

C. READING

I. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Although the city seems to have a lot of great things, the country can offer as (1) _____ satisfaction as well. The country is a marvelous place to live in. It offers a very relaxing feeling, and it is filled (2) _____ magnificent views and scenery. Rural towns offer more open space than cities and aren't overcrowded. The country can also maybe help you become a more independent and (3) _____ person. You can buy a small piece of land, plough it and put some (4) _____ in order to grow your own vegetables. This way you (5) _____ your own crops, and eat and live in a very healthy way. (6) _____, being in the countryside makes you more of an outdoor person often enjoying the voices and wild places of nature. Not everyone is (7) _____ to the city life and not everyone has the desire to live permanently in the countryside. It is a matter of perspective and personal point of (8) _____.

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| 1. A. most | B. more | C. much | D. many |
| 2. A. in | B. out | C. up | D. with |
| 3. A. active | B. idle | C. passive | D. quiet |
| 4. A. weeds | B. seeds | C. breeds | D. branches |
| 5. A. collect | B. damage | C. complete | D. rotate |
| 6. A. By contrast | B. However | C. Therefore | D. In addition |
| 7. A. Interested | B. bored | C. suited | D. excited |
| 8. A. care | B. view | C. contact | D. way |

II. 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 questions.

Living in the country is something that people from the city often dream about. However, in reality, it has both advantages and disadvantages.

There are certainly many advantages of living in the country. First, you can enjoy peace and quietness. Moreover, people tend to be friendlier. A further advantage is that there is less traffic, so it is safer for young children.

However, there are certain disadvantages or drawbacks to life outside the city. First, because there are fewer people, you are likely to have few friends. In addition, entertainment is difficult to find, particularly in the evening. Furthermore, the fact that there are fewer shops and services so it is quite hard to find jobs. As a result, you may have to travel a long way to work, which can be extremely expensive.

In conclusion, it can be seen that the country is more suitable for some people than others. On the whole, it is often the best place for those who are retired or who have young

children. In contrast, young or single people who have a career are better provided for in the city.

1. **According to the passage, living in the country has_____.**
 A.both good and bad points B. only bad points
 C. only good points D. no disadvantages
2. **How many advantages does living in the country have?**
 A.Two B. Four C. Three D.No
3. **Living in the country is safer for young children because_____.**
 A.there are few shops B.there is less traffic
 C. there are fewerpeople D.there arefew services
4. **Which of the following statements is NOT true according to the passage?**
 A.The country is only suitable for retired people.
 B.It's hard to find entertainment in the country.
 C.There are fewer shops and services in the country.
 D.People in the country tend to be friendlier than people in the city.
5. **Having few friends is_____.**
 A.one of drawbacks to life in the country
 B.the only disadvantage of living in the country
 C.one of certain advantages to life outside the city
 D.one of certain drawbacks to life outside the city

D. WRITING

I. Put the words or phrases in the correct order.

1. life/ in/ is/ better/ the/ changing/ country.

2. Ho Chi Minh city/ Mr. Hung/ tonight/ arriving/ in/ is.

3. I/ countryside/ the/ last Sunday/ went/ my uncle/ to/ and.

4. is/ home/ so/ dark/ should/ It/ we/ go/ getting

5. grandfather/ Saturday/ I/ my/ am/ on/ visiting.

6. In/ children/ the city/ play/ the countryside/ freely/ than/ more/ in.

7. learn/ a/ Nomadic/ horse/ when/ to/ children/ they/ small/ are/ ride.

8. jobs/ many/ formers/ Unlike/ depend/ other/ the/ heavily/ weather/ on.

II. Write a comparative sentence using the information and the word in brackets.

1. Yesterday the temperature was nine degrees. Today it's only six degrees.

=> **It's** _____

2. The journey takes four hours by car and five hours by train.

=> **It takes** _____

3. We were very busy at work today. We are not as busy as that every day.

=> **We** _____

4. Jane cooks better than her sister.

=> **Jane's sister** _____

5. Tom is the best football player in this team.

=> **Nobody in this team** _____

6. It was very difficult to travel to the town 5 years ago. Now people can drive a car or take a bus to the town. (**easily**)

=> **People can travel** _____

7. I do yoga three times a week, but my sister does it almost every day. (**frequently**)

=> **My sister** _____

8. The Australian athlete jumped 8.78m. The American athlete jumped 8.59m. (**far**)

=> **The Australian athlete** _____

9. Red River is 1.149 km long. Mekong River is 4.350km long, (**long**)

=> **Mekong River** _____

10. A horse can run 80km/h while a dog can run 50km/h. (**fast**)

=> **A horse** _____