



Epreuve du 1^{er} groupe

ANGLAIS

It is true that modern civilization is mostly projected in city life. The city offers the facilities and comforts that cannot be found in the village. Charms of city life always attract people. But city life is not without inconveniences and discomforts. Obviously, **it** has its positive and negative sides.

There are a lot of advantages to city life. All the famous hospitals and clinics are located in the cities. All the famous schools, colleges are located in the city areas. Therefore, for education people choose to live in the cities. With the advancement of science and technology, the life of man has become more comfortable and easier. Urban areas provide more jobs for people because all kinds of big institutions, organizations and industries are located **there**.

However, city life is very expensive. You have to pay for everything. Besides, there are a lot of motorized vehicles in city roads causing lots of traffic troubles. City life is also damaged by pollution. City people suffer from air, water and noise pollution. In the city, the rate of crime is higher than in the countryside. Most people in urban areas are very individualistic and pay little or no attention to the affairs of other people. Due to huge pressure and workload, people in the city suffer from high stress that leads to depression. So we can also find disadvantages in city life.

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I. READING COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

A. List two advantages of city life in the text. (1 mark)

1. _____
2. _____

B. List four disadvantages of city life in the text. (2 marks)

3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

C. Fill in the gaps with words taken from the indicated paragraphs. (2 marks)

City life 7. _____ (Parag1.) lots of benefits, such as better infrastructure, medical care, education, entertainment venues, etc. Because of those 8. _____ (Parag2.), most people can be drawn to city life and there has always been a high rate of migration from rural to 9. _____ (Parag.3) areas. However contrary to popular belief of comfortable city life, it has both advantages and 10. _____ (Parag. 3)

D. Statement 11 is False and statement 12 is True. Justify each one by quoting a specific passage from the text (2 marks)

11. City life does not offer many benefits. FALSE
Justification: _____
12. There is more insecurity in the city than in rural areas. TRUE
Justification: _____

E. Choose the correct option. (1 mark)

13. **it** (line 3) refers to _____
 a. the village b) city life c) charms
14. **there** (line 8) refers to _____
 a. urban areas b) more jobs c) industries

5 **II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)**

F. Complete this passage with the relevant words from the box. (2 marks)

Therefore	because of	For example	Unless	Despite
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10 Many people prefer to live in the city15._____ the great advantages it has compared to living in the countryside. 16_____, you can go everywhere because in a big city, the public transport is better than in a village. 17. _____ the advantages, people living in the city sometimes face serious problems such as pollution or insecurity. 18. _____, city life is not always easy.

15 **G. Omar, a city boy is talking to his cousin Ali who has just arrived in the city. Here is an extract of their conversation. Complete it meaningfully. (2 marks)**

20 **OMAR:** Here things are not as easy as people think. I wonder 19. _____ (where/why/what) you have come.

ALI: It's because life in the village is too hard.

OMAR: I'm sure there are opportunities in the country, 20. _____ ?

ALI: No, there aren't. I hope things will be better here.

25 **OMAR:** oh, I see. But do you have any qualifications?

ALI: Unfortunately, I don't.

OMAR: 21. _____ ?

ALI: My ambition is to become a taxi driver. I want to start taking driving lessons as soon as possible.

OMAR: Well, our neighbor is a professional driver. I'll ask him to help you

30 **ALI:** Thank you so much.

OMAR: 22. _____

H. Match each of the following statements with the right notion from the box. (2 marks)

Comparison	Preference	Necessity	Contrast	Possibility
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Statements	Notions
23. We can also find disadvantages in city life.	
24. In the city, the rate of crime is higher than in the countryside.	
25. You have to pay for everything.	
26. For education people choose to live in the cities.	

35 **III. WRITING: Choose one topic and write about 150 words on it. (6 marks)**

40 **TOPIC 1:** Do you prefer city life or country life? Give your reasons.

TOPIC 2: Modou, a country boy, has been in the city for two weeks now. He has realized that urban life is not easy. He is writing a letter to his uncle in the village to tell him about the numerous difficulties he faces daily. Imagine and write out the letter.

