IELTS Reading practice

Paragraph headings

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It was once assumed that improvements in telecommunications would lead to more dispersal in the population as people were no longer forced into cities. However, the ISTP team's research demonstrates that the population and job density of cities rose or remained constant in the 1980s after decades of decline. The explanation for this seems to be that it is valuable to place people working in related fields together. 'The new world will largely depend on human creativity, and creativity flourishes where people come together face-to-face.'

Which paragraph heading would you choose and why?

1. The impact of telecommunications on population distribution
2. The benefits of working together in cities

* ***Be careful***: the answer is NOT always in the first sentence. The first sentence is about what people "once assumed" (used to think), but the word "However" introduces the real topic of the paragraph.

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