***PASSAGE 36***

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By 2050, almost 70% of the world's population will live in cities, so we need to think much more carefully about how we plan them.

You don't usually travel as quickly on a bike as you do in a car. But in some cities today, congestion is so bad that you can get from A to B faster on a bike than in a car. We need to have more cycle paths so that people can cycle more safely. We also need better public transport, so that we use our cars far less frequently than we do now. The Seoul metro, for instance, carries more than 7 million people every day.

We need to be much better at saving water and we need to find ways of using it as efficiently as possible. This includes having 'sponge cities', where rainwater is **absorbed** and reused. Lingang, which is part of Shanghai, is a 'sponge city'. The city has permeable pavements that - like a sponge - absorb rainwater. This allows evaporation to reduce temperature during hot weather.

The Colombian city of Medellin has improved the quality of life for the people who live there. To bring people together and **relieve** stress, parks and green spaces were created within the city. In the Parque de los Pies Descalzos (Barefoot Park) for example, people can walk in sand and massage their feet in a foot spa. Medellin now can walk around much more safely than they did 30 years ago.

**Question 1:** What advantage does cycling have in some congested cities, according to the passage?

A. Biking is always faster than driving.

B. Cyclists can park more easily than drivers.

C. People can travel faster on a bike than in a car.

D. Biking requires less energy than driving.

**Question 2:** What does the writer use to give explanations for each point?

A. definition B. symbols C. examples D. quotes

**Question 3:** The word **"absorbed"** in paragraph 2 is opposite in meaning to _____.

A. received B. released C. conserved D. maintain

**Question 4:** What can be inferred from the passage?

A. Because of the “sponge”, Lingang is cooler than before in the summer.

B. The Seoul metro carries the most passagers in the country.

C. People in Medellin can massage their feet in sand.

D. Medellin used to be a more dangerous city to walk around than it is now.

**Question 5:** The word **"relieve"** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

A. reduce B. recycle C. rehearse D. retain

**Question 6:** What is the main idea of the passage?

A. City planning should focus on sustainability and improving city life.

B. Many cities will be the center of the economy thanks to the suitable city planning.

C. Cities will become more congested as populations grow.

D. Parks and water are necessary in modern urban areas.

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