

Part 2

Questions 9 to 18 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D to fill in each blank.

Urban and Rural Areas

Life in urban and rural areas can be quite different in many ways. One of the main differences (0) _____ the two is the population size. Urban areas are typically more densely populated with a higher number of people living close together, whereas rural areas (9) _____ fewer people spreading out over a larger area.

One significant difference between urban and rural life is the level of noise and pollution. Urban areas are often crowded and noisy, with cars honking and people talking (10) _____ on the streets. Pollution from cars and factories can also be a problem in urban areas. In contrast, rural areas tend to be much quieter and cleaner, with (11) _____ air and open spaces to enjoy.

On the other hand, life in rural areas is at a slower pace, a closer (12) _____ to nature, and a stronger sense of community. People in rural areas often know (13) _____ neighbours and can rely on each other for support. People come together to support each other in times of need and (14) _____ together during festivals and events.

The cost of living (15) _____ also different in urban and rural areas. In cities, everything is more expensive, from housing to entertainment. In rural areas, the cost of living is generally lower, with lower housing costs and living expenses, (16) _____ it easier for people to make ends meet. People who lead a simpler lifestyle would prefer to live in a rural area compared to an urban area.

Overall, the choice between living in an urban or rural area ultimately (17) _____ on personal preference. Some people thrive in the hustle and bustle of city life, while others prefer the peace and quiet of the countryside. Urban and rural areas have their advantages (18) _____ disadvantages, making them both valuable places to call home.

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| 0 A by | B with | C among | D between |
| 9 A has | B have | C had | D having |
| 10 A loud | B louder | C loudest | D loudly |
| 11 A new | B fresh | C original | D bright |
| 12 A connects | B connected | C connection | D connecting |
| 13 A its | B our | C their | D them |
| 14 A celebrate | B comfort | C perform | D praise |
| 15 A is | B are | C was | D were |
| 16 A make | B made | C makes | D making |
| 17 A takes | B depends | C decides | D builds |
| 18 A or | B but | C and | D with |