

Unit 9. CITIES OF THE FUTURE

Part I. VOCABULARY

Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, G, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. Local authorities should find ways to limit the use of private cars and encourage city ____ to use public transport.
A. commuters B. planners C. dwellers D. people
2. The waste ____ system here is also innovative. There are no rubbish trucks or waste bins in the street.
A. dump B. disposal C. landfill D. throwaway
3. London is a/an ____ city. It's a melting pot for people from all parts of the world.
A. international B. national C. metropolitan D. cosmopolitan
4. Cities in poorer countries often lack basic _____. Without it, they are unable to function properly as cities.
A. structure B. construction C. infrastructure D. condition
5. The ____ of living in some places can be very high. Prices in London are particularly exorbitant.
A. value B. price C. worth D. cost
6. Urban ____ is prevalent in most cities. Everywhere you go there are building sites, pedestrian precincts, blocks of flats, and housing estates spreading into the countryside.
A. sprawl B. expansion C. widening D. spread
7. This safe, ____ friendly city is like a paradise for its inhabitants who can enjoy the highest quality of life.
A. environment B. environmental C. environmentally D. environmentalist
8. ____ waste is putting city dweller's health at a real risk.
A. Treatment B. Untreated C. Non-treatment D. Non-treated
9. The roads are terrible. I'm always getting ____ in traffic.
A. stuck B. lost C. exhausted D. late
10. A pedestrian ____ is a specified place on the road where people can cross.
A. crossroads B. crossing C. junction D. T-junction
11. Everything's a bit more expensive here and property prices are extremely high. A lot of people have no choice but to live in the ____ and commute in to work.
A. outskirts B. suburbs C. city D. urban
12. It's much safer for cyclists to get around these days with cycle ____ everywhere.
A. lanes B. streets C. roads D. paths
13. Many commuters struggling to work through the rush-hour ____ ask 'Is it worth it?'
A. congestion B. vehicles C. roads D. accidents
14. Pollution and heavy traffic are common problems in ____ cities.
A. cosmopolitan B. modern C. metropolitan D. overcrowded
15. Millions of people around the world still live in poverty. They are struggling every day simply to _____.
A. get up B. get by C. get on D. get round

Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

16. Today Islamabad is a thriving city of about 1 million people. It offers a healthy climate, a pollution-free atmosphere, plenty of water, and many green spaces.

A. healthy B. prosperous C. modern D. green

17. Scientists hope that this new drug will be a major breakthrough in the fight against AIDS.

A. new cure B. important therapy C. sudden remedy D. dramatic development

18. They design and carry out projects aiming to reduce fossil fuel consumption, find renewable fuels for public transport, and promote other clean air efforts.

A. inexhaustible B. recyclable C. green D. environmentally-friendly

19. The urban planners are working for Eco Infrastructure Network, whose main function is to deal with urban environmental problems to make Super Star City greener, cleaner, and more sustainable.

A. eye-catching B. developed C. long-lasting D. friendly

20. If we have solar panels on our roofs, we'll be able to generate our own electricity.

A. afford B. produce C. manufacture D. light

21. These projects have proved to be very effective in dealing with global climate change, which was considered an insoluble problem in the first 30 years of this century.

A. hard B. challenging C. unsolvable D. unbearable

22. There's a real mix of people in Brighton. It has a very cosmopolitan feel to it.

A. busy B. hectic C. multi-cultural D. diversified

23. People who hold optimistic view believe that cities of the future will increase the general well-being of individuals and societies.

A. health state B. quality of life C. level of development D. growth rate

24. If I take the pessimistic viewpoint, Tokyo won't be a safe place to live in.

A. negative B. positive C. optical D. neutral

25. Governments have to join hands to solve the environmental problems on a global scale.

A. worldwide B. nationwide C. local D. international

Exercise 3. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

26 Should Jade gets to interview a famous politician, she will ask lots of difficult questions.

A B C D

27. If her condition should improve, we inform you immediately.

A B C D

28. I don't want a brother or sister, unless it will happens, of course.

A B C D

29. If you meet John, will tell him I want to see him.

A B C D

30. None of your friends really enjoyed themselves at the party, didn't they?

A B C D

Exercise 4. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

31. "What a boring lecture!" - "____"

A. Yes, it was dull, wasn't it? B. I don't agree. It's dull.
C. It's interesting, wasn't it? D. I'm sorry not.

32. "I believe people will have a better life in the future." - "____ Life will be more enjoyable than it is today, won't it?"

A. No, I don't think so. B. Not exactly. C. Yes, I agree. D. You can't be right.

33. "____" - "That's right. London will be cleaner and more sustainable."

A. This means there'll be no pollution, will there?
B. This means there'll be no pollution, won't there?
C. This means there won't be no pollution, will there?
D. This means there'll be no pollution, doesn't it?

34. "Global warming will continue to be a big threat to life on earth." - "____"

A. We can't afford to ignore its effects any longer.
B. Then we can't afford to ignore its effects any longer, can we?
C. So don't ignore its effects any longer.
D. Please don't ignore its effects any longer.

35. "Oh, I'm sorry! Am I disturbing you?" - "____"

A. Sure, you're a real nuisance! B. You're such a pain in the neck!
C. No, never mind. D. No, you're OK.

36. "In 2050, London won't be a good place to live in, will it?" - "____"

A. Exactly, it will be. B. On the contrary, it will be.
C. I'm sorry, it will be. D. Unfortunately, it will be.

37. "I don't have any plans for tonight." - "____"

A. Why not going to the cinema with me? B. I suggest to go to the cinema.
C. Let's go to the cinema, shall we? D. What if going to the cinema?

38. "____" - "Yes, I love it here. Everything I want is only five minutes away."

A. It's convenient to live here, isn't it? B. It's comfortable to live here, isn't it?
C. It's inconvenient to live here, isn't it? D. It's uncomfortable to live here, isn't it?

39. "City dwellers are always so busy, aren't they?" - "____"

A. No, they aren't. Everybody's rushing about all the time.
B. Not really. Everybody's rushing about all the time.
C. I'm not sure. Everybody's rushing about all the time.
D. Yes, everybody's rushing about all the time.

40. "____" - "London's so big. It took me ages to find my way round."

A. What about London? B. What was London?
C. How was London? D. How about London?