ENGLISH ACTIVITY: HEDGING

FULL NAME: _____ IA01

GRAMMAR

1 **Complete the sentences by choosing two possible answers from the box.**

appear	~~appears~~	believed	evidence
hardly any	little	proof	proved
recognized	seem	~~seems~~	shown

a It ___appears___ / ___seems___ that the population of many modern industrialized cities is beginning to decline.

b There is _____ / _____ doubt that in the future we will have to take radical action to control traffic congestion in our cities.

c It is generally _____ / _____ that living in cities with a population of over a million people can be detrimental to our health.

d There is little _____ / _____ that the levels of toxic pollution in the major cities in the US are beginning to decline.

e It would _____ / _____ that the changes in weather patterns could endanger large urban populations in low-lying land areas due to the rise in sea level.

f It has been _____ / _____ that prolonged exposure to the sun can cause skin cancer.

2 **Rewrite these sentences using the words in parentheses.**

a Smoking can lead to cancer. (no doubt)

There is no doubt that smoking can lead to cancer.

b Scientists in many countries believe that climate change is the greatest challenge facing our society. (widely) _____

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c There is evidence to suggest that the rate of population growth in China is beginning to decrease. (appears) _____

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d There is a general feeling that people believe governments are not doing enough about global warming. (would seem)

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