

GRADE 9- UNIT 2 READING COMPREHENSION

I Read the following passage and fill in the gap with one suitable word.

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| opportunity | drawbacks | well-lighted | problems | unlike |
| education | advantages | air-pollution | harmful | with |

City life is full of advantages and disadvantages. There are a lot of (1) of living in a city. The people who live in cities enjoy some special facilities and comforts (2) the village people. Their houses are modern, streets are (3) They can go shopping and buy everything they need. In case of sickness, they can avail the treatment of best doctors. Moreover, they can receive (4) in schools, colleges and universities of high standard. They can also visit libraries, parks, museums and so on to stimulate their minds. However, city life has some (5) too. The city life is very fast. Everybody is rushing for a better life, a better luck and a better (6) In city area, people usually use vehicles run by fossil fuels, which cause heavy smoke. Those smoke causes (7) Thus, people living in urban areas take the soup of chemicals. We don't see the (8) gasses but we inhale it. The fast life, the foul and smoky weather and dirty atmosphere cause health (9) Last but not the least, city life is more or less artificial and monotonous. It has no touch (10) nature whatsoever.

II Read the passage and answer the questions below.

Education has been the first priority of my life. And I think a city life can offer a great support in terms of offering a vast choice of good institutions that one may like to choose for the higher studies.

I like city life because of the diversity of things you can do. For example, job opportunities are better in the cities. So, if you're a city dweller, you don't have to leave your home in the search of better work opportunities. You'll be able to earn the livelihood and be by the side of your family simultaneously. This was probably the biggest reason I never could go against the city life.

The third reason I like city life because it offers hundreds of other recreational opportunities. I'm especially a fun loving person and never like to sit at home in the weekends. City life is always very happening and great fun. You can go to a water park, enjoy fun rides with your family, have a great time with your friends in a restaurant.

Yes, sometimes the busy city life gets a bit strenuous. But when I need a change, I take a short two day off for a nice refreshment. City life is much better because it's free from the conservative mentality of the villages. The busy city life doesn't permit time for unproductive

things which can make the life of person complicated. As city dwellers get exposure to tons of possible career opportunities, most people can plan their career wisely.

Fierce competition of city life makes people competitive and smart. This is what actually the modern world needs. Our world doesn't need orthodox rituals or superstitious belief. The city life teaches us how to fight with the oddities and become a winner.

Answer the following questions:

1. What is the advantage of the city dwellers when choosing a job?
 - a. They have the diversity of things they can do.
 - b. Job opportunities are better in the cities
 - c. They don't have to leave their home in the search of better work opportunities
 - d. A city life can offer a great support in terms of offering a vast choice of good institutions.
2. What can you do in the city at weekends?
 - a. You'll be able to earn the livelihood and be by the side of your family simultaneously.
 - b. it offers hundreds of other recreational opportunities.
 - c. You have the diversity of things they can do.
 - d. You can go to a water park, enjoy fun rides with your family, have a great time with your friends in a restaurant.
3. What does the author often do when he/she gets strenuous?
 - a. She takes a short two day off for a nice refreshment.
 - b. She goes to a water park, enjoy fun rides with her family
 - c. She has a great time with her friends in a restaurant
 - d. She only sits at home in the weekends
4. According to the author, what are the differences between the people in the city and those in the village?
 - a. A city life can offer a great support in terms of offering a vast choice of good institutions.
 - b. City life is always very happening and great fun
 - c. City life is much better because it's free from the conservative mentality of the villages
 - d. Fierce competition of city life makes people competitive and smart.
5. What does the passage mainly about?
 - a. Advantages of city life
 - b. Education in big city
 - c. Recreational facilities in big cities
 - d. What does city life teach us.

III. Read the text carefully, then choose the correct answers.

Life in the big city is face-paced, fun and exciting. There are countless job opportunities and activities to occupy your time. However, with the good, there also comes the bad. Although the big city has more job opportunities; there are also more people competing for a single job. This can make your job search frustrating. Oddly enough, you will see hundreds, if not thousands of jobs available each week, but you still might remain unemployed, especially when the economy is down. In addition, the cost of living is typically higher in big cities, and it can cost you an arm and a leg for a small apartment in a decent area of the city, not to mention other costs to fulfill

your basic demands. Diversity is a good thing, but the amount of people can be a bit overwhelming if you are not accustomed to it. There will always be crowds and always be people around. Moreover, traffic can be a nightmare in the big city. It can get so bad that it can turn you into an evil person. If you hate driving in traffic, then the big city life is not for you. Heavy traffic also contributes to the pollution, which is one of the biggest disadvantages of living in the city. Obviously, our health is affected most with certain diseases relating to respiratory system and other body parts. A lot of premature deaths are supposed to be the result of long-term exposure to small particles. Most importantly, there is always more crime in a big city, causing you second case your decision for living in a big city. You are much more likely to be a victim of a crime living in a big city than in a small town.

1. According to the passage, some good things of living in the city are _____.
 - a. excellent educational system and recreational activities
 - b. excellent educational system and countless job opportunities
 - c. countless job opportunities and activities to occupy your time
 - d. a lot of kinds of entertainment and shopping centers
2. While big cities have more job opportunities, it also give _____.
 - a. more competition for a single job
 - b. higher salary
 - c. growing economic crisis
 - d. greater chances of being unemployed
3. What does the phrase “cost an arm and a leg” mean?

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| a. your legs and arms have good value | b. cost a small amount of money |
| c. you must work hard to earn money | d. cost a lot of money |
4. According to the paragraph, city is not a perfect place for _____.

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| a. extroverted people | b. introverted people |
| c. people who hate driving in traffic | d. people who prefer a busy life |
5. In the big city, people tend to _____ when traffic is getting heavy.

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| a. go crazy | b. get enough time to relax |
| c. wait a bit longer | d. slow down themselves |
6. Which of the following sentences is NOT true?
 - a. Pollution causes health problems.
 - b. Cities are always crowded.
 - c. It costs a lot of money to live in a big city.
 - d. Crime is not a serious problem in big cities.

