

Writing Task: Comparing two places

Lesson 1: Comparing city and country

The city and country are different in many ways.

First, the buildings in the city are higher and more modern than those in the country. More universities and hospitals are located in the city **as well**. There are also more modes of transportation in the city **such as** subways, city buses, and taxis. **Moreover**, the shops and restaurants in the city are much more interesting and more attractive. **Regardless of** the price, you get to buy famous products and eat distinctive food from other countries. **In addition**, job opportunities in the city are much higher because there are more people visiting **as well as** living here. **Lastly**, the country has fresher air and a healthier life style than the city because it is less crowded and less polluted.

I would prefer the country over the city because I think I may live longer and healthier in the country.

I. Choose the correct answer:

1. What is the above text about?
 - a. The population in the city and country
 - b. The size of the city and country
 - c. Comparing city and country
2. How many paragraphs are there?
 - a. 3
 - b. 5
 - c. 4
3. What is paragraph one about?
 - a. The good points and bad points of the city.
 - b. The good points and bad points of the country.
 - c. The introduction of the text

4. What is paragraph two about?
 - a. The bad points of the country.
 - b. The differences between the city and country.
 - c. The good points of the city.
5. What is the last paragraph about?
 - a. The opinion of the writer.
 - b. The differences of the country.
 - c. The similarities of the country.

II. Answer the following questions:

1. How are the buildings in the city different to those in the country?

2. Are there more hospitals in the country than in the city?

3. What are the different of the transportation in the city?

4. What are the shops and restaurants like in the city?

5. Why are the job opportunities in the city much higher than those in the country?

6. Why would the writer choose to live in the city?

7. Why does the writer like the country more than the city?

III. Read the text again and match the words in bold and underlined in the text with the definitions below:

_____ First _____

1. To introduce the first reason or point
2. To give an example
3. To introduce the final point
4. To agree with the previous point or idea
5. To add another point or idea
6. To add another point or idea/ is the synonym of the word in number 5
7. To give a reason which means without caring about
8. To connect the previous point or points with the last point/ is the synonym of **and**

IV. Use the words in the box in exercise III to make sentences.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____