

Under the City Streets

While skyscraper offices and elegant apartment blocks remain the public face of most major cities, these cities also have a mass of secret tunnels and hidden pipes below ground which keep everything working. This other world exists, forgotten or neglected by all but a tiny (39) ____ of engineers and historians. For example, there are more than 150 kilometres of rivers under the streets of London. Most have been covered over and, sadly, all that (40) ____ is their names. Perhaps the greatest (41) ____ to the city is the River Fleet, a (42) ____ great river which previously had beautiful houses on its (43) _____. It now goes underground in the north of the city and

((44)____ into the River Thames by Blackfriars Bridge. The London Underground has 1,000 kilometres of underground railway track winding under the capital and more than 100 stations below street level. Along some underground railway lines, commuters can sometimes catch a (45) ____ glimpse of the platforms of more than 40 closed stations which have been left under the city. (46)____ some are used as film sets, most (47)____ forgotten. Some have had their entrances on the street turned into restaurants and shops, but most entrances have been (48) ____ down.

39	A	number	B	amount	C	total	D	few
40	A	stays	B	stops	C	remains	D	keeps
41	A	miss	B	absence	C	waste	D	loss
42	A	once	B	past	C	then	D	prior
43	A	borders	B	coasts	C	banks	D	rims
44	A	gets	B	flows	C	leaks	D	lets
45	A	rapid	B	brief	C	fast	D	sharp
46	A	Despite	B	Unless	C	Although	D	Since
47	A	lie	B	last	C	live	D	lay
48	A	pulled	B	broken	C	brought	D	cut