

Read the article, then answer

5 Match the paragraphs A–E with the headings 1–5.

1 The old city, the new city	<u>A</u>
2 A new style of life	—
3 Trees, plants and animals	—
4 Housing, offices and transport	—
5 Finance and demand	—

6 Are these statements true, false, or does the text not say?

1 In the future, the majority of the global population will live in urban areas.	<u>true</u>
2 Power stations will supply green electricity for the buildings.	—
3 There will not be any cars in the city.	—
4 People won't live far from buses and trains.	—
5 Roofs will look like gardens.	—
6 The city will import food from the mainland.	—
7 It will be expensive to build this city.	—
8 Other countries are copying the Chinese ideas.	—
9 The green city won't be noisy.	—

China's urban future: greener and cleaner

A Cities are famously bad for the environment. They are heavy polluters. They cover the countryside with concrete. They make people stressed. By 2030, 60 percent of the world's population will live in cities. If cities stay the same, this will be an environmental disaster. However, some people in China are predicting a different future. By 2030, in Dongtang, on Chongming island near Shanghai, half a million people will live in a city that is good for the environment—one that is environmentally-friendly. They will live in a green city.

B The main changes will be in the urban areas. All the buildings in Dongtang will produce their own electricity from solar and wind power. There will be no petrol cars, only electric ones, and all the homes will only be seven minutes away from public transport. There will be many canals in the city, and solar-powered water taxis will take people around the city.

C The planners have also thought about the green spaces. All residents will live near small parks and there will be grass and plants on the roofs of most buildings. There will be farms on the island that use organic methods. The plan is that this island city will produce all the food that it needs and that there will be large areas of open countryside.

D This project won't be cheap. It might cost £100 billion dollars. However, China needs to change the way its

cities work. It already has over 90 cities with more than a million people, and this number will double in the next five years. There is no future for polluted and polluting cities.

E The green city will improve the quality of life for the residents. They will breathe clean air, they will live near their work place and they will live in a quiet city. Just imagine how quiet the city will be without petrol cars. Can you imagine?

