

A. READING

COMPREHENSION

Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Text: Crowding

Look around you! What do you see? What do you smell? If you live in a city, you probably see many people, you hear the big noise of traffic and you smell the pollution from cars and factory smokes.

Nowadays, we enter a modern world, a new period of history. Before, most people were farmers, they lived in the country. Now, many of them are leaving the farms moving into the cities. The cities are growing very quickly; most of them are very crowded. Then, people are driving more cars, burning more fuel, using more water, making more rubbish and producing goods in factories. Life in cities becomes an important problem.

Some governments try to plan the future of their cities. They are building new roads, setting new buildings and houses, in search of more water and limiting population growth in certain areas. But city planners are getting worried. People are crowding into the cities faster than the cities can receive them. The cities are running out of rooms. How could this problem be solved?

QUESTIONS

I. Guessing words

1. **Find a word having the same meaning as « overpopulated » in the following sentences:** « Before, most people were farmers, they lived in the country. Now, many of them are leaving their farms and move into the cities. The cities are growing very quickly; most of them are very crowded.
2. **In the sentences:** « Some governments try to plan the future of their cities. They are new roads, setting up new buildings and houses. In search of more water and limiting growth in certain areas. » **Find an expression having the same meaning as « looking for ».**

II. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate linking words.

1. Look around you! What do you see what do you smell?
2. City planners are getting worried people are crowding into the cities faster than the cities can receive them.

III. Answer the following question.

How to call the population movement from the country into the cities?

IV. Classify the following ideas according to the order they appear in the text

- a- Giving solutions for improvement.
- b- Talking about the environment situation.
- c- Describing facts about pollution.

1)..... 2).....
3).....

V. Say if you agree or disagree with the writer who says that :

« Life in cities becomes an important problem. » Give two reasons.

I agree because

- a)
- b)

I disagree because

- a)
- b)

B. GRAMMAR IN USE

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate grammatical items so as to get the text restored :

My mother and I went to the market yesterday. First ...(1)... all, we bought some meat ...(2)... butcher's. Mother ...(5)... not forget ...(6)... fruit for dessert. My basket was ...(7)... very heavy so I put ...(8)... on my head.

1)..... 2)..... 3)..... 4)..... 5)..... 6)..... 7)..... 8).....

C. INDIRECT TES OF SPEAKING

1. Make the following sentences more formal

- a. I want to use your phone.
- b. Where is Plaza Hotel ?
- c. Let's have some iced drink!
- d. Open the door.

2. Match the sentences in column X with those in column Y.

X	Y
1. I'm too fat.	a) Sorry, he is out !
2. Could you help me to do my maths exercises ?	b) You're welcome.
3. What do you think of smokers ?	c) Why don't you practice sport ?
4. I'd like to speak to Mr Jones please.	d) Sorry I've no time.
5. Reading books is helpful	e) That's a good idea !
6. This is Mrs Bao.	f) They are in danger.
7. Thank you for coming.	g) I think so.
8. How about going for a walk.	h) Nice to meet you Madam.
	i) It's raining

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D. WRITING COMPOSITION

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