TASK 3 משימה

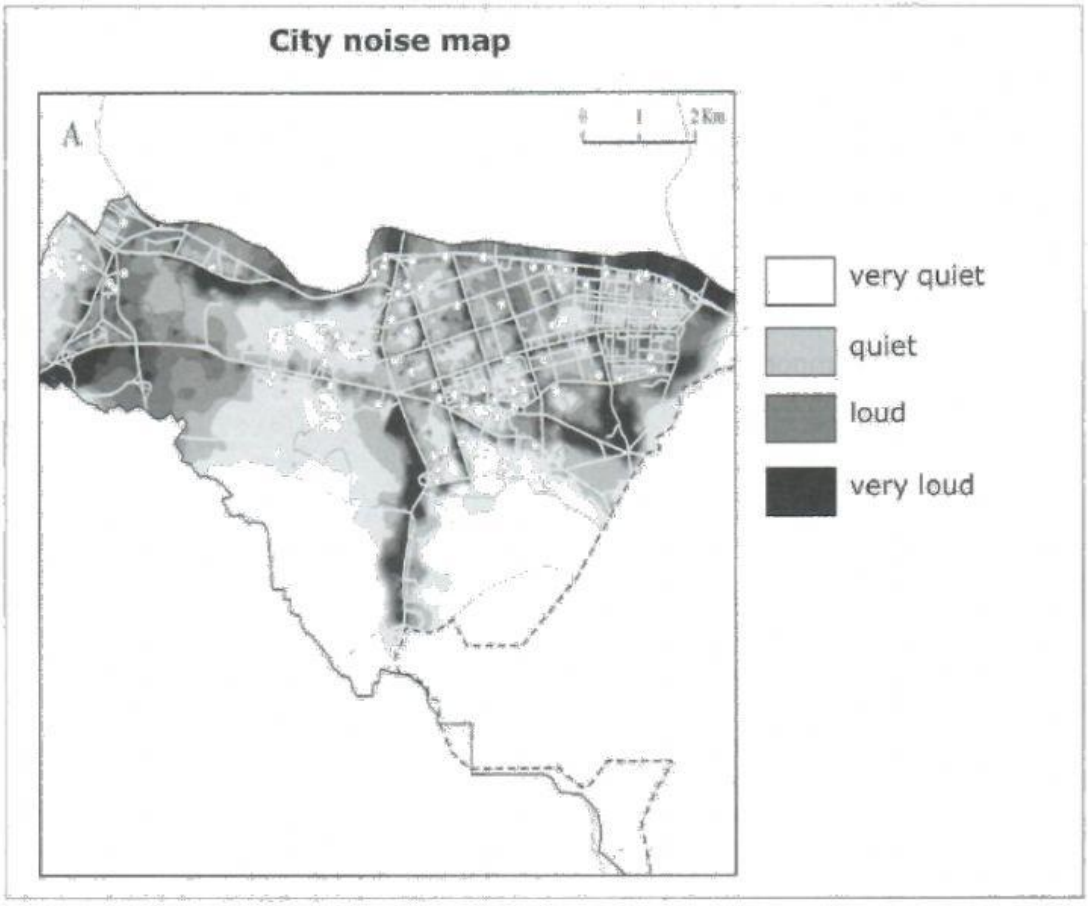
Read the following text and answer the questions in English.

קראו את הטקסט שלפניכם, וענו באנגלית על השאלות.

We live in a noisy world. When you walk down a city street, what can you hear? You probably won't hear birds singing or the wind in the trees. You will hear the noise of cars, buses and trucks as they move along the road. This noise can even be heard inside – in offices and homes. Of course, it is not just noise from roads that makes life uncomfortable. We all have neighbors who play loud music or have parties late at night. It is often impossible to find a quiet place to work or rest.

Fortunately, in Israel there are laws* that can help stop the noise our neighbors make. The laws say that neighbors must not make a lot of noise between eleven at night and seven in the morning. Also, between two and four in the afternoon everyone must be quiet so people can rest or sleep. However, stopping the noise from cars and buses is much more difficult and even more important. According to recent studies, noise can make us very sick. For example, it can stop us sleeping well and also cause heart problems.

Scientists are now working on ways to deal with this serious problem. They begin by finding out where the noise is worst. To do this, they put microphones in streets and connect them to computers. The information they get is used to make "noise maps" which show the different levels** of noise in different areas in our cities (see example of a noise map on the next page).



In places where they see the highest level of noise, the scientists suggest making those areas quieter by putting a special material on the roads. This is like putting a carpet on the floor in your home to make it quiet when you walk. Scientists also suggest that cars, buses and trucks should be made with a different type of engine***. Using engines that are much quieter would make a very big difference to our lives. Both these suggestions will cost a lot of money, but the health of many people is definitely worth the high cost.

