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Multiple Choice Task

Choose the correct answer for each question

1. The downtown area of a city
 - a. has big shopping malls instead of department stores.
 - b. is very far away from cultural attractions.
 - c. is mostly a residential area.
 - d. is full of large buildings and skyscrapers.
2. Department stores
 - a. are located mostly in areas far away from city centres.
 - b. are always next to public transport stations.
 - c. offer a wide range of goods.
 - d. have fewer products than shopping malls.
3. "*Megalopolis*" describes cities
 - a. on the Atlantic coast of North America.
 - b. that are growing together.
 - c. in developing countries.
 - d. that have a population of over 10 million.
4. The inhabitants of ancient cities
 - a. built temples outside the city walls.
 - b. were hunters that travelled around a lot.
 - c. all belonged to the upper classes.
 - d. were farmers and craftsmen.
5. The main building of a typical medieval city was often
 - a. the mayor's house.
 - b. a place where guilds got together.
 - c. an important trading centre.
 - d. a Gothic cathedral.
6. Towards the end of the Middle Ages
 - a. most of the trading centres were in the Middle East.
 - b. Venice lost its importance as a major trading centre.
 - c. people were more interested in building factories than trading goods.
 - d. trading became important again.
7. During the Industrial Revolution factory owners
 - a. shared their wealth with the workers.
 - b. built large factories in the countryside.
 - c. made big profits.
 - d. lived in luxurious houses in the city centre.
8. The highest share of people living in slums is in
 - a. Africa.
 - b. Asia.
 - c. South America.
 - d. the Middle East.

Answer the questions in your own words.

1. Name the three basic parts of a city and their functions.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. How can you get around a city. Name a few typical methods of transportation.

3. Who is the head of a city? _____
4. What must every city care about? _____

5. Name a few pull factors that make cities attractive. _____

6. Name some push factors that force people to move away from the countryside? _____

7. Explain the word "*megalopolis*". _____

8. What is the "*Boswash*" ? _____

9. When and where did the first ancient cities develop ? _____

10. In which was ancient Rome a modern city? _____

11. What did cities during the Middle Ages look like ? _____

12. Name a few medieval European cities, in which trading was important ? _____

13. Why did many people start moving to cities in the 18th and 19th centuries? _____

14. Name a few problems that modern cities face today? _____

15. On which continent does a large part of the urban population live in slums? _____

3

Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

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| A | mayor |
| B | poverty |
| C | traffic |
| D | multiethnic |
| E | unemployment |
| F | suburb |
| G | skyscraper |
| H | waste |
| I | crowded |
| J | trade |
| K | craftsman |
| L | inhabitant |
| M | prehistoric |
| N | warehouse |
| O | mall |
| P | urban |
| Q | metropolitan |
| R | citizen |

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| | the situation of being poor |
| | person who lives in a place |
| | the situation of being out of work |
| | very tall and modern building |
| | unwanted materials that people throw away after having used them |
| | city-like |
| | head of a city |
| | person who lives in a city or country and has rights there |
| | population in which people come from different countries |
| | large building where you keep many products |
| | area in which people live and which is far away from the city center |
| | shopping center with many different kinds of stores |
| | all the cars, buses etc. that move along the street |
| | someone who is skilled with his hands and is good at making things |
| | to buy and sell products and goods |
| | belonging to a city |
| | ancient, old |
| | packed full of people |

4

Put the correct words from the box into the sentences below.

council - flats - ghettos - guilds - industrial - Mesopotamia - mayor - medieval - megacities - metropolitan - multiethnic - pollution - public - rush hours - sewage - shopping malls - skyscrapers - suburbs - unemployment

1. _____ are the areas that are farthest away from the city centre.
2. _____ stores offer a wide variety of goods.
3. Cities often build _____ far away from the centre near motorways or other places you can get to easily.
4. City residents use different means of _____ transport to get around.
5. _____ are large cities with millions of people.
6. _____ areas are made up of the city itself and the outlying suburbs.
7. The head of a city is called the _____ .
8. A city has its own government, called the city _____ .
9. The first ancient cities came up in _____ , thousands of years ago.
10. Ancient Rome was a modern city that even had a _____ system.
11. _____ cities were crowded places where diseases spread very quickly.
12. During the Middle Ages merchants were organized in _____ .
13. During the _____ Revolution cities started to expand rapidly.
14. In the 20th century cities started building _____ in order to have more space.
15. While the richer people moved to the outlying areas of the city the poorer ones stayed in _____ of the inner city.
16. Most people in inner cities live in _____ .
17. Today , _____ is one of the main problems of a city.
18. Especially in the morning and early evening _____ traffic makes city roads and motorways unpassable.
19. Modern cities are _____ , with large groups of people from all over the world.
20. Social problems include crime, _____ and drug addiction.

