

Task 1. Listen and choose the correct answers. You can listen to each recording TWICE.

1. What are smart cities?

- A. Cities with advanced car park systems
- B. Cities with public barbecues
- C. Cities with motion sensors for elderly people
- D. Cities with a range of high-tech programs and technologies

2. According to the UniSA survey, what percentage of respondents had never heard of the term “smart cities”?

- A. 45%
- B. 54%
- C. 65%
- D. 75%

3. What is one of the concerns residents have about smart cities technology?

- A. The fear of the unknown
- B. The lack of security camera networks
- C. The high cost of implementation
- D. The limited availability of car parks

4. How do some cities use facial recognition technology as part of their smart city infrastructure?

- A. To prevent and solve crimes
- B. To monitor waste bin usage
- C. To assist elderly people in crossing the road
- D. To check for vacant car parks

5. What is the future outlook for smart city technologies by councils?

- A. They will not be adopted due to privacy concerns
- B. They will be adopted when they are available.
- C. They will only be adopted in specific cities.
- D. They will be adopted if they are available and reasonably priced.

Task 2. Listen to a talk about the cities of the future and fill in the blanks with the missing information. You can listen to each recording TWICE.

1. Smart cities are cities that utilize _____ to serve the people and the environment.
2. In a smart city, everything will be _____ and interactive.
3. The purpose of collecting information in smart cities is to improve _____ services and help people in their daily lives.
4. Street lights in smart cities will adjust their brightness based on _____ usage.
5. Sensors in smart cities will regulate _____ lights to prevent traffic congestion.
6. Smart cities will provide guidance to individuals looking for _____ spots.
7. Weather sensors in smart cities will automatically activate _____ systems.
8. Smart cities will prioritize the creation of parks, urban woods, and urban farms to integrate _____ into the urban environment.
9. Vertical foresting is a feature in smart cities where buildings are covered with _____.
10. Milton Keynes plans to introduce the first public taxi service using _____ vehicles.
11. Songdo, South Korea, is designed to monitor all aspects of the city from a central _____ station.
12. Masdar City in Abu Dhabi aims to be ecologically sustainable and a hub for _____ tech companies.