EXERCISE 3

In IELTS Reading multiple choice questions, you may be asked questions about *either* the whole text *or* a paragraph. Read the paragraph again and then answer the question .

When you answer questions about a paragraph or paragraphs, you must read very carefully (and sometimes more than once). Try to think about how the information in the paragraph is organised. This will help you to quickly find the information you need to answer multiple choice questions.

**Paragraph A**

Researchers recently gave 1,000 people a questionnaire about 'Cities of The Future'. To answer the questions, the people had to imagine and describe what they thought our cities might look like in the year 2050. Interestingly, a large number of people were anxious that they would become 'dark, dangerous places', which had endless traffic jams and very few green spaces. This group also predicted an increase in the level of pollution and thought people would always need to wear facemasks in order to breathe. They also believed that it would be less safe to walk on the street as there would be 'more stealing' and other criminal behaviour. A smaller number thought cities might become a lot cleaner, and might be built from more interesting materials. They were also looking forward to new technology such as flying cars and moving pavements. In general, they believed that the cities of the future would offer a much more convenient way of living. A few people were uncertain; for example, they thought the size of apartments might reduce as the population of the city grew, but they also thought that public transport would become better.

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Read the question and choose the best answer. Read the text on page 1 again if you need to.

How is the information in the paragraph organised?

- By describing all the negative things about future cities (e.g. *crime*) and then all the positive things (e.g. *better public transport*).
- By the most popular answers to the questionnaire (i.e. *which questions had the most answers*).

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- By the topics in the questionnaire (e.g. *transport problems, pollution, crime,* etc.).

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