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Fill in the missing words from the box ! There are THREE words you will not need.

In (1) _____ cities people were farmers and craftsmen. They protected themselves from (2) _____ by erecting walls around the city. The central part often included a (3) _____ square and a place to pray. At that time Rome was one of the largest cities in the world. It was considered to be very modern, with (4) _____ places, baths and even a (5) _____ system. Only government officials and soldiers were upper class (6) _____ who often had their own houses.

During the Middle Ages cities focused around had a religious centre, often a Gothic (7) _____. They could not (8) _____ because of the walls around them. Sometimes city officials tore down the walls and built new ones farther away from the city centre. (9) _____ cities were often dirty and (10) _____ spread quickly. Craft workers and merchants got together in new economic groups called (11) _____. Trading, which had stopped at the beginning of the Middle Ages, started again towards the end. Venice, Antwerp and London became major (12) _____ cities at that time.

The Industrial Revolution changed the lives of people. The population in many countries gave up their homes in the (13) _____ and moved to cities, where they started working in factories. (14) _____, harbours and railway lines developed during this period. Cities grew and grew and became overcrowded. (15) _____ made the air dirty and unbreathable.

In the 20th century cities started rising skywards. (16) _____ were built in the inner cities to gain new (17) _____. Many citizens started to move to the outlying areas, called (18) _____. The poorer population stayed in the inner cities, where they lived together in ghettos and (19) _____. Today, many modern cities have the same problems—a lack of housing, (20) _____ jams and violence.

ancient
cathedral
citizens
countryside
crowded
diseases
enemies
expand
guilds
market
medieval
protect
pollution
public
sewage
skyscrapers
slums
suburbs
trading
traffic
walls
warehouses
workspace

6

Complete the text by choosing the correct word or phrase for each blank.

Brasília - A Planned City

Up to 1960, Rio de Janeiro had been the capital city of Brasília. In the 1950s, the country's (1) _____ came up with the idea (2) _____ a new capital in the centre of the country, which was (3) _____ to help develop the interior of South America's largest nation. It took only 4 years to build the new city, which was (4) _____ opened in 1960.

