

GRADE 9 - READING

B. READING

VII. Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C, or D) that best fits each blank in the following passage.

Copenhagen has been holding the position as the most bicycle-friendly capital since 2015. This is (21) _____ its infrastructure, making cycling convenient, safe, and fast. People in Copenhagen rank high (22) _____ bicycle commuting every year. This is not because cycling is in their genes. It is a matter of (23) _____. In the past years, the City of Copenhagen has had a consistent focus on bicycle-centric urban planning. They have invested in a safe, well-connected, and user-friendly bicycle infrastructure, making cycling the best way to (24) _____ the city.

In Copenhagen, you can find separated bicycle tracks, bike bridges (25) _____ its canals, cycle superhighways as well as traffic lights and continuous green lights for two-wheeled commuters. These are just a few examples of Copenhagen's way of designing and investing in a city for life, where bikes outnumber cars, where a cargo bike to take your kids to school is cooler than (26) _____ SUV.

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| 21. | A. thanks to | B. in spite of | C. but for | D. instead of |
| 22. | A. when it comes | B. it comes to when | C. when to come | D. when it comes to |
| 23. | A. hygiene | B. congestion | C. priority | D. advance |
| 24. | A. get around | B. carry out | C. hang out | D. come down |
| 25. | A. under | B. across | C. along | D. between |
| 26. | A. a | B. an | C. the | D. Ø (no article) |