READING

13 Read the text and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

The best place in the world to live

Vancouver is the third biggest city in Canada. It's in the south west of the country and it has a population of 2.6 million. A recent study showed that it's the best city in the world to live. The study looked at areas like weather, transport, education, healthcare, and safety. This study happens every year and Vancouver is usually number one.

We asked Vancouver resident Jacob Meyers if he agrees.

I've lived in Vancouver all my life. I work for an engineering company and I've travelled on business to many Canadian cities. Two years ago another company offered me a very good job in Montreal but I didn't take it because I never want to leave my city. Let me tell you why not:

Vancouver is situated between the mountains and the Pacific Ocean. That means the summers aren't too hot and the winters aren't too cold. It also rains a lot, in summer and winter. Some people don't like that but I do because our gardens and parks are always green and fresh. Every day I cycle or walk for an hour in a park and in Vancouver you're never more than a few minutes from one.

I don't feel frightened when I walk in Vancouver's streets at night. Of course, Vancouver has a high population and there's crime in every big city, but compared to the USA, for example, it's quite safe.

But my favourite thing about Vancouver is its incredible mix of nationalities. I've got friends here from all over the world. And there's an enormous variety of foreign food in the restaurants and markets. I've eaten wonderful dishes from China, India, Italy, Greece, and Japan and I haven't been to any of these places.

Example: Vancouver is bigger than all the other Canadian cities.

A True B False ✓ C Doesn't say

1 Two thousand, six hundred people live in the south west of Canada.

A True B False C Doesn't say

2 A study says that Vancouver is the best place for a city holiday.

A True B False C Doesn't say

3 Jacob was born in Vancouver.

A True B False C Doesn't say

4 There are some mountains between Vancouver and the ocean.

A True B False C Doesn't say

5 It often rains in summer in Vancouver.

A True B False C Doesn't say

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6 Jacob has a big garden.

A True B False C Doesn't say

7 He lives an hour away from the nearest park.

A True B False C Doesn't say

8 He never walks in the streets at night.

A True B False C Doesn't say

9 Jacob can speak a lot of foreign languages.

A True B False C Doesn't say

10 He has been to Italy on holiday.

A True B False C Doesn't say

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14 Now read the text again and answer the questions.

1 How often does the study happen?

_____

2 Where has Jacob travelled to for his work?

_____

3 What are the winters like in Vancouver?

_____

4 Are there many parks in Vancouver?

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5 What does Jacob like best about Vancouver?

_____

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LISTENING

16 Listen to the conversation. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.

1 The man is _____.

A going to work B going home C going to see a friend

2 The time now is _____.

A 4.45 B 5.15 C 5.45

3 At the moment, the woman is doing a course in _____.

A teaching B Japanese C healthcare

4 The man has _____ Japan.

A lived in B travelled to C worked in

5 The man would like _____.

A a coffee and a snack B a tea and a snack C a snack only

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17 Listen to five speakers. Match them with the questions they are answering A–E.

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

Speaker 3

Speaker 4

Speaker 5

A What did you do at the weekend?

B What's your favourite season?

C How do you usually travel to work?

D What's the best book you've ever read?

E How much exercise do you do?

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Listening total		10

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