PROGRESS TEST Units 1–2

1 Complete the sentences by writing the word in brackets in the plural form.

0 A lot of ...people... (person) visit Paris every year.
1 São Paulo is one of the largest ..... (city) in the world.
2 My ..... (foot) were very tired after a day's sightseeing in Sydney.
3 Most ..... (child) enjoy having holidays by the sea.
4 More ..... (woman) go out to work now than did in the past.
5 Research shows that our ..... (life) are happier if we have good relationships with others.

2 Choose the correct form of the present tense to complete each sentence.

0 *I think / I'm thinking* that my city is a pleasant place to live.
1 Many people in Switzerland *speak / are speaking* several languages fluently.
2 I don't have much free time nowadays because *I study / I'm studying* for an important exam.
3 The population of my city *is growing / grows* fast – it will soon have 10 million inhabitants.
4 It *rains / is raining* a lot in Seattle, especially in the winter months.
5 *I'm spending / I spend* a week working in Hong Kong at the moment.

3 Complete the sentences by writing the correct form of the word in brackets.

0 The way of life is more ...relaxed... (relax) in the outskirts of the city.
1 People in my city are usually very ..... (help) towards strangers.
2 The beach near my home can get very ..... (crowd) in summer.
3 My family likes visiting Thailand because people there are so ..... (friend).
4 I find it ..... (enjoy) to go sailing at the weekends.
5 It is important to have a ..... (health) lifestyle, wherever you live.

4 Complete the paragraph with words from the box. You may use any word more than once.

and	but	however	also

A hundred years ago most inhabitants of my region lived on farms in the countryside, 0 ...but... nowadays a lot of people live in the city. Many people now live far away from their families, 1 ..... they don't see their parents, brothers and sisters very often. People 2 ..... have smaller families these days. 3 ..... , it is much easier to keep in contact with people now than it was a hundred years ago. These days people living in the city are often very busy 4 ..... they do stressful jobs. Most people work long hours nowadays, 5 .....they have more money to enjoy their leisure time.

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5 Complete the sentences by writing a preposition (*by, with, to,* etc.) in each gap.

0 My parents live in a small village ...on... the top of a hill.
1 People who work in the city centre are often ..... a hurry.
2 I'd like to study engineering ..... university.
3 Paris is fairly quiet in August because most of the population is ..... holiday.
4 My husband is Turkish. He comes ..... the capital, Ankara.
5 The south of Spain is known ..... its lovely sandy beaches.

6 Complete the paragraph by writing the verb in brackets in the past tense.

Wilfred Thesiger **0** ...was... (is) an English explorer, born in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, North Africa in 1910. He **1** ..... (study) at school and university in England, and then returned to North Africa in his twenties. During the 1940s Thesiger travelled many thousands of miles by camel across Ethiopia, Iraq, Iran, Kurdistan and Pakistan. He became good friends with the many local people he **2** ..... (meet) along the way, and even **3** ..... (wear) the same clothes as the inhabitants of the countries he visited. Thesiger **4** ..... (write) several famous books about his travels, and **5** ..... (take) over 23,000 photographs.

7. Use the verbs below to complete the writing. Use each verb once.

suffered	travelled	spent	enjoyed	felt
meant	had	worried	took	

The pace of life in today's society is much faster than in the past, because of changes in people's habits and in the world of work. In the past, there were both advantages and disadvantages to having a slower pace of life.

There [1] were ..... a number of benefits of people's way of life in the past. Firstly, people probably [2] ..... less from stress because they were not often in a hurry. Secondly, they [3] ..... more time with friends and family, especially at mealtimes and on traditional holidays. People [4] ..... less about being the best in their job or about earning a lot of money. They probably [5] ..... happier. However, in my view, the slower pace of life also [6] ..... several important disadvantages. People [7] ..... much less, either for work or holidays, so their lives were more limited. Basic tasks such as carrying objects, cleaning and washing [8] ..... up a lot of their time. As a result, they [9] ..... their free time less than people today. The slower pace of life also [10] ..... that it was more difficult for people to change or improve their situation by studying or finding a better job.

All in all, I believe that the disadvantages of the slower pace of life in the past were greater than the advantages. People had more free time, but they were not always able to benefit from it because they had less control over their own lives, both at home and at work.

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