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LEVEL THREE - LISTENING

Use the words in the boxes to complete the text.

custom	actual	factor	still	traditional
developing	disappear	regions	preserve	estimated

Yemen is one of the most ancient countries in the Middle East. Most people in Yemen are Muslims and they follow 1. _____ like wearing a dagger called khanjar and beautiful turbans. There is a big desert in eastern 2. _____ of Yemen which is near Oman. Most people in this area are farmers and shepherds who follow a 3. _____ lifestyle. Some of them 4. _____ live in mud houses without electricity or running water. Sanaa is the capital of Yemen. There are many ancient buildings in and around this city and the people 5. _____ them without making any changes. The government has 6. _____ some industries like oil and gas in recent years. The most important 7. _____ that controls Yemen's social life is its tribal system. People obey the leaders of their tribes who are called Sheikhs. Unfortunately, Yemen is plagued by a disastrous civil war since 2014. It is 8. _____ that about 400,000 people were killed in the war, but their 9. _____ number may be much higher. If the war is not stopped, soon this ancient culture may 10. _____ from the face of the earth.

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