GE8 UNIT 3 MY CITY 5A

A. LISTENING

You will hear part of a talk by a man called David Barns, who is the director of a company that will be building a new shopping mall. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Whitesea Shopping mall

The mall is expected to open in (9) _____ next year.

The total cost will be (10) _____ billion pounds.

A new (11) _____ will be built next to the shopping mall.

The car park will be situated (12) _____ and will have spaces for 3,000 cars.

Three (13) _____ will be provided to help shoppers with children.

One section of the mall has a (14) _____

There will be (15) _____ cinemas showing a wide range of the current films.

(16) _____ films will be shown twice a day.

There will be walkways with (17) _____ between different areas of the mall.

There will be an exhibition focusing on the (18) _____ of the area.

B. USE OF ENGLISH

1. Change the sentences from the ACTIVE VOICE to the PASSIVE VOICE:

E.g.: The city council is **repairing** the main bridge after the heavy rain.

➔ The main bridge **is being repaired** by the city council after the heavy rain.

The local authorities are planting more trees along the streets.

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They are not renovating the old community library this year.

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Are they building a new hospital in this neighborhood?

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They are not providing support for homeless families.

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Are they cleaning up the beach after the festival?

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2. **Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets to complete the sentences:**

I _____(ride) my bike to school every day if I _____(live) in the countryside.

Unless I _____(be) so busy, I _____(be) at the party with you.

If only I _____ (not have to) wake up early in the morning.

I _____(not cycle) to work unless there _____(be) car-free zones.

I wish we _____(live) on a farm and _____(raise) cattle together.

3. **Complete the text with the suitable words:**

Life in a big city can be exciting, but it's also full of challenges. Right now, many urban areas are _____transformed by new construction projects. Old buildings are being replaced _____ high-rise apartments, and more green spaces are being created for residents to relax in. However, some people feel that community spirit _____ being lost, which is something everyone should care _____.

If cities _____**(invest)** more in local facilities, people _____(feel) more connected to their neighborhoods. Unfortunately, many residents prefer to keep to themselves. I wish more people _____ part in community activities such as neighborhood clean-ups or charity events. It's sad to see how much rubbish is being _____ away in public areas that we should all be proud _____.

The local council is working on improving public transport, but the project is taking longer than expected. If only they were spending more money on bus routes instead of unnecessary advertising! Unless the government encouraged people to use eco-friendly transport, pollution _____ decrease anytime soon.

Many young people are interested _____ volunteering or helping the homeless, while others complain _____**not having** enough time. I often remind my friends that if everyone did something small, such as _____ up litter or donating clothes, the city _____become a much better place to live **in**.

Sometimes I dream of _____ in a smaller town, where people are friendlier and life moves more slowly. But for now, I'm staying here, hoping that positive change is being made—and that one day, we'll all feel a stronger sense of belonging.

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C. WRITING

Write a letter to the head of your town council in which you give suggestions for IDEAS OF IMPROVING YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD. You can use the letter attached for reference.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We're students in Year 8 at City High School and in our English class, we're doing a project on the local community. We're being asked to come up with ideas to improve our neighbourhood.

It's a lively neighbourhood with some parks and green spaces. It's got shops, cafés and other places where you can buy food. However, this can cause a problem.

There is a lot of litter in the streets and we'd like to hand out some leaflets asking people to take their litter home with them instead of throwing it on the ground. At the same time, we'd like to do a litter collection and collect plastic bottles for recycling.

Another idea we've had is to paint the benches in the children's play area in the park next to our school. The benches are just grey concrete at the moment, and they make the park look quite drab. We think it would be better if people had some nice, colourful benches to sit on.

Several of us catch the local train to school, and we've noticed that the stations aren't very attractive. We'd like to plant some plants and flowers to make people feel happier when they're waiting at the station. If we did that, we would, of course, take turns to look after the plants and water them.

Finally, we know that a new road system for the centre of town is being considered at the moment. Are cycleways and footpaths being included in the plans? We hope so, because we want to encourage students to walk or cycle to school rather than coming in a car and causing congestion and pollution.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Year 8 students

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