

III. Read the text carefully, then choose the correct answers.

Life in the big city is face-paced, fun and exciting. There are countless job opportunities and activities to occupy your time. However, with the good, there also comes the bad. Although the big city has more job opportunities; there are also more people competing for a single job. This can make your job search frustrating. Oddly enough, you will see hundreds, if not thousands of jobs available each week, but you still might remain unemployed, especially when the economy is down. In addition, the cost of living is typically higher in big cities, and it can **cost you an arm and a leg** for a small apartment in a decent area of the city, not to mention other costs to fulfill your basic demands. Diversity is a good thing, but the amount of people can be a bit overwhelming if you are not accustomed to it. There will always be crowds and always be people around. Moreover, traffic can be a nightmare in the big city. It can get so bad that it can turn you into an evil person. If you hate driving in traffic, then the big city life is not for you. Heavy traffic also contributes to the pollution, which is one of the biggest disadvantages of living in the city. Obviously, our health is affected most with certain diseases relating to respiratory system and other body parts. A lot of premature deaths are supposed to be the result of long-term exposure to small particles. Most importantly, there is always more crime in a big city, causing you second case your decision for living in a big city. You are much more likely to be a victim of a crime living in a big city than in a small town.

1. According to the passage, some good things of living in the city are _____.
 - a. excellent educational system and recreational activities
 - b. excellent educational system and countless job opportunities
 - c. countless job opportunities and activities to occupy your time
 - d. a lot of kinds of entertainment and shopping centers
2. While big cities have more job opportunities, it also give _____.
 - a. more competition for a single job
 - b. higher salary
 - c. growing economic crisis
 - d. greater chances of being unemployed
3. What does the phrase “cost an arm and a leg” mean?
 - a. your legs and arms have good value
 - b. cost a small amount of money
 - c. you must work hard to earn money
 - d. cost a lot of money
4. According to the paragraph, city is not a perfect place for _____.
 - a. extroverted people
 - b. introverted people
 - c. people who hate driving in traffic
 - d. people who prefer a busy life
5. In the big city, people tend to _____ when traffic is getting heavy.
 - a. go crazy
 - b. get enough time to relax
 - c. wait a bit longer
 - d. slow down themselves
6. Which of the following sentences is NOT true?
 - a. Pollution causes health problems.
 - b. Cities are always crowded.
 - c. It costs a lot of money to live in a big city.
 - d. Crime is not a serious problem in big cities.

E. WRITING

I. Write sentences, using the clues given.

1. there/ be/ steady/ increase/ demand/ hotel accommodation/ since 1998

2. these days/ more/ more/ people/ be/ suffer/ air pollution

3. I/ never/ read/ such/ romantic story/ this/ before

4. she/ spend/ most/ time/ surf/ net/ information/ the next trip

5. Van Gogh/ have/ major Influence/ development/ modern painting

6. despite/ Brexit/ London/ remain/ one/ most/ open/ cosmopolitan/ city/ the world

7. the house/ that/ we/ rent/ London/ last year / be/ fully/ furnish

8. people/ face/ large/ amount/ environmental problems/ every day

II. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence.

1. I've never had to wait this long for a bus before.
→ This is _____
2. Remember to take note of what the tour guide said.
→ Remember to put _____
3. It took us more than 3 hours to discover the inner Hanoi.
→ We spent _____
4. No other book is more popular than Dickens' "David Copperfield".
→ Dickens' "David Copperfield" is _____
5. Why don't you consider our suggestion before making official decision?
→ Why don't you think _____
6. Watching TV is not as important as doing homework.
→ Doing homework _____
7. My friend plays piano brilliantly.
→ My friend is _____
8. I find most of the young men of my own age so boring.
→ I feel _____