

CPE UoE CLOZE FILL LIVING IN CITIES

Decide which words best fit the gaps in this text. Write them into the spaces provided

Living in Cities.

Urbanization has been a constant 1. _____ in human development for the past ten thousand years. 2. _____ there has always been the necessity for a minimum - sometimes a very substantial minimum - of the 3. _____ to work the land, such surplus individuals as can be 4. _____ have tended to gather in cities. Two thousand years ago, the cities of antiquity 5. _____ an administrative 6. _____ for the surrounding area, and a refuge from attack. In the Middle Ages, it was the city folk 7. _____ were the first to break the stultifying grip of feudalism, and it was in the cities of Northern Italy that the 8. _____ of the Renaissance was 9. _____.

Today only a fraction of mankind lives in the country, and the 10. _____ which does so is decreasing. Mega-cities with populations exceeding ten million are common, and they will become even 11. _____ so over the coming decades. While many 12. _____ of city life are unattractive - pollution, stress, and separation from 13. _____ to name but a few - more and more of humanity 14. _____ to be choosing an urban existence. 15. _____ to this fact is going to be 16. _____ of the major challenges of the coming century. And 17. _____ of the country? The 18. _____ are that its relative decline will be reversed as the information revolution 19. _____ it possible to enjoy the benefits of social contact 20. _____ needing to leave one's rural residence.

ANSWERS

Note that often more than one answer is possible. If your answer is not here, consult a teacher.

1. factor/theme
2. Whilst/Although
3. population
4. sustained
5. formed/constituted
6. center
7. who
8. phenomenon
9. born
10. proportion
11. more
12. aspects
13. nature
14. seems/appears
15. Adjusting
16. one
17. what
18. chances
19. spreads/continues
20. without