* laws – חוקים
** levels – עוצמות
*** engine – מנוע

14. Why does the writer ask "What can you hear?" (lines 1-2)
To make you think about ___.

a. ☐ the level of noise in your environment

b. ☐ the amount of noise people make at home

c. ☐ the problem of crossing city roads

d. ☐ the importance of being in nature

15. The laws described in lines 10-13 were made because ___.

a. ☐ cars and buses make too much road noise

b. ☐ it is important that people go to bed early

c. ☐ people should not play music in their cars

d. ☐ people can't sleep when there are loud noises

16. According to lines 13-14, stopping the noise from cars and buses is much more difficult than stopping the noise ___.

a. ☐ our computers make

b. ☐ our neighbors make

c. ☐ from outside the city

d. ☐ from microphones

17. a. According to the text, how do scientists collect the information to make noise maps?

b. According to the text, what useful information could scientists get from a noise map?

18. In lines 25-26, the example of a carpet is given because ___.

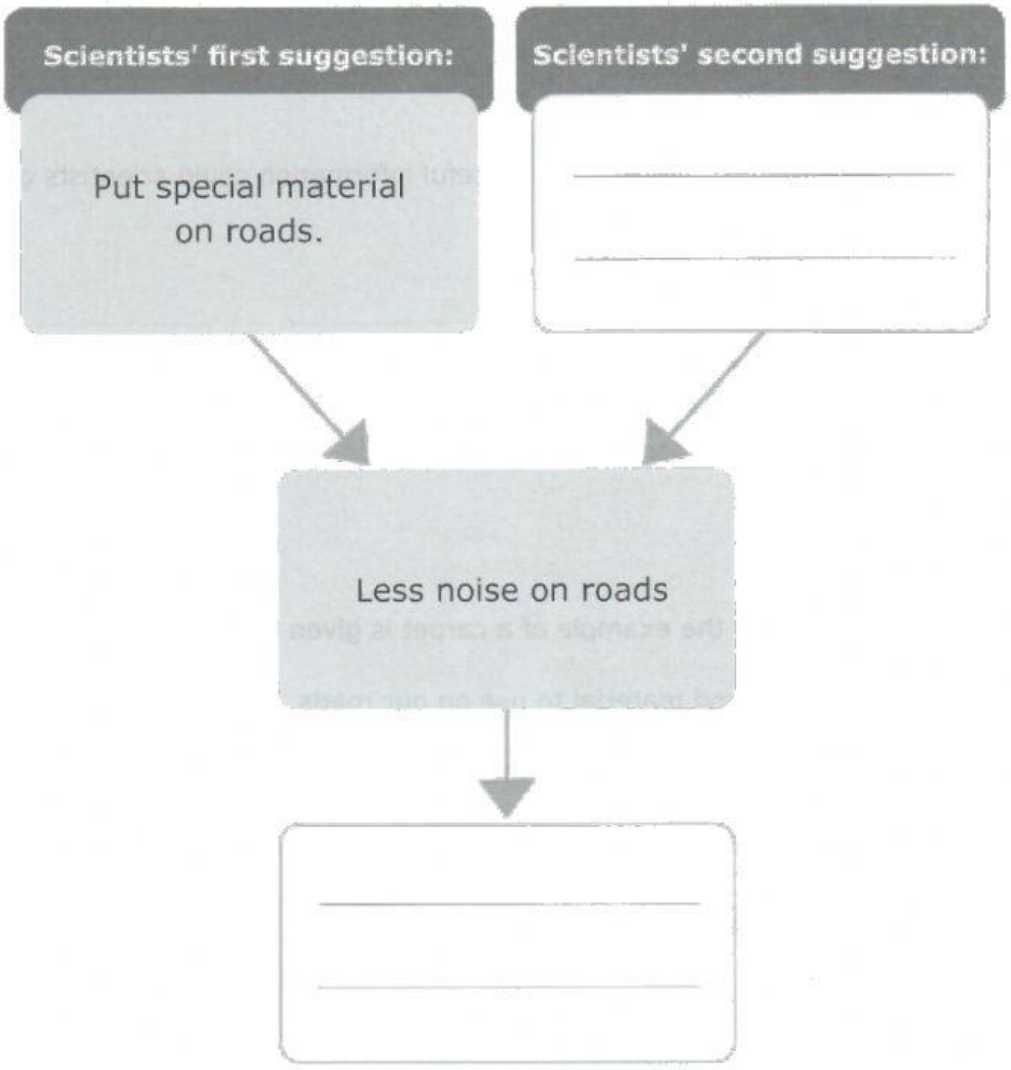
a. ☐ it is a good material to use on our roads

b. ☐ everyone should make their homes less noisy

c. ☐ it shows how materials on the ground can stop noise

d. ☐ it shows why it is so expensive to make roads quieter

19. Fill in the missing information in the chart, according to the text.



TASK 4 משימה

20.

A new student will be joining your class.

תלמיד חדש עומד להצטרף לכיתה שלכם.

Describe what you will do to make him feel welcome.

כתבו מה תעשו כדי לגרום לו להרגיש רצוי.

You can write about what you will do together in school or after school.

אפשר לכתוב על הפעילויות שתעשו יחד בזמן הלימודים או אחרי הלימודים.

Write 70-80 words in English.

כתבו 70-80 מילים באנגלית.

Pay attention to correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.

הקפידו על דקדוק נכון, על כתיב נכון ועל סימני פיסוק נכונים.