

GRADE 9 - READING

B. READING

VI. Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that best fits each blank in the following passage.

People who routinely visit or work in a big city know that they can be a hassle. Major cities have more people, traffic, and neighbourhoods that can make navigating through the city (17) _____.

The higher cost of living is the first disadvantage that people typically think of (18) _____ considering moving to a city. Major cities always have a higher cost of living than the (19) _____ suburbs. For instance, New York has the highest cost of living in the U.S.

Secondly, the noise level in major cities is higher than in the suburbs. Cities have more people and more traffic that contribute (20) _____ the noise, as well as trains and nearby airports with loud planes flying in and out.

Lastly, cities often struggle with various forms of (21) _____ that impact residents' daily lives. The most noticeable among these is air pollution, stemming from congested streets, heavy traffic, and industrial activities. Breathing polluted air can lead to (22) _____ issues and long-term health problems.

17. **A.** as difficult **B.** more difficult **C.** most difficult **D.** most difficultly

18. **A.** as **B.** until **C.** when **D.** by

19. **A.** overcrowded **B.** dangerous **C.** bustling **D.** surrounding

20. **A.** to **B.** for **C.** with **D.** at

21. **A.** pollution **B.** biogas **C.** waste **D.** dust

22. **A.** respiration **B.** respirator **C.** respiratory **D.** respire