City living – pros and cons

Rural and urban living have always held a different appeal for different people. [1]While some people love living in the countryside, others find it boring and can't wait to get back to the excitement of the city. So, what are the pros and cons of living in the city?

For many people the city offers plenty of advantages. Firstly, cities are much more exciting. There are lots of things to do, from shopping and eating out to going to the theatre or the cinema. In a city, all of these things are easy to access on public transport, which makes life a lot easier. Secondly, there are a great number of professional opportunities available in the city which are not available if you live in the countryside. Many big businesses have their headquarters in the city. Therefore, there are more businesses to choose from and more jobs available. Also, you're likely to get a higher salary. Lastly, when you live in a city, you get the opportunity to meet a huge number of diverse people. **[2]Although you can build a network of friends and professional contacts anywhere you live, being in a city makes this easier.**

[3]However, there are some downsides to living in the city. It's a lot noisier and more crowded than the countryside. The pace of life is very busy and this can feel stressful. **[4]Despite having efficient public transport, life in the city means you often have to spend a lot of your time commuting to work.** Also, the cost of living is often higher in the city. In addition to this, you have to consider that pollution and levels of crime are likely to be worse than in the countryside.

On balance, I think the advantages of being in a city outweigh the disadvantages, especially for younger people. **[5]Despite the fact that there are benefits to living a peaceful life in the countryside, it's no surprise that so many people choose to give this up in order to find more excitement and opportunities in the city.**

Write and essay on advantages and disadvantages of living in the countryside (180-200 words).

Use the highlighted expressions.

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