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Advantages of Living in a Big City

Do you live in a big city? It is said that living in big cities is expensive because of the **high living cost**. There are also pollution and traffic problems that make living in big cities **unpleasant**. However, many people enjoy living in big cities because they offer convenience and **countless options** for entertainment.

Many big cities already have good public transportation systems, which make it easy for the **citizens** to go anywhere around the city. This also reduces and helps **overcome** the problem of **traffic jams** that often occur at **peak times**. With the convenience of public transportation, the citizens do not have to drive everywhere and can save money as they do not have to pay for **parking charges**.

Staying healthy is everybody's concern and in big cities you can find the best possible medical care for any diseases, especially the severe ones. Moreover, compared to **rural** areas, **access to** medical treatment is easier because there are always **clinics** or medical centers that open 24 hours in many parts of the city so you can get medical help anytime, as soon as you need it. **Reaching** hospitals is also easier as public transport is usually available 24 hours a day.

There is a saying that big cities never sleep. This is true for some cities in which **the nightlife** begins just when people in other cities are ready to go to bed. Big cities like New York, Madrid, London and Paris have **vibrant** nightlife. People can still find entertainment, **dine out** or go shopping into the early hours.

City dwellers are usually more **diverse** and there are many communities that hold social events or parties, which provide interesting opportunities for social interactions and social networking. The social interactions allow you to learn about other cultures and share interests with people from different backgrounds, which makes you more **open minded** and able to understand individuals. On the other hand, the social networking helps you to **broaden** not only personal but also professional relationships.

All in all, living in big cities is more convenient because of the complete **facilities** provided. The **advanced** transportation system enables the citizens to access public facilities easier, cheaper and faster. Big cities also provide better education and health service. In addition, city life is more fun and exciting because there is **a wide range of** entertainment to enjoy and a lot of social events to attend.

I. Match the definition.

A	B
1. Living cost = the cost of living	a. very many; too many to be counted
2. Unpleasant	b. a person who lives in a particular place
3. Countless	c. the amount of money that people need to pay for food, clothing and

	somewhere to live
4. Option	d. a long line of vehicles on a road that cannot move or that can only move very slowly
5. Citizen/ dweller / inhabitant/ population	e. not pleasant or comfortable
6. Overcome	f. to succeed in dealing with or controlling a problem
7. Traffic jam	g. choices
8. Peak time	h. connected with or like the countryside
9. parking charge	a building or part of a hospital where people can go for special medical treatment or advice
10. Rural	j. the amount of money that somebody asks for parking his car
11. Access	k. to arrive at the place that you have been travelling to
12. Clinics	l. the time when the greatest number of people are traveling on the road.
13. reach	m. entertainment that is available in the evening and at night
14. Nightlife	n. lively, full of life and energy
15. Vibrant	o. the opportunity to use something or to see somebody/something
16. Dine out	p. very different from each other and of various kinds
17. Diverse	q. to become wider
18. Open minded	r. to eat dinner in a restaurant or somebody else's home
19. broaden	s. buildings, services, equipment, etc. that are provided for a particular purpose
20. Facility	t. having the most modern and developed ideas, methods, etc.
21. advanced	u. a lot of, many
22. A wide range of	v. feel comfortable to listen to, think about or accept different ideas

II. Reading comprehension questions that go with the above reading passage.

1) Why do many people like living in big cities?

- A) ☐ It is more expensive. B) ☐ It is more modern.
C) ☐ It is more crowded. D) ☐ It offers more entertainment.

2) What is the advantage of a good public transportation system?

- A) ☐ People do not need to buy bus tickets. B) ☐ People do not need to drive their car everywhere.
C) ☐ People can use public transport for free. D) ☐ People have to pay for parking charges.

3) Why is it easier to get medical treatment in big cities?

A) ☐ Because medical treatment is more affordable. B) ☐ Because hospital facilities are more complete.

C) ☐ Because ambulances are provided for free. D) ☐ Because medical centers open 24 hours.

4) What can people in big cities do in the early hours but people in rural areas cannot?

A) ☐ Dine out B) ☐ Sleep C) ☐ Go jogging D) ☐ Travel

5) What is the benefit of attending social events?

A) ☐ You can treat your friends. B) ☐ You can be a social person.

C) ☐ You can learn about cultural diversity. D) ☐ You can be more open about yourself.