

Exercise VII: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Nowadays more and more people are moving to live in the cities because of the facilities that they find there. Many people prefer living in cities (1) _____ the opportunities of jobs, market places, big houses and buildings including schools and hospitals. But as the population in the city increases, the (2) _____ of cars, raw materials and others increases too. All this contributes to the pollution of the city and increases the size of the (3) _____ faced by individuals. Our problems in the city contribute to the destruction of the city and the spread of corruption. Also, these problems are (4) _____ an atmosphere of discomfort and the inability of the individual to adapt and live in peace in his home town. However, there are many solutions (5) _____ can be used and applied to contribute to reducing the number of problems, such as increasing the number of police members, providing employment opportunities and spreading awareness among members of the society.

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| 1. A. because of | B. because | C. in spite of | D. with |
| 2. A. selling | B. buying | C. consumption | D. conservation |
| 3. A. harms | B. problems | C. troubles | D. damages |
| 4. A. making | B. producing | C. generating | D. creating |
| 5. A. that | B. what | C. this | D. whether |