d. Ally: It is! I used it yesterday, and it cut my commute time in half.
e. Brian: That's amazing. I'm looking forward to giving it a try soon.
A. c-a-d-e-b B. a-c-d-e-b C. c-d-a-e-b D. c-a-e-d-b

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Exercise 18: Read the following advertisement/ announcement and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

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Welcome to the annual Riverfront Night Market!

This vibrant event showcases (1)_____ best of our city's riverside charm. Join us along the riverbank for an evening filled with (2)_____ street food, unique crafts, and live music. Explore stalls offering handmade goods, enjoy (3)_____ views, and immerse yourself (4)_____ the lively atmosphere.

Riverfront Night Market - A feast for the senses!

1. A. no article	B. an	C. the	D. a
2. A. unreliable	B. peaceful	C. beautiful	D. delicious
3. A. stunned	B. stun	C. stunning	D. to stun
4. A. in	B. on	C. at	D. with

②

Uncover the Magic of the City with Our Walking Tours!

Our guided walking tours offer a unique and intimate way to experience (1)_____ heart of our city. Wander through (2)_____ neighborhoods, discover charming cafes, and admire stunning architecture. Learn about the (3)_____ stories and legends that shape our city's identity. Tours are available daily and can be booked online or (4)_____ our visitor center.

Walking Tours - Your Path to Urban Discovery!

1. A. no article	B. a	C. the	D. an
2. A. convenient	B. historic	C. polluted	D. dangerous
3. A. fascinated	B. fascinating	C. fascinatingly	D. fascinate
4. A. in	B. to	C. at	D. for

③

Calling all Cyclists!

Join us for the City Bike Ride this November! Riders of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate (1)_____ this fun event that celebrates (2)_____ living and explores the city's (3)_____ routes. The bike ride will wind through parks, along rivers, and past charming neighborhoods. Register online or at (4)_____ event starting point. Let's ride together!

1. A. in	B. for	C. about	D. on
2. A. healthily	B. healthy	C. health	D. unhealthy
3. A. terrible	B. attractive	C. unsafe	D. scenic
4. A. a	B. an	C. no article	D. the

Exercise 19: Look at the sign or the notice. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for these questions.

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1. What does this sign mean? A. Keep your distance. B. Do not enter. C. Beware of opening door. D. Prepare to stop.	
2. What does this sign mean? A. Anybody can park here. B. You can park here if you are not visitors. C. Only the visitor living in this country can park here. D. Parking in this space for visitor only.	
3. What does this sign mean? A. Using mobile phones is allowed when pumping gas. B. Using mobile phones is prohibited when pumping gas. C. You can make a phone call when pumping gas. D. Using mobile phone isn't dangerous when pumping gas.	
4. What does this sign mean? A. You must wear masks. C. You can't wear masks. B. You can wear masks. D. You want to wear masks.	
5. What does this sign mean? A. The airbag is activated. B. The airbag isn't working. C. The airbag need to be serviced. D. Engage the airbag right now.	

Exercise 20: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

① There is a saying that big cities never sleep. This is true for some cities in which the nightlife begins just when people in other cities are ready to go to bed Big cities like New York, Madrid, London and Paris have vibrant nightlife. People can still find (1)_____, dine out or go shopping into the early hours.

City dwellers are usually more diverse and there are (2)_____ communities that hold social events or parties, which provide interesting opportunities for social interactions and social networking. The social interactions allow you to learn about other cultures and share interests (3)_____ people from different backgrounds, which make you more open minded and able to understand individuals. On the other hand, the social networking helps you to broaden not only personal but also professional relationships. All in all, living in big cities is more (4)_____because of the complete facilities provided. The advanced transportation system enables the citizens (5)_____ public facilities easier, cheaper and faster. Big cities also provide better education and health service.

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In addition, city life is more fun and exciting because there is a wide range of entertainment to enjoy and a lot of social events to attend.

1. A. entertain	B. entertaining	C. entertainment	D. entertainingly
2. A. little	B. many	C. most	D. much
3. A. with	B. to	C. for	D. by
4. A. convenient	B. affordable	C. expensive	D. suitable
5. A. accessed	B. accessing	C. to access	D. access

②

TREES BRING HANOIANS CLOSER TO NATURE

City planners have claimed trees play an important role in an urban environment. Children growing up close to nature have better health, while walking in parks reduce blood pressure, stress and obesity. The problem is to select the right trees and (1)_____ them.

Ha Noi is considered one of the greenest cities in Viet Nam thanks to its beautiful and precious trees. Ancient trees in Ha Noi are frequently mentioned in poems. Each street can be represented by a tree. To local residents, the hundred-year old trees that line the streets are more than just beautiful, they are a part of the city's identity.

(2)_____ the treasured place the trees have in the heart of the local resident, Hanoians seem to have a lot of concern when construction workers chop them down. Workers get away with digging around the trees without much care, and even leave the trees without enough earth to grow - making them vulnerable to storms.

To (3)_____the problem, Ha Noi's authorities have started a project of replanting trees: each of the capital's streets (4)_____ with two or three sorts of trees. Moreover, more people should be made aware (5)_____ the importance of protecting trees in communities.

