

FURTHER PRACTICE 2 – SKILLS

PART I. READING

Exercise 1. Read the text and fill in the blanks with suitable words in the box below.

and	can	busier	located	However
described	Therefore	According	makes	more

City is often (1) _____ as a large and a highly populated area. (2) _____, city life is living in a large populated, technologically advanced area. (3) _____ to World Health Organization, 54% of the world's population lived in urban areas by 2014. A city is technologically (4) _____ advanced and complex than the countryside. Therefore, there are many advantages in living in a city. Technology (5) _____ our lives easy in a city. Cities have many facilities like high-quality hospitals, educational institutes, banks, shops (6) _____ other business institutes. This makes our life easy as we (7) _____ access the facilities provided by these institutes and organizations without delay. Moreover, many employment opportunities are available in the city as many major business institutes, factories are (8) _____ here. City life also gives us access to developed infrastructure facilities, like water, electricity, telecommunication and transportation facilities.

(9) _____, we can also notice the difference in the behavior of the people living in the city. City dwellers tend to be (10) _____, ambitious and distant compared to the village folk.

Exercise 2. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C, or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

Trees bring Hanoians closer to nature

City planners have claimed trees (1) _____ an important role in an urban environment. Children (2) _____ close to nature have better health, while walking in parks helps reduce blood pressure, stress and obesity. The problem is to select the right trees and (3) _____ them.

Ha Noi is considered one of the greenest cities in Viet Nam thanks to its beautiful and precious trees. Ancient trees in Ha Noi are frequently (4) _____ in poems. Each street can be (5) _____ a tree. To local residents, the hundred-year-old trees that line the streets are more than just beautiful, they are part of the city's identity.

Due to the treasured place the trees have in the (6) _____ of the local residents, Hanoians seem to have a lot of concern when construction workers chop them (7) _____. Workers get away with digging around the trees without much care, and even (8) _____ the trees without enough earth to grow - making them vulnerable to storms.

To (9) _____ with the problem, Ha Noi's authorities have started a project of replanting trees: each of the capital's streets will be planted with two or three sorts of trees. Moreover, more people should be made (10) _____ of the importance of protecting trees in communities.

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| 1. A. act | B. play | C. enjoy | D. perform |
| 2. A. grow up | B. grown up | C. growing up | D. being grown up |
| 3. A. maintain | B. service | C. provide | D. care |
| 4. A. referred | B. indicated | C. spoken | D. mentioned |
| 5. A. described | B. represented | C. expressed | D. explained |

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| 6. A. brain | B. place | C. center | D. heart |
| 7. A. away | B. off | C. down | D. × |
| 8. A. leave | B. remain | C. cause | D. have |
| 9. A. solve | B. come up | C. deal | D. agree |
| 10. A. understood | B. aware | C. capable | D. know |

PART II. WRITING

Exercise 1. Rewrite the sentences keeping the same meaning, beginning as available.

- My kitchen is smaller than yours.
✎ Your kitchen
- No one in the class is taller than Dave.
✎ Dave
- Mum doesn't speak English as well as Dad.
✎ Dad
- Lan is better cook than Hoa.
✎ Hoa can't
- This watch is worse than that one.
✎ That watch
- Yesterday the temperature was nine degrees. Today it's only six degrees.
✎ It is
- The journey takes four hours by car and five hours by train.
✎ It takes
- We were very busy at work today. We are not as busy as that every day.
✎ We
- Jane cooks better than her sister.
✎ Jane's
- Tom is the best football player in this team.
✎ Nobody in this team

Exercise 2. Write complete sentences, using the words/phrases given in their correct forms. You can add some more necessary words, but you have to use all the words given.

- Sydney / biggest city / Australia / dozens / beaches.
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- Sydney / best known / major attractions / like / Sydney Opera House / and / Harbour Bridge.
✎
- Tourists / learn / more / city's art / coming / Art Gallery of New South Wales.
✎
- Sport fans / attend / cricket match / Sydney Cricket Ground / weekends.
✎
- famed city / organize / seasonal events / such / Sydney Comedy Festival / April / or / Sydney International Food Festival / October.
✎

Exercise 3. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. Quite by chance, Brenda met Phillip at the station. (RAN)

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2. Before I come to a decision, I'll have to consider their offer very carefully. (OVER)

✎

3. You'll just have to learn to accept the facts. (FACE)

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4. Our class football team lost the match, so we tried to encourage them. (UP)

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5. How can you bear so much traffic noise? (PUT)

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