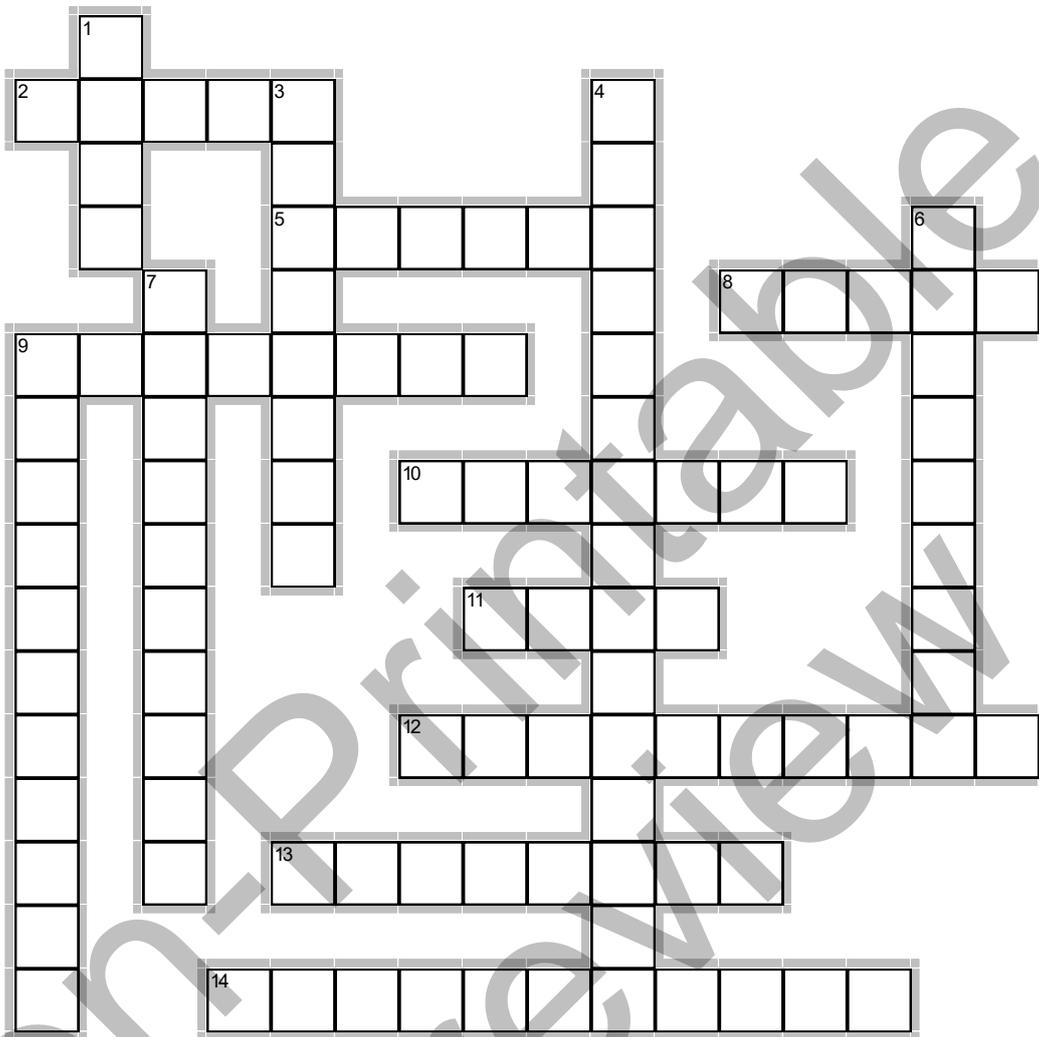
The city's layout looks like an airplane or a bird when seen from (5) _____. The "body" of the plane is called the *Monumental Axis*, where you find the (6) _____ government buildings. The "wings" are (7) _____ - where most people live - and commercial areas, with its shops and businesses.

Brasília's main function is the centre of Brazil's (8) _____. The city is home to the President, Congress, and Supreme Court. It also has embassies, banks, and many national and international businesses and companies. The city's (9) _____ makes it easy to travel between different areas, with wide roads and organized neighbourhoods.

Brasília is (10) _____ modern architecture and unique city plan. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is known as a (11) _____ of Brazil's progress.

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| 1 | officers | leaders | presidents | chiefs |
| 2 | to be created | creation | of creating | create |
| 3 | meant | considered | argued | involved |
| 4 | properly | generally | regularly | officially |
| 5 | over | above | up | beyond |
| 6 | basic | chief | critical | main |
| 7 | reside | resident | residing | residential |
| 8 | officials | government | authorities | rule |
| 9 | design | plan | drawing | creation |
| 10 | symbol of | famous for | well-known to | important off |
| 11 | figure | key | symbol | mark |

