

## PART A: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

Choose the correct option A, B, C or D to fill in each blank in the following passage.

The local newspaper carried out a survey with city dwellers about how to make the city a more (1) \_\_\_\_\_ place. Most participants in the survey talked about the city's traffic. First, they wanted stricter traffic (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop drivers from ignoring traffic lights and breaking speed limits. This would help reduce road accidents. In addition, they hoped their city would improve its (3) \_\_\_\_\_ system. For example, buses should be clean and have air conditioners. There should be bus lines that reach almost all areas in the city, so it would be easy for people to (4) \_\_\_\_\_. They said that good public transport could also (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the city money. The local authority wouldn't need to construct new parking lots and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ roads to cater for the increasing (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of private cars. Finally, the survey participants suggested the local authority build traffic apps. The apps could recommend to drivers the best routes to avoid traffic (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The sooner the government started implementing these, the more convenient it would be to travel around the city.

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|------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. A. lifelong         | B. living      | C. lively     | D. liveable   |
| 2. A. jams             | B. laws        | C. lights     | D. safety     |
| 3. A. public transport | B. underground | C. amenity    | D. parking    |
| 4. A. go away          | B. move in     | C. get around | D. come out   |
| 5. A. earn             | B. make        | C. save       | D. spend      |
| 6. A. narrow           | B. widen       | C. reduce     | D. block      |
| 7. A. amount           | B. majority    | C. many       | D. number     |
| 8. A. signs            | B. flow        | C. accidents  | D. congestion |

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

9. Minh: I can lend you this book if you are interested in reading it.  
Peter: \_\_\_\_\_  
A. You did a great job! C. Thanks. I prefer going by bus  
B. I didn't know you like reading books. D. Thanks. I'll take good care of it.

10. The town is overcrowded and lacks public \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. health B. amenities C. education D. places

11. There is a lack of \_\_\_\_\_ housing in the city.  
A. afford B. affording C. affordable D. affordably

12. I used to live in the \_\_\_\_\_ area, but I moved to a quiet suburb two years ago.  
A. downtown B. underground C. outskirts D. village

13. They are \_\_\_\_\_ the best students in the class.  
A. by far B. more C. much D. a lot

14. You should \_\_\_\_\_ your smoking if you want to get healthier.  
A. come down with B. cut down on C. carry out D. look forward to

15. The city is now a big \_\_\_\_\_ site with many half-finished buildings.  
A. waste B. tourist C. storage D. construction

16. I live in a \_\_\_\_\_ street which is full of people and vehicles moving around all day.  
A. quiet B. bustling C. calm D. empty

17. There are twice \_\_\_\_\_ houses in this area \_\_\_\_\_ there used to be.  
A. as many ...as B. so many ... as C. more....than D. most .... of

18. This city looks like a \_\_\_\_\_ jungle with ugly buildings and almost no parks.  
A. green B. loveable C. tropical D. concrete

**Choose the correct sentence A, B, C or D that can be made from the given clues.**

19. **The city council will cut down on electricity used for public lighting.**  
A. According to the city council, there will soon be no public lighting in the city  
B. The city council will cut down on investment in public amenities.  
C. The city council intends to reduce energy used to light public places.  
D. Public lights use up much electricity so the city council will remove them.

20. **It's difficult to get around the city at rush hours due to congested roads.**  
A. Moving to the city at rush hours is not a good idea.  
B. Traffic congestion makes it difficult to travel in the city at rush hours.  
C. It's not easy at rush hours because the downtown is congested.  
D. Don't get around the city because all roads are congested.

21. **Jack caught a cold after walking home in the rain**  
A. Jack felt cold because he had to walk home in the rain  
B. Jack came down with a cold because he walked home in rainy weather.  
C. The rain was cold, so Jack tried to walk home as quickly as possible.  
D. The heavier the rain, the more quickly Jack walked to his home.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that has the main stress placed differently from the others.**

22. A. allow B. dessert C. canteen D. process  
23. A. amenity B. comfortable C. development D. particular

**Choose the option which is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word/ phrase in each sentence.**

24. Her team is carrying out a project to recycle food waste.  
A. running B. proposing C. funding D. aiming

25. She browsed the shop but didn't buy anything. She found it a bit pricey.  
A. crowded B. modern C. attractive D. expensive

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.**

26. A. local      B. whole      C. post office      D. abroad  
27. A. outdoor      B. council      C. crowded      D. overseas

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

There are many ways you can do to improve your urban neighborhood and make it a livable place. Here are some of them.

### **Go Litter-picking**

Litter picking is one of the easiest ways to improve your city. All you need is a rubbish bag and a litter picker. These can be bought cheaply, and you can use them for a long time. Going to pick up the trash can make your local park or streets a much more pleasant place to live. It also helps to reduce water pollution.

### **Volunteer**

You can help the community in your city through volunteering. There are a range of volunteer activities, so you could always find something that suits you. The most common activities are visiting elderly people, working in a food bank or community library, taking care of homeless animals, and supporting local charities. These activities help reduce **vulnerable** people's suffering and bring them happiness.

### **Take Public Transport or Cycle**

Most cities face the problem of air pollution. Thus, reducing air pollution is an effective way to improve your city. It will increase the health of its residents. One great source of pollution is vehicles. So, walking, cycling, or taking public transport whenever you can. This means the streets will be less congested and there will be less air pollution.

28. Litter picking requires \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. lots of effort      B. small investment      C. a lot of money      D. nothing

29. The writer mentions \_\_\_\_ benefits that litter pickers can do for their city.  
A. one      B. two      C. three      D. four

30. \_\_\_\_\_ is not mentioned as a volunteer activity in the passage.  
A. Visiting old people      B. Working in a community library  
C. Caring for homeless animals      D. Picking litter

31. The word **vulnerable** in the paragraph is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. easily hurt      B. protected      C. unsafe      D. weak

32. This passage is concerned with \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. how we volunteer      B. what we do to help our community  
C. why we should take public transport      D. why litter picking is a 'should do'

## **PART B: WRITING**

*English 9 – Unit 2. City life*

**Use the words given to write complete sentences.**

33. noise / city / make / people / feel stressed.

34. I / not sure / whether / invite her / party / not.

35. sky train / packed / commuters / rush hours.

36. Many teens fancy / spend /weekends / hang out / friends / entertainment centre.

**Rewrite the sentences.**

37. The Central Tower is the tallest building in this city. (AS)

- No building in this city \_\_\_\_\_ the Central Tower.

38. I didn't run as quickly as Laura. (RAN)

- I \_\_\_\_\_ Laura.

39. A city is safe; it becomes liveable.

- The \_\_\_\_\_

40. Public transportation in the city is more efficient than driving your own car. (LESS)

- Driving your own car \_\_\_\_\_ public transportation.

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