1. A. maintain	B. service	C. provide	D. care
2. A. Because	B. However	C. Due to	D. Although
3. A. deal with	B. cut down on	C. come up with	D. make up
4. A. planted	B. will be planted	C. had been planted	D. will plant
5. A. of	B. in	C. for	D. with

③ In spite of its many (1)_____, living in the city also brings lots of disadvantages. The first problem is that citizens have to deal with traffic congestions every day. This problem is even worse (2)_____ the rush hour when so many people run out to work and are stuck on streets for hours. Moreover, ambulance and fire engine sometimes can't get in time to complete duty, which makes a lot of serious loss. High cost of living is also a serious issue in the city, especially in metropolitan cities. More and more people find (3)_____ difficult to live on their modest salaries when prices are going up all the time. Financial pressure makes city dwellers become constantly stressed and tired. Another drawback of the city life is the (4)_____ air caused by exhaust emissions from millions of vehicles, construction dust and the lack of green trees. This negatively affects residents' health. (5)_____ people suffer from respiratory problems such as lung cancer, sore throat or asthma.

1. A. profits	B. benefits	C. drawbacks	D. difficulties
2. A. on	B. in	C. at	D. by
3. A. it	B. them	C. their	D. they

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4. A. pollutant B. pollute C. polluted D. pollution
5. A little B. A lot C. Few D. Many

④ It is reported that there is a rising (1)_____ of people living in urban areas. Big cities provide both a significant amount of (2)_____ and higher average salaries. With so many companies and factories, it is easy for city dwellers to find work. Statistics from New York City show that people here have ten times more job opportunities than those (3)_____ the neighboring suburbs and smaller towns. Additionally, greater earnings are also another reason why workers are attracted to large cities. High-skilled workers tend to concentrate in urban centers because they can (4)_____ valuable experiences that are not available in other places. This skilled workforce is, of course, hunted by companies which are often willing (5)_____ higher wages.

1. A. amount B. number C. sum D. group
2. A. employ B. employed C. unemployment D. employment
3. A. in B. on C. at D. by
4. A. achieve B. make C. take D. gain
5. A. to pay B. pay C. paying D. to be paid

⑤ Some people live in urban areas of dynamic cities, and some live in quiet countryside towns. Many argue that the hustle and bustle of urban sprawl result (1)_____ a stressful lifestyle. Also, a lot of people say that the (2)_____ the movement and the peacefulness of the countryside offers serenity. However, busy city life provides high-quality education, a sustainable career, better access to health facilities, etc. People choose to live in cities to have better standards of living. Therefore, (3)_____ people ask the following question: In order to make a lot of money, how to hustle in a big city? Those who are tired of (4)_____ in a noisy urban environment wish to move to the country, though. In-country life, there are not many career options and chances to build businesses with astonishingly huge profits. However, you can still create a company (5)_____ will generate a satisfactory level of income enough to live everyday life. As you can see, it is challenging to decide which one is better: noisy and dynamic city life or quiet and peaceful country life?

1. A. in B. from C. for D. to
2. A. simple B. simplify C. simplicity D. simply
3. A. Many B. every C. another D. each
4. A. travelling B. playing C. living D. going
5. A. where B. that C. when D. who

Exercise 21: Read the text carefully, then do the tasks.

My name is Nancy. I live in London, the capital of Britain. It's a crowded city and it's very noisy, especially in the centre. But there are many interesting things to see and do here. There are some fantastic museums and art galleries. I love going to the British Museum. And there are lots of great shops! You can buy everything here. I also like the nightlife. There are many good restaurants and bars. At the weekend, I often go to a club with my friends. I think that London is a really cool place to hang out with friends!

My best friend Helen lives in the countryside. She thinks London is terrible because it's too bustling and expensive. She also thinks the people are unfriendly. She wants to live in the countryside forever! Helen says there's nothing to do in London, but I don't agree. For me, it's a

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fantastic city. I love living here! The buildings and the way you can get around the city make it a truly unique place to reside.

A. Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

No.	Statements	T or F
1.	London is the capital of Britain.	
2.	The centre of London is crowded and noisy.	
3.	Nancy finds London to be an interesting city with many things to see and do.	
4.	There aren't many good restaurants in London.	
5.	Nancy rarely hangs out with her friends.	
6.	Helen lives in the city.	
7.	Helen thinks London is wonderful because it's bustling and affordable.	
8.	Helen prefers living in the countryside over the city.	
9.	Nancy agrees with Helen that there's nothing to do in London.	
10.	Nancy loves living in London.	

B. Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. What's Nancy's city like?

◎ _____.

2. Where does Nancy like to go?

◎ _____.

3. Are there many bars in London?

◎ _____.

4. Where does Nancy often go at the weekend?

◎ _____.

5. What does Helen think about the people in London?

◎ _____.

6. Where does Helen want to live forever?

◎ _____.

Exercise 22: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

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HO CHI MINH CITY'S COFFEE CULTURE

Ho Chi Minh City is a metropolis where life is very busy and hasty. The best way to enjoy the balance in your mind in such a busy city is to sit on the balcony of one of the numerous coffee houses scattered throughout the city. In this way you will be out of the crowd but able to look down on the street below. You will also be drinking the beverage that must be at least partly responsible for the kinetic energy that has transformed this city into one of the busiest commercial centres of Southeast Asia in just 20 years - it is coffee.

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