Questions from Unlikely Boomtowns: The World's Hottest Cities

Questions 1-3 Choose three letters A-G. Which THREE of the following statements is true of megacities according to the text?

A They tend to lead the way in terms of fashion.

B Their population has ceased to expand.

C They reached their peak in the second half of the twentieth century.

D 50 percent of the world's inhabitants now live In them,

E They grew rich in profits from the manufacturing industry.

F Their success begins to work against them at a certain stage.

G It is no longer automatically advantageous to base a company there

Questions 4 – 6

Choose three letters A-G. The list below gives some possible reasons why small towns can turn into successful Second Cities. Which THREE of these reasons are mentioned by the writer of the text?

A the existence of support services for foreign workers

B the provision of cheap housing for older people

C the creation of efficient access routes

D the ability to attract financial companies

E the expertise to keep up with electronic development

F the maintenance of a special local atmosphere

G the willingness to imitate international style architecture

Questions 7 – 13

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Complete the summary by using the list A-R below.

Urban Decentralisation

It is becoming increasingly obvious that large numbers of 7……..……are giving up their expensive premises in the megacities and relocating to smaller cities like Montpellier. One of the attractions of Montpellier is the presence of a good 8…….…… that can provide them with the necessary skilled workforce.

Another Important factor for Montpellier was the arrival of visitors from the 9…… The introduction of the 10.....……meant that increasing numbers were able to come for short stays. Of these, a significant proportion decided to get a base in the city. The city council soon realized that they needed to provide an appropriate 11……for their new inhabitants. In fact, the 12…… among them liked the more relaxed lifestyle so much that they took advantage of any 13…… … ….arrangements offered by their firms to spend more of the week in Montpellier.

A urban centers	B finance companies	C flexible
D tram line	E cosmopolitan	F service industries
G capital	H high-speed train	I infrastructure
J unskilled workers	K jobs	L medical technology
M professionals	N European Union	O amenities
P middle age	Q overtime	R University

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