

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 31 to 35.

### The Importance of Urban Green Spaces

Urban green spaces, such as parks and gardens, play a vital role in improving the quality of life for city residents. These areas provide opportunities for recreation, relaxation, and social interaction. Studies have shown that access to green spaces can reduce stress and boost mental well-being, making them an essential part of urban planning.

Green spaces also offer environmental benefits. They help improve air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Additionally, plants and trees in these areas can reduce urban temperatures, which is crucial in combating the effects of climate change. Green spaces also support biodiversity by providing **habitats** for various species, creating a balance within urban ecosystems.

Despite their benefits, urban green spaces face challenges, including limited space, pollution, and funding constraints. However, many cities are now recognizing the importance of these areas and are taking steps to create more green spaces or improve existing ones.

*(Adapted from: The importance of urban green spaces in the development of smart cities)*

**Question 31.** What is the main focus of the passage?

- A. The challenges of urban development
- B. The benefits of urban green spaces
- C. The rise of urban ecosystems
- D. The economic impact of city parks

**Question 32.** According to the passage, how do green spaces help improve mental well-being?

- A. By creating more jobs
- B. By providing opportunities for relaxation
- C. By reducing pollution
- D. By generating revenue for the city

**Question 33.** What is one environmental benefit of urban green spaces mentioned in the passage?

- A. They eliminate the need for city gardens.
- B. They help improve air quality.
- C. They prevent urban flooding.
- D. They replace buildings with open areas.

**Question 34.** The word **habitats** in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. homes
- B. boundaries
- C. resources
- D. climates

**Question 35.** Which of the following can be inferred about future urban planning?

- A. Cities may reduce the number of green spaces to save costs.
- B. More emphasis will be placed on developing green spaces.
- C. Cities will focus mainly on reducing temperatures.
- D. Urban biodiversity will decline significantly.

**Question 36.** Why are cities increasingly valuing green spaces?

- A. To create space for new buildings
- B. To improve the mental health of residents
- C. To reduce the need for public transportation
- D. To replace older parks and gardens

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph / letter in each of the following questions.*

**Question 37.**

- a. For instance, practising a musical instrument improves concentration.
- b. Engaging in hobbies can have positive effects on mental health.
- c. Additionally, physical activities like dancing or swimming boost mood.
- d. In summary, hobbies play a vital role in enhancing mental well-being.
- e. People can benefit from various types of hobbies.

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

*Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.*

**Question 38.** The committee was tasked to create a sustainable plan for managing the city's waste and resources.

- A. was
- B. to create
- C. for managing
- D. resources

**Question 39.** The environmental organisation suggests people reduce their usage of plastic and recycling more.

- A. suggests
- B. their
- C. of
- D. recycling

**Question 40.** Solar energy systems are becoming increasingly popular due to its efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

- A. energy systems
- B. becoming
- C. its
- D. cost-effectiveness