

D. READING

I. 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.

E. WRITING

I. Put the words or phrases in the correct order.

1. I say/ people/ it / is/ Some/ for/ better/ children/ that/ in the city/ to/ than/ grow up/ in the countryside.

2. in/ Is/ the country/ living/ healthier/ living/ much/ in/ than/ the city?

3. because/ the air/ People/ living/ fresh/ the villages/ enjoy/ is/ clean/ in/ and.

4. We/ onto / load/ helped/ buffalo drawn carts/ the farmers/ the rice.

5. changed/ in/ has/ a lot/ ten/ over/ Life/ the/ countryside/ past/ the/ years.

6. In/ children/ the city/ play/ the countryside/ freely/ than/ more/ in.

7. learn/ a/ Nomadic/ horse/ when/ to/ children/ they/ small/ are/ ride.

8. jobs/ many/ formers/ Unlike/ depend/ other/ the/ heavily/ weather/ on.

II. Write a comparative sentence using the information and the word in brackets.

1. The average rainfall in Arica, Chile is 0.76mm per year. The average rainfall in the Libyan Sahara Desert is less than 15mm per year. (dry)

Arica, Chile _____

2. Henry arrived at the meeting at 7 o'clock. I arrived at 6:45. (soon)

I _____

3. It costs 100 million dong to build a concrete bridge, but only 50 million dong to build a steel bridge. (expensive)

Building a concrete bridge _____

4. It takes Linh 45 minutes to load hay onto the cart, but his father needs only 30 minutes. (slowly)

Linh _____

5. His house's yard is about 100 square meters while your house's yard is about 50 square meters. (large)

His house's yard _____

6. It was very difficult to travel to the town 5 years ago. Now people can drive a car or take a bus to the town. (easily)

People can travel _____

7. I do yoga three times a week, but my sister does it almost every day. (frequently)

My sister _____

8. The Australian athlete jumped 8.78m. The American athlete jumped 8.59m. (far)

The Australian athlete _____

9. Red River is 1.149 km long. Mekong River is 4.350km long, (long)

Mekong River _____

10. A horse can run 80km/h while a dog can run 50km/h. (fast)

A horse _____