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Unit 2 - Reading

1. Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

outdoor around peaceful conclusion boring isolated possible polluted

Nowadays, some people choose to live and work in the countryside. New ways of working, such as online working, have made it (1)_____ for more people to live there. There are both advantages and disadvantages to living in the countryside.

On the one hand, life in the countryside is very (2)_____. There are less cars and that means that there is less noise, and that it is less (3)_____. Furthermore, there is more land available in the countryside, and people can often live in bigger houses or flats than in cities. Finally, it is easier to do a lot of (4)_____ activities such as walking or cycling if you live in the countryside. On the other hand, life in the countryside can be (5)_____. There are fewer restaurants, cinemas and shops to go to. Moreover, there is little public transport, which makes it difficult to get (6)_____ if you don't have a car. Finally, you can feel (7)_____ if you live a long way from other people.

In (8)_____, there are both pros and cons to living in the countryside. However, in my opinion, the peacefulness of the countryside makes it a very attractive option.

2. Read the text carefully, then answer the questions.

Many people enjoy living in a big city because they think life is more exciting there. However, I come from a small village and in my view, there are lots of benefits. The main reason I prefer village life is because it's very quiet, so I always feel calm when I'm here. Another reason is that the air is so fresh and clean. We have more green spaces and bigger gardens, too. In addition, I think the people here are friendlier. Personally, I'm interested in wildlife photography, so the countryside is perfect for me.

The only downside is transport. I have an early start for a long Journey to school in Faro and the school bus is always stopping to pick up more people. Also, it's boring sometimes, but I enjoy chatting to my friends. Fortunately, I'm learning to ride a moped. On balance, I disagree that city life is better, as I think my village lifestyle is healthier and more relaxing. In spite of that, some of my friends couldn't cope with life in the country, so it comes down to personal opinion.

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1. **Where does the writer come from?**

_____

2. **Does he like living in a big city?**

_____

3. **Why does he prefer village life?**

_____

4. **How does he think about the people in his village?**

_____

5. **According to the writer, what is the disadvantage of living in the village?**

_____

6. **How does he go to school?**

_____

3. Choose the word which best fits each gap.

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)_____.

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

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

For 3,000 years, Mongolians have lived in the rural areas, adopting a pastoral way of life, moving in the search of new pastures. They depend largely on their livestock for a living and sustain themselves with what they can get from the land. Today, approximately half of Mongolia's population is still roaming the vast plains living in the ger and moving their campings several timesa year. Nomadic life thrives in summer and survives in winter. When temperatures are warm, they work hard on their farms to get milk and make *airag*, consuming meat from their sheeps and goats. Once winter comes, temperatures dip extremely low and they stay indoors and survive on horse meat.

With the rise of technology, changes in the Mongolian nomadic lifestyle are almost inevitable. While they still lead their lifestyle as pastoral herders, many use motorbikes to herd cattle and horses. To move their homes, trucks have taken the place of ox carts. Solar panels are also becoming an addition to the ger, giving them access to electricity without being confined to one place. The nomads use solar energy to power television sets and mobile phones.

1. **Mongolians regularly move from place to place in order to _____.**
   a. look for food for their family
   b. find pastures for their livestock
   c. herd their cattle and horses
   d. sell their animals and farm products
2. **How many Mongolians still live a traditional nomadic life?**
   a. Close to 40 percent
   b. More than 50 percent
   c. About 50 percent
   d. Approximately 60 percent
3. **What is a ger?**
   a. A portable, round tent
   b. A thatched house
   c. A circular house made of snow
   d. A wooden hut
4. **What is the Mongolian's main food in winter?**
   a. airag
   b. goat meat
   c. sheep meat
   d. horse meat
5. **Today, Mongolian nomads _____.**
   a. don't lead their lifestyle as herders any more
   b. use ox carts to move their homes
   c. use solar energy to power electronic devices
   d. have the advantage of urban life
6. **Which of the followings is NOT true about Mongolian nomads?**
   a. They live in the countryside.
   b. They live by and for their livestock.
   c. They work hard in winter when the temperature dip very low.
   d. They are now taking advantage of technology.

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