

READING COMPREHENSION – TEXT 1

Read the text and choose the correct alternatives to answer the questions.

Urban planners around the world have started to look for ways that cities can create more space for pedestrians and lower CO₂ emissions from diesel. At the present time some downtown areas around the world don't have cars. These car-free zones are areas for people, bicycles and public transport only.

Eight million people live in the center of London and another two million people go to work there every day. The downtown area is very noisy with hundreds of cars, buses and taxis, but there are also a lot of beautiful parks with free music concerts. At lunch-time and after work, many people go there for a **break**. Parts of Tokyo are always crowded with hundreds of people - but no cars! These modern car-free zones are very popular and people like shopping there. In the past, Bogota was polluted because there were lots of cars and traffic. Now the downtown area is a car-free zone and the air is clean! Many people don't have a car and half a million people take the bus to work.

In many cities, people don't like to shop downtown; but in Melbourne, Bourke Street is popular because there are lots of great stores and no cars. It's expensive, but lots of people eat lunch in the small cafés.

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Question 1

What is the main idea of the passage?

- a) All city centers around the world have areas free from cars.
- b) Some cities around the world are fighting against pollution.

- c) The city center in Melbourne is a good place to go shopping.
- d) Now London downtown is a very quiet place free from cars.

Question 2

In the passage, what does the word **BREAK** mean?

- a) rest
- b) crash
- c) enjoy
- d) stop

Question 3

According to the author, which of the following sentences is false?

- a) Tokyo is a good place to go shopping.
- b) Melbourne is a bad place for shopping.
- c) The smog of cars causes pollution.
- d) London downtown is a very noisy place.

Question 4

What can be implied from the passage?

- a) Car-free zones are necessary places to shop.
- b) The whole city of Tokyo is free from cars.
- c) The city of Bogota is not polluted anymore.
- d) Car-free zones contribute to reduce pollution.

Question 5

What can we do to reduce the pollution of cities?

- a) We need to sell our cars and bicycles.
- b) We should prefer public transportation.
- c) We must buy more gasoline cars.
- d) We should take only cars to go to work.

GRAMMAR QUIZ

87.1 In some of these sentences **much** is incorrect or unnatural. Change **much** to **many** or **a lot (of)** where necessary. Write "OK" if the sentence is correct.

6) You have much luggage. Let me help you.

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7) There wasn't much traffic this morning.

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8) I don't know much people in this town.

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9) Do you eat much fruit?

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10) Mikes likes travelling. He travels much.

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87.3 Put in **much/many/little/few** (one word only).

6) I don't know London well. I haven't been there for..... years.

7) the two cars are similar. There is difference between them.

8) I'm not very busy today. I don't have to do.

9) it's a wonderful place to live. There are better places to be.

87.5 Put in **little/a little/few/a few**.

6) Would you like milk in your coffee? Yes, please.

7) This is a boring place to live. There's to do.

8) I know Hong Kong quite well. I've been there times.

9) There were only people at the meeting.

10) Did you do all this work on your own? No, I had help from my friends.

90.1 Complete these sentences with **all/everything** or **everybody/everyone**.

- 10) Amy didn't say where she was going.....she said was that she was going away.
- 11) We have completely different opinion. I disagree with..... she says.
- 12) We all did well in the exam.in our class passed.
- 13) We all did well in the exam. of us passed.
- 14) Why are you so lazy? Why do you expect me to do..... for you?

90.2 Write sentences with **whole**.

- 4) The police came to the house. They were looking for something. They searched everywhere, every room. They
- 5) Everyone in Ed and Jane's family plays tennis. Ed and Jane play, and so do all their children. The
- 6) Sarah worked from early in the morning until late in the evening.
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- 7) Jack and Lisa had a week's holiday by the sea. It rained from the beginning of the week to the end of the week. It.....