

TA12. U4. Reading 3

Article 1

Urbanisation and City Life

Urbanisation is a global trend that has transformed many rural areas into bustling urban centers. The process of (1) _____ involves not only the development of high-rise buildings but also the improvement of (2) _____ to cater to the growing population. In many cities, (3) _____ often face challenges such as housing shortages and (4) _____ during peak hours.

Public (5) _____ is an essential solution to these problems, providing a more efficient and (6) _____ way for residents to move around. However, not all regions are equally (7). Some areas still struggle with poor infrastructure and overcrowding, making life for (8) more difficult.

Despite these challenges, urbanisation has brought many benefits, such as economic growth and better access to (9). The skyline of major cities is now defined by (10), representing modernisation and progress.

1. A. urbanisation	B. urbanized	C. urbanize	D. urbanizing
2. A. facilities	B. housing	C. regions	D. skyscrapers
3. A. residents	B. commuters	C. workers	D. tourists
4. A. traffic jam	B. traffic	C. rush hour	D. congestion
5. A. transport	B. transportation	C. vehicles	D. traffic
6. A. reliable	B. expensive	C. crowded	D. stuck
7. A. urbanised	B. urbanization	C. urbanize	D. urbanising
8. A. commuters	B. residents	C. passengers	D. tourists
9. A. crowded	B. convenient	C. housing	D. employment
10. A. low-rise buildings	B. facilities	C. skyscrapers	D. roads

Article 2

Economic and Social Issues

Economic and social issues have a profound impact on communities. One of the most pressing problems is (1), which affects not only individuals but also the economy as a whole. In areas with high unemployment, (2) rates tend to rise due to increased poverty and frustration.

Another issue is the (3) _____ of affordable housing. Many families cannot (4) _____ to live in cities, leading to complaints and protests. Local (5) _____ are often under pressure to make quick decisions to resolve these issues, but mistakes can result in (6) _____ consequences for residents.

Efforts to improve equality within communities have focused on providing better access to education and job opportunities. A strong sense of (7) _____ can also help reduce social tensions. Governments must respond (8) _____ to complaints and ensure that resources are distributed (9). Addressing these challenges requires long-term planning and a commitment to (10) solutions.

1. A. unemployment	B. crime	C. employment	D. urbanisation
2. A. crime	B. poverty	C. education	D. housing
3. A. increase	B. abundance	C. shortage	D. surplus
4. A. pay	B. afford	C. manage	D. own
5. A. communities	B. leaders	C. authorities	D. workers
6. A. positive	B. negative	C. minor	D. stable
7. A. equality	B. unity	C. leadership	D. community
8. A. equally	B. quickly	C. steadily	D. effectively
9. A. equally	B. evenly	C. slightly	D. fairly
10. A. reliable	B. stable	C. long-term	D. steady