7 Crossword 1



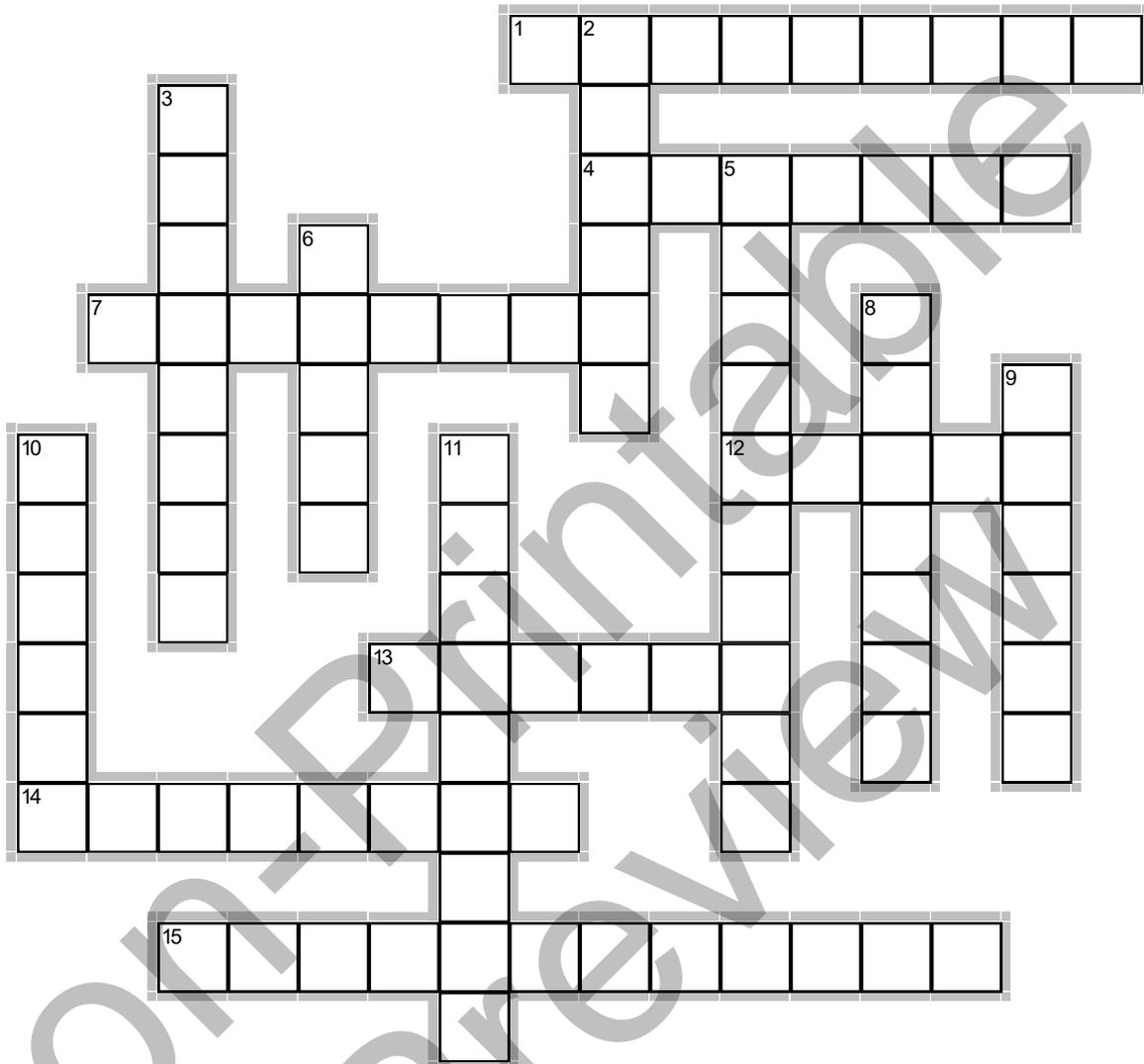
Across

- 2. head of a city
- 5. residential area far away from the city centre
- 8. everything referring to a city
- 9. person in the Middle Ages who bought and sold things
- 10. building in which goods are produced
- 11. apartment
- 12. very tall building
- 13. central part of a city
- 14. full of people from different cultures and countries

Down

- 1. shopping centre
- 3. time of day when traffic is especially heavy (2 words)
- 4. buses, trains etc.. that are for everyone to use (2 words)
- 6. large building in an industrial area where you keep or store many products
- 7. long line of cars on a road; they cannot move or move very slowly (two words)
- 9. large cities that grow together

8 Crossword 2



Across

1. Canadian Olympic city of 2010
4. northern German city
7. southernmost city of Africa
12. city on the Nile River
13. city that was called Bombay in the past
14. Chinese city on the Yangtze River
15. city in South America, famous for its long, sandy beaches

Down

2. capital of Greece
3. city that lies on two continents
5. one of the most populous cities in the world (2 words)
6. city on the western coast of Australia
8. capital city in eastern Africa
9. one of Europe's financial centres
10. large city in Texas
11. city that is holy to three major religions

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European cities

Match the cities with the numbers. There are THREE names you will not need.



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Amsterdam - Athens - Berlin - Budapest - Helsinki - Istanbul - Kiev - London - Madrid - Munich - Oslo - Rome - Stockholm - Vienna - Warsaw

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| 4 | | 10 | |
| 5 | | 11 | |
| 6 | | 12 | |

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North American cities

Match the cities with the numbers. There are THREE names you will not need.



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Chicago - Dallas - Denver - Detroit - Havanna - Los Angeles - Mexico City - Miami - Montreal - New Orleans - New York - San Francisco - St- Louis - Vancouver - Washington

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Asian cities

Match the cities with the numbers. There are THREE names you will not need.

