UNIT 2 LIFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

C. SPEAKING

I. Match the questions with the answers.

1. What is your hometown, Michele?	a. I usually played outside with my friends. Sometimes we went into the city to go shopping or see a movie.
2. How big is the town?	b. Actually I find it exciting to live in the city, but it's so crowded and the people aren't friendly.
3. What is the town's population?	c. It's pretty small, just about 1.86 sq mi.
4. Did you like your hometown?	d. Ten years ago.
5. What did you usually do for fun?	e. I lived in a small town called Beaverton.
6. How often did you go to the city?	f. About three thousand people I think.
7. When did you move to the city?	g. When I was little I liked it, but when I got older I found it pretty boring being in such a small town.
8. Do you prefer city or country life?	h. Twice or three times a month.

II. Complete the conversation with the sentences from the box.

Sounds great! I wish I could join...
Hi Thang. It's Tony. How is your stay there?
Two hours? Wow! It must be fun.
I'm so envious of you! I wish I could ride that cart.
But where can you fly kites?
What are you doing?
Have you got lots of new friends there?
Really? Who did you go swimming with?

Thang: Thang speaking.

Tony: (1)_____

Thang: Hi Tony! It's very exciting here. I'm having a wonderful time.

Tony: (2)_____

Thang: Lots of interesting things. Yesterday we went swimming in a river.

Tony: (3)_____

Thang: My cousins and their friends. We played and swam for 2 hours.

Tony: (4)_____

Thang: Yeah. Then we rode a buffalo cart to home. Fantastic!

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Tony: (5)_____

Thang: Tomorrow afternoon we're going to fly kites together. It's even more exciting, I think.

Tony: Sure. (6) _____

Thang: Yes. I made friends with many local boys. They're very friendly.

Tony: (7)_____

Thang: There are lots of open fields nearby. They're great places to fly a kite.

Tony: (8)_____

Thang: Well, I wish you were here Tony.

D. READING

I. Fill in each blank with a word from the box.

outdoor	around	peaceful	conclusion	boring	isolated	possible	polluted

Nowadays, some people choose to live and work in the countryside. New ways of working, such as online working, have made it (1)_____ for more people to live there. There are both advantages and disadvantages to living in the countryside.

On the one hand, life in the countryside is very (2)_____. There are less cars and that means that there is less noise, and that it is less (3)_____. Furthermore, there is more land available in the countryside, and people can often live in bigger houses or flats than in cities. Finally, it is easier to do a lot of (4)_____ activities such as walking or cycling if you live in the countryside. On the other hand, life in the countryside can be (5)_____. There are fewer restaurants, cinemas and shops to go to. Moreover, there is little public transport, which makes it difficult to get (6)_____ if you don't have a car. Finally, you can feel (7)_____ if you live a long way from other people.

In (8)_____, there are both pros and cons to living in the countryside. However, in my opinion, the peacefulness of the countryside makes it a very attractive option.

II. Read the text carefully, then answer the questions.

Many people enjoy living in a big city because they think life is more exciting there. However, I come from a small village and in my view, there are lots of benefits. The main reason I prefer village life is because it's very quiet, so I always feel calm when I'm here. Another reason is that the air is so fresh and clean. We have more green spaces and bigger gardens, too. In addition, I think the people here are friendlier. Personally, I'm interested in wildlife photography, so the countryside is perfect for me.

The only downside is transport. I have an early start for a long Journey to school in Faro and the school bus is always stopping to pick up more people. Also, it's boring sometimes, but I enjoy chatting to my friends. Fortunately, I'm learning to ride a moped. On balance, I disagree that city life is better, as I think my village lifestyle is healthier and more relaxing. In spite of that, some of my friends couldn't cope with life in the country, so it comes down to personal opinion.

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1. Where does the writer come from?

_____

2. Does he like living in a big city?

_____

3. Why does he prefer village life?

_____

4. How does he think about the people in his village?

_____

5. According to the writer, what is the disadvantage of living in the village?

_____

6. How does he go to school?

_____

7. Does he think city life is better than village life?

_____

8. What is he interested in?

_____

E. WRITING

I. Put the words or phrases in the correct order.

1. I say/ people/ it / is/ Some/ for/ better/ children/ that/ in the city/ to/ than/ grow up/ in the countryside.

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2. in/ Is/ the country/ living/ healthier/ living/ much/ in/ than/ the city?

_____

3. because/ the air/ People/ living/ fresh/ the villages/ enjoy/ is/ clean/ in/ and.

_____

4. We/ onto / load/ helped/ buffalo drawn carts/ the farmers/ the rice.

_____

5. changed/ in/ has/ a lot/ ten/ over/ Life/ the/ countryside/ past/ the/ years.

_____

6. In/ children/ the city/ play/ the countryside/ freely/ than/ more/ in.

_____

7. learn/ a/ Nomadic/ horse/ when/ to/ children/ they/ small/ are/ ride.

_____

8. jobs/ many/ formers/ Unlike/ depend/ other/ the/ heavily/ weather/ on.

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II. Write a comparative sentence using the information and the word in brackets.

1. The average rainfall in Arica, Chile is 0.76mm per year. The average rainfall in the Libyan Sahara Desert is less than 15mm per year. (dry)

   Arica, Chile _____

2. Henry arrived at the meeting at 7 o'clock. I arrived at 6:45. (soon)

   I _____

3. It costs 100 million dong to build a concrete bridge, but only 50 million dong to build a steel bridge. (expensive)

   Building a concrete bridge _____

4. It takes Linh 45 minutes to load hay onto the cart, but his father needs only 30 minutes. (slowly)

   Linh _____

5. His house's yard is about 100 square meters while your house's yard is about 50 square meters. (large)

   His house's yard _____

6. It was very difficult to travel to the town 5 years ago. Now people can drive a car or take a bus to the town. (easily)

   People can travel _____

7. I do yoga three times a week, but my sister does it almost every day. (frequently)

   My sister _____

8. The Australian athlete jumped 8.78m. The American athlete jumped 8.59m. (far)

   The Australian athlete _____

9. Red River is 1.149 km long. Mekong River is 4.350km long, (long)

   Mekong River _____

10. A horse can run 80km/h while a dog can run 50km/h. (fast)

    A horse _____

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