only on teaching children how to read.
- b. By partnering with educational institutions to offer free courses.
- c. Through diverse learning opportunities that serve different age groups.
- d. By providing a quiet space exclusively for students to study.

space where anyone can go without the expectation of spending money. They are a sanctuary for those seeking quiet contemplation, a meeting place for book clubs, and a neutral ground for community events. They build social cohesion and foster a sense of community that is often missing in modern life. So, while the method of reading may have changed for some, the fundamental mission of the library, to provide free and equitable access to information, education, and community, has not. If anything, that mission is more critical today than ever before. They are not just surviving in the digital age; they are thriving by adapting and providing their indispensable value to the community they serve.

4. What social function do libraries perform, according to the article?

- a. They host expensive social events and parties.
- b. They function as free social hubs where people can connect with others.
- c. They function as a replacement for community centres and town halls.
- d. They organise regular community activities that bring neighbours together.

5. The author describes modern libraries as 'resilient' because they have...

- a. effectively responded to contemporary challenges and demands.
- b. refused to change their traditional methods.
- c. maintained their traditional services while adding new ones.
- d. managed to survive despite having very few visitors.

6. What is the author's final conclusion about the library's mission?

- a. Its mission has completely changed due to new technology.
- b. Its mission now focuses primarily on digital services rather than books.
- c. Its core purpose has become increasingly vital in modern society.
- d. Its mission is now less important than that of online resources.