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INFORMATIVE ESSAY: COMPARE AND CONTRAST

I know it and I'll prove it!



Directions: Read and analyze the passages below and answer the question that follows.

1 Living in a city is quite more practical than living in a country, as many believe. One of the advantages of living in a city is its approximate sources of knowledge in a more modernized world, as technologies are more accessible in these urban places. Furthermore, it offers greater opportunities for employment than in rural areas. Despite that fact, the cost of living is as high as the employment rate, which is one of the major disadvantages. Fewer trees, crowded places due to the large population, and traffic are expected, thus making it more likely for pollution to increase.

2 On the other hand, living in a country is simpler than living in a city. Most of the time, it is most likely that provinces preserve our ancestors old traditions and practices. Aside from that, it is more peaceful, has less pollution, wider spaces, fewer traffic, and a lower cost of living. Many people who live in provinces are content to eat what they have around them, which helps them save their incomes for other necessities. Consequently, rural areas offer fewer job opportunities and a lower salary than urban areas. Also, when it comes to more advanced technology, rural areas cannot offer as much as urban areas due to poor internet connections and, most of the time, are inferior when it comes to affordability of consumption.

3 Though living in a city and a country may seem contrasting, somehow they both share some similarities. People all wake up to work in the morning to survive their everyday lives and satisfy their needs. At the end of the day, people go back to what they call "home," with their loved ones waiting for them. Regardless of the place, there are also similarities in terms of culture, beliefs, religion, and nationality. Also, places of residence, city, or province are not an excuse to violate government laws and are privileged for justice and human rights.

1. In which paragraph(s) of the essay in the discussion does it show comparison?

- ☐ a. 1 and 2
- ☐ b. 2 and 3
- ☐ c. 2 only
- ☐ d. 3 only

2. In which paragraph(s) of the essay in the discussion does it show contrast?

- ☐ a. 1 and 2
- ☐ b. 2 and 3
- ☐ c. 1 and 3
- ☐ d. 2 only

3. How many things are to be compared and contrasted in writing this type of essay?

- ☐ a. one to two
- ☐ b. two to three only
- ☐ c. 1 and 3
- ☐ d. 2 only

4. When you are writing a compare and contrast type of essay, you need to focus on their _____.

- ☐ a. advantages and disadvantages
- ☐ b. descriptions
- ☐ c. similarities and differences
- ☐ d. introduction and conclusion

5. What is the main goal of writing a compare-and-contrast essay?

- ☐ a. to argue
- ☐ b. to inform
- ☐ c. to persuade
- ☐ d. to narrate

6. What does it mean when you are comparing?

- ☐ a. look for similarities
- ☐ b. look for differences
- ☐ c. prove that they are related
- ☐ d. prove that they are not related

7. According to the essay, cities and provinces may...

- ☐ a. different
- ☐ b. similar
- ☐ c. vary, but somehow similar
- ☐ d. not related

8. What does it mean when you are contrasting?

- ☐ a. look for similarities
- ☐ b. look for differences
- ☐ c. prove that they are related
- ☐ d. prove that they are not related

9. What is the main topic of the essay?

- ☐ a. how people live in cities and countries
- ☐ b. advantages and disadvantages of living in rural and urban areas.
- ☐ c. difference between cities and countries
- ☐ d. equality in urban and rural

10. Which is true about the statements below about life in cities and provinces?

- ☐ a. have equal job opportunities
- ☐ b. both have advantages and disadvantages
- ☐ c. just a place to settle in
- ☐ d. cities are better than provinces