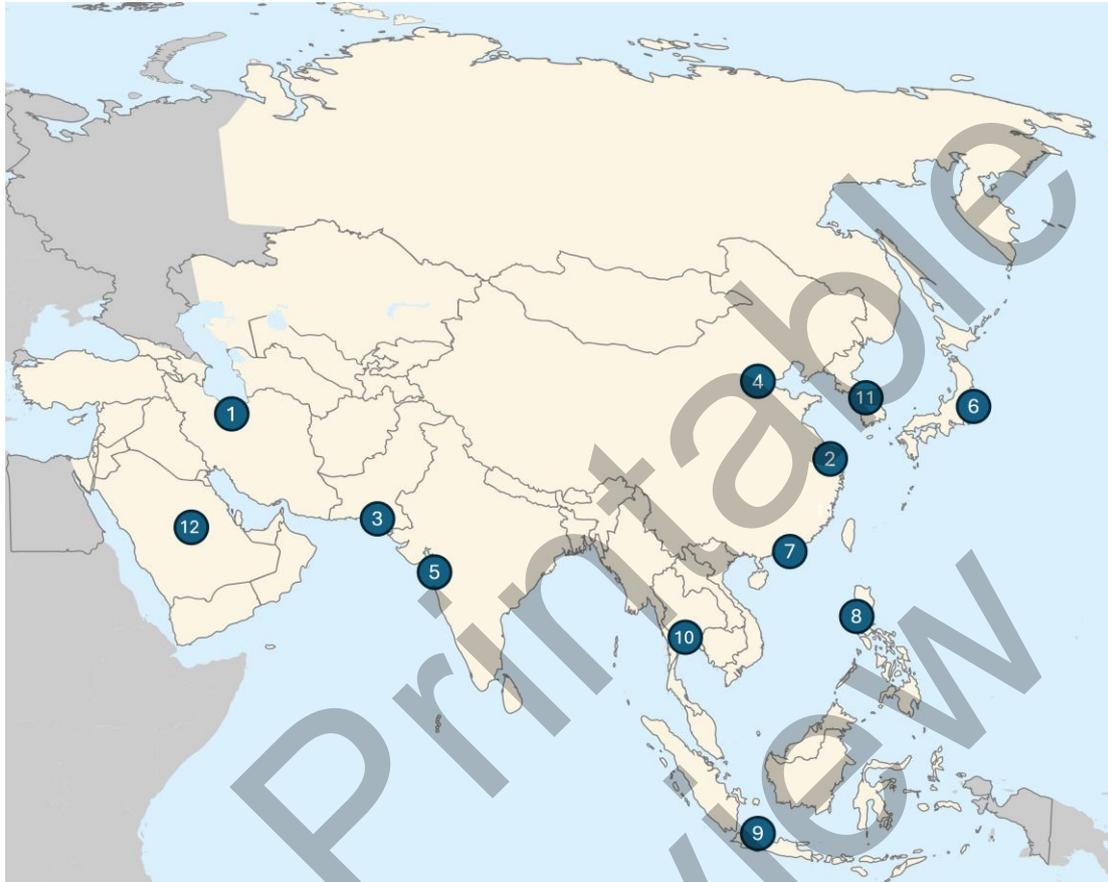


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Bangkok - Beijing - Dubai - Istanbul - Hong Kong - Jakarta - Karachi - Kolkata - Manila - Mumbai - Riyadh - Seoul - Shanghai - Teheran - Tokyo

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African cities

Match the cities with the numbers. There are THREE names you will not need.



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Addis Abeba - Alexandria - Cairo - Cape Town - Casablanca - Dakar - Dar es Salaam - Johannesburg - Khartoum - Kinshasa - Lagos - Nairobi - Tunis

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South American cities

Match the cities with the numbers. There are TWO names you will not need.



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Asuncion - Bogota - Brasilia - Buenos Aires - Caracas - La Paz - Lima - Manaus - Quito - Rio de Janeiro - Sao Paulo - Santiago

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Cities in Australia and New Zealand

Match the cities with the numbers.



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Adelaide - Alice Springs - Auckland - Brisbane - Canberra - Darwin - Melbourne - Perth - Sydney - Wellington

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Essay : City or Country Life ?

Write about the advantages and disadvantages of city life compared to life in the countryside. Give examples from your own experience. Explain where you prefer to live and why !