EXERCISE 5

Read the information. Then read the paragraph again. Which of the numbered parts in bold (1–4) in the text do the options A–D relate to? Match the options and the numbered parts.

When you answer an IELTS Reading four-option multiple choice question, you should remember that:

- each option (A, B, C, D) is *usually* connected to a piece of information in the *same* paragraph
- only one option says *exactly* the same thing as a piece of information in the text
- three options say something *slightly different* to the pieces of information in the text
- the options do *NOT* always come in the same order as the pieces of information in the text.

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. **(1) 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. **(2) 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, **(3) they thought the size of apartments might reduce** as the population of the city grew, but **(4) they also thought that public transport would become better**.

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1. A Some people believe that there will not be enough houses in the city for everyone.

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- 2
- 3
- 4

2. B People think that crime will be the worst problem that future cities will have.

   - 1
   - 2
   - 3
   - 4

3. C Most people feel worried rather than pleased about the way that cities will develop.

   - 1
   - 2
   - 3
   - 4

4. D People imagined that no one would use their own vehicle any more.

   - 1
   - 2
   - 3
   - 4

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