

Read the passage and choose the best answer for each blank.

Life in a large city has many advantages, but it also has some disadvantages. One major problem is traffic. During (1) _____, roads can become extremely crowded, and people may (2) _____ traffic for a long time. As a result, many cities suffer from serious traffic (3) _____.

Another problem is pollution. Cars, buses and motorbikes produce (4) _____, which can make the air unhealthy. In addition, busy roads and construction sites can cause (5) _____. To solve these problems, cities should improve their (6) _____ systems and encourage people to use buses and trains more often.

Despite these problems, cities can still be enjoyable places to live. People can (7) _____ their friends in cafés, shopping centres or parks. Those who want a quieter lifestyle can move to a (8) _____ in the suburbs.

1. A. rush hour B. arrival time C. departure time D. coastline
2. A. get stuck in B. come down with C. hang out with D. adapt to
3. A. congestion B. convenience C. immigration D. safety
4. A. vehicle emissions B. peaceful surroundings C. public transport D. sore throats
5. A. noise pollution B. coastal cities C. crime rates D. bus lines
6. A. public transport B. high crime C. peaceful D. dangerous
7. A. hang out with B. put in danger C. come down with D. arrive at
8. A. peaceful neighbourhood B. high crime rate C. dangerous road D. noisy bus line

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Living in a Modern City

Living in a city can be convenient because people have easy access to schools, hospitals, shops and entertainment. Public transport also makes it easier for residents to travel around the city without using private cars. For many young people, cities provide more opportunities to study, work and socialise.

However, city life is not always easy. Traffic congestion is a common problem, especially during rush hour. People can get stuck in traffic for a long time, which makes travelling stressful. Large numbers of vehicles also produce emissions that contribute to air pollution. In some areas, noise pollution is another serious problem because of traffic, construction work and crowded streets.

For this reason, many cities are trying to become more liveable. They are improving public transport, creating more green spaces and taking action to reduce pollution. At the same time, some people choose to move to quieter neighbourhoods outside the city centre. These areas may be less convenient, but they usually offer a more peaceful environment.

1. Why is city life convenient?

- A. Cities have fewer people.
- B. People can easily access many services.

- C. Cities have no traffic problems.
- D. People do not need to travel.

2. What can make travelling stressful?

- A. Green spaces
- B. Quiet neighbourhoods
- C. Traffic congestion
- D. Public transport

3. What do vehicles produce?

- A. Green spaces
- B. Vehicle emissions
- C. Peaceful surroundings
- D. Better public transport

4. What are some cities doing to become more liveable?

- A. Building more private cars
- B. Reducing public transport
- C. Improving public transport and creating green spaces
- D. Increasing traffic congestion

5. Why do some people move outside the city centre?

- A. They want a more peaceful environment.
- B. They want more traffic.
- C. They want higher crime rates.
- D. They want more noise pollution.

6. The word “liveable” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to:

- A. suitable and pleasant to live in
- B. difficult to travel around
- C. dangerous for residents
- D. expensive to visit

7. Which statement is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Public transport makes city life more difficult.
- B. Air pollution is mainly caused by green spaces.
- C. City life has both advantages and disadvantages.
- D. People never move away from city centres.