

**Grade 9 – HKI – 16**

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**Question 5.** I like getting around by \_\_\_\_\_ because I hate the smell of car exhaust.

- A. underground                      B. private car                      C. taxi                      D. bus

**Question 6.** The town's public amenities make it a \_\_\_\_\_ place for its residents.

- A. crowded                      B. boring                      C. livable                      D. dull

**Question 7.** After I found all the information I needed, I turn \_\_\_\_\_ the computer.

- A. in                      B. off                      C. on                      D. of

**Question 8.** There's a \_\_\_\_\_ in my neighborhood. It's noisy and dusty.

- A. building                      B. construction site                      C. hospital                      D. lake

**Question 9.** Hong Kong is like a concrete jungle with so many people in it. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ city.

- A. Calm                      B. quiet                      C. bustling                      D. high

**Question 10.** The \_\_\_\_\_ the price of living in the city, the \_\_\_\_\_ people can afford to live there comfortably.

- A. Higher/ less                      B. lower/ more                      C. higher/ more                      D. lower/ less

**Question 11.** The \_\_\_\_\_ the sky train system is, the \_\_\_\_\_ it is for people to travel across the city.

- A. More efficient/ easier                      C. less efficient/ easier  
B. more efficient/ harder                      D. less efficient/ harder

**Question 12.** Tom: "Would you like to come to dinner next Friday?"

Lan: "\_\_\_\_\_. I have much homework to do."

- A. Certainly not                      C. Unfortunately not.  
B. I'm afraid, I can't                      D. I hope not.

**Read the following announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet****Advertisement**

Discover the excitement of city living with our new City Tour! Our guided tours provide a unique insight into (13) \_\_\_\_\_ urban life. Explore famous landmarks, hidden gems, and learn about (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and culture of our bustling metropolis. Tours are available daily and can (15) \_\_\_\_\_ online or (16) \_\_\_\_\_ our office.

**Question 13.** A. a

B. an

C. the

D. X

**Question 14.** A. historic

B. historian

C. historically

D. history

**Question 15.** A. book

B. be book

C. be booked

D. booking

**Question 16.** A. in

B. at

C. on

D. by

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following****Questions 17.**

- a. Firstly, the city offers many chances for social and cultural activities.  
b. Also, many people enjoy the variety of lifestyle and services available.  
c. In conclusion, city life provides a lively and exciting environment for its residents.  
d. For example, from theaters to art galleries, there is always something to explore.  
e. However, despite the fun, living in the city can be challenging because of noise and crowded streets.

- A. a-c-d-b-e                      B. a-d-b-e-c                      C. a-b-c-d-e                      D. b-a-d-c-e

**Question 18.**

- a. Firstly, the city's nightlife is vibrant and full of energy.  
b. For example, there are numerous clubs, restaurants and theaters to visit.  
c. Moreover, many people enjoy spending this evenings exploring these places.  
d. However, the city can be noisy and busy, especially late at night.  
e. Despite this, the excitement of city life is something many find enjoyable.

- A. a-b-c-d-e                      B. b-a-d-c-e                      C. a-d-b-e-c                      D. a-b-d-c-e

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D**

Tokyo's rankings in several of the latest livability indexes speak for themselves. In 2022, Tokyo (19) \_\_\_\_\_ second on Global Finance Magazine's Best Cities Index and sixth on Monocle's Quality of Life Survey. Taipei-born Kay Lin, Executive Officer at Japan Exchange Group (JPX), first came to Japan as a student. After some years in Taiwan and the US, she decided (20) \_\_\_\_\_ in Tokyo in 2009. "The

cleanliness and (21) \_\_\_\_\_ make it comfortable to live here and the infrastructure is very well developed," she says, noting that the (22) \_\_\_\_\_ of living is low compared with other financial cities. David Shirt, CEO of investment advisory firm Astris Advisory Japan, concurs. "Tokyo is clean and safe, with world-class education and lots of international schools. And it's (23) \_\_\_\_\_. People talk about low taxes in Singapore (24) \_\_\_\_\_ rents are sky-high. Here, on the other hand, rents are lower and you get a world-class city to live in."

(Adapted from: <https://indexes.nikkei.co.jp>)

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| <b>Question 19.</b> | A. ranks      | B. ranked    | C. has ranked | D. will rank   |
| <b>Question 20.</b> | A. settle     | B. to settle | C. settling   | D. to settling |
| <b>Question 21.</b> | A. safe       | B. safety    | C. safely     | D. unsafe      |
| <b>Question 22.</b> | A. price      | B. cost      | C. expense    | D. value       |
| <b>Question 23.</b> | A. affordable | B. pricey    | C. expensive  | D. dangerous   |
| <b>Question 24.</b> | A. which      | B. where     | C. who        | D. whom        |

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning**

**Question 25.** Living in the city is much more expensive than living in the countryside.

- A. Living in the countryside is much cheaper than living in the city.
- B. Living in the countryside is as expensive as living in the countryside.
- C. Living in the countryside is the most expensive.
- D. It is more expensive to live in the countryside than to live in the city.

**Question 26.** Her sister always runs more quickly than her.

- A. She doesn't always run as quickly as her sister.
- B. Her sister is always the quickest runner.
- C. She can run faster than her sister.
- D. Her sister has participated in many running competitions.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is made from the given cues**

**Question 25.** Some cities/ be/ like/ concrete jungles/ so many buildings.

- A. Some cities be like concrete jungles as so many buildings.
- B. Some cities are like concrete jungles with so many buildings.
- C. Some cities are like concrete jungles like so many buildings.
- D. Some cities be likely to concrete jungles so many buildings.

**Question 26.** Reducing noise pollution/ the hometown/ can lead/ a better quality of life.

- A. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead in a better quality of life.
- B. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead of a better quality of life.
- C. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead to a better quality of life.
- D. Reducing noise pollution in the hometown can lead from a better quality of life.

**Read the following sign or notice and mark the letter A, B, C or D**

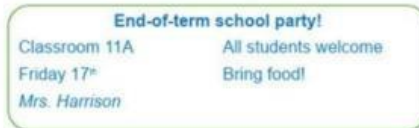
**Question 29.** What does the sign say?



- A. The elevator is working well and you can use it.
- B. The elevator is not working and you cannot use it
- C. The elevator is being repaired and will work again soon
- D. The elevator is for special use only and not for everyone.

**Question 30.** What does the notice say?





- A. To attend this party, you need to be a student from Classroom 3B.
- B. Mrs. Harrison will bring something to the party for students to eat.
- C. Everyone at the school is invited to the party on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- D. The party will take place after Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct**

Traffic jams and pollution are two big problems in the city. Traffic jams occur when there are too many cars on the roads, making it difficult for people to move around quickly. To solve this, cities can encourage people to use public transportation, like buses or trains, instead of driving their own cars. This would reduce the number of vehicles on the roads, easing traffic congestion. Pollution is another issue in cities because there is too much dirty air from vehicles and factories. One solution for this problem is to plant more trees and create more green spaces in the city. Trees provide oxygen and clean the air. By increasing the number of trees, cities can improve air quality and make the environment healthier for everyone. In conclusion, we all need to work together to solve the problems of traffic and pollution. By using public transportation and starting green projects like planting trees, we can make our city environment more sustainable and enjoyable.

**Question 31.** Which title best suits the passage?

- A. The Benefits of Public Transportation
- B. Solutions for City Traffic and Pollution
- C. The Importance of Green Spaces
- D. The Role of Factories in Pollution

**Question 32.** What is one method suggested to reduce traffic congestion?

- A. Expanding road networks
- B. Increasing the number of vehicles
- C. Encouraging public transportation use
- D. Building more factories

**Question 33.** What is the OPPOSITE of "congestion" as used in the passage?

- A. Density
- B. Clarity
- C. Dispersal
- D. Compression

**Question 34.** What is a synonym for "pollution" in the passage?

- A. Cleanliness
- B. Contamination
- C. Purity
- D. Freshness

**Question 35.** What does the word "this" refer to in the context of the passage?

- A. Traffic congestion
- B. Air quality
- C. Planting trees
- D. Using public transportation

**Question 36.** What can be inferred about the author's viewpoint on solving city problems?

- A. The author believes that individual actions are more effective than collective efforts.
- B. The author thinks that increasing industrial activities will solve pollution problems.
- C. The author supports using a combination of methods to address traffic and pollution.
- D. The author prefers to ignore environmental issues in favor of economic growth.