TA12. U4. Reading 4

Reading Article 1

Urbanisation and City Life

As the world continues to develop, urbanisation has become a common trend. In many countries, cities are expanding rapidly, and (1) _____ areas are being transformed into urban spaces. This process brings both opportunities and challenges. On one hand, urbanisation creates (2) _____ benefits, such as better infrastructure, more jobs, and improved access to education and healthcare. On the other hand, cities often become (3) _____ due to the influx of people, leading to traffic jams, housing shortages, and environmental issues.

One of the major challenges in urbanised areas is transportation. During (4) _____, streets are often congested, causing delays and frustration for commuters. Public transport is considered a solution, but it needs to be (5) _____, affordable, and accessible to encourage its use. Housing is another issue, with demand for both high-rise and low-rise apartments increasing dramatically. Residents often struggle to (6) _____ affordable housing in urban centres.

Despite the challenges, living in urbanised regions can be (7) _____. Cities are often hubs of culture and innovation, offering countless opportunities for work and leisure. The presence of skyscrapers, shopping centres, and (8) _____ housing adds convenience to daily life. However, as cities grow, the focus must remain on creating sustainable, livable environments for their (9) _____. After all, urbanisation should improve, not diminish, the quality of life for everyone in the (10) _____.

1.	A. coastal	B. rural	C. farmland	D. crowded
2.	A. economic	B. agricultural	C. regional	D. rural
3.	A. overcrowded	B. stable	C. affordable	D. peaceful
4.	A. rush hour	B. the weekend	C. public transport	D. community time
5.	A. outdated	B. modernized	C. neglected	D. inconvenient
6.	A. afford	B. settle	C. respond	D. develop
7.	A. inconvenient	B. rewarding	C. unattractive	D. irrelevant
8.	A. stuck	B. convenient	C. reliable	D. modern
9.	A. emissions	B. residents	C. emissions	D. mistakes
10.	A. infrastructure	B. complaint	C. community	D. mistake

Reading Article 2

Economic and Social Issues

Economic and social issues are increasingly intertwined in today's world. One of the most pressing concerns is unemployment, which affects millions of people globally. High unemployment rates often lead to an increase in (1) _____, as financial struggles drive individuals to desperate measures. To address this issue, governments must (2) _____ comprehensive policies that create job opportunities and support those in need.

Another common issue is the housing crisis. In urban areas, a (3) _____ of affordable housing has left many families struggling to find suitable accommodations. This problem is often linked to rapid urbanisation and population growth. Additionally, rising living costs make it harder for families to (4) _____ basic needs.

Social inequality is another pressing concern. Ensuring equal opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their background, is essential for creating a fair society. Unfortunately, discrimination and unequal access to resources remain significant barriers. Addressing these issues requires the (5) _____ of communities, governments, and businesses working together toward shared goals.

Crime and safety also play a major role in social stability. High crime rates can diminish the sense of security within a (6) _____ and discourage investment and development. Governments must focus on creating policies that address root causes, such as unemployment and inequality, while also (7) _____ public safety measures.

As economic and social issues become more complex, the role of education, technology, and collaboration cannot be understated. By (8) _____ sustainable strategies and responding to societal needs, leaders can create a more (9) _____ future. Ultimately, these challenges are not just problems to solve but opportunities to create a better (10) _____ for everyone.

1.	A. crime	B. equal	C. rush hour	D. agriculture
2.	A. mistake	B. implement	C. complaint	D. settle
3.	A. crime	B. shortage	C. congestion	D. emission
4.	A. focus on	B. afford	C. attract	D. expand

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5.	A. authority	B. decision	C. community	D. immigration
6.	A. region	B. community	C. farmland	D. skyscraper
7.	A. neglecting	B. improving	C. reducing	D. responding
8.	A. delaying	B. implementing	C. stuck	D. modernized
9.	A. stable	B. crowded	C. agricultural	D. urbanized
10.	A. infrastructure	B. future	C. mistake	D. farmland

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