

اختبار في مادة الإنجليزية (لغة أجنبية أولى)

Read the passage carefully then do the activities.

I spent my childhood dreaming of the time when I could leave home and escape to the city. We lived on a farm and, in the winter especially, we were quite cut off from the outside world. As soon as I left school, I packed my bags and moved to the capital. However, I soon discovered that the city life has its problems too.

One of the biggest drawbacks is money - it costs so much to go out, not to mention basics like food and rent. Another disadvantage is pollution. I suffer from asthma, and at times the smog is so bad I am afraid to go outside. Then there is the problem of travelling round. Although I have a car, I rarely use it because of the jams. One alternative is to go by bicycle, but that can be quite dangerous.

Of course, there are advantages. In the first place, there is so much to do in the city, whatever your tastes in culture or entertainment. In addition, there are wonderful job opportunities, and chances of promotion are greater, too. Finally, if you like shopping, the range of goods is amazing - and what is more, shops are often only a short walk away.

Is life then better in the city? Perhaps it is, when you are in your teens or twenties. However, as you get older, and especially if you have small children, the peace of the countryside may seem preferable. I certainly hope to move back there soon.

Section One: Reading Comprehension**(8 pts)**

- How many interrogative sentences are there in the last paragraph?
- Are these statements true, false or not mentioned? Write T, F or N.M. next to the number of the statement
 - The author spent his childhood in town.
 - Living in town is costly.
 - There is too much violence in the city.
 - The writer intends to return to the countryside.
- Here are the answers to some questions about the text. Write the questions.
 - Asthma
 - As soon as the author left school.
 - Because of the jams.
- Answer the following questions according to the text.
 - As a child, what was the author's idea about the city?
 - What is his final opinion about living in the city?
- Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following.
 - isolated (§ 1)
 - other possibility (§ 2)
 - moreover (§ 3)
- Find in the text words or phrases opposite in meaning to the following.
 - stayed (§ 1)
 - safe (§ 2)
 - drawbacks (§ 3)

Section Two: Mastery of Language**(8 pts)**

1. Copy the odd one out on your answer sheet.

driver	physicist	teacher	job	steward
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2. What adjectives can be derived from the following nouns?

- colour - exoticism - origin

3. Give the plural forms of the following words.

- mouse - ox - foot

4. Spot the mistakes in the following passage and correct them.

Some of the most exciting progress in the science has happen in the field of genetics. It is now possible to grow plants who do not get diseases and to breed cows which produce many milk.

5. Fill in the gaps with words from the following list.

(all - best - interesting - entire - make - on)

You can explore the — 1 — world wherever you are, but the — 2 — place to start is close to home. Begin by making a general survey, — 3 — foot or by bicycle, to discover the most — 4 — places for wildlife study.

6. Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

a. I (leave) my village when I was ten. Since then, I (live) in a small flat.

b. Life in the city (become) more and more difficult.

c. If I (be) in your position, I would move back home soon.

7. Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables.

countryside soon however older suffered home

One syllable	Two syllables	Three syllables

Section Three: Written Expression**(4 pts)**

Choose ONE of the following topics.

Either topic one:

Using the following notes, write a composition of about 80 - 120 words.

Our countryside is no longer as green and attractive as it used to be.

- * industry more attractive than farming
- * lack of social and health services
- * children (new generation) not interested in farming
- * effects of drought
- * population shift to the cities
- * traditions getting lost

Or topic two:

Write a letter of about 80 to 120 words to a newspaper editor to give your viewpoint on how to encourage people to return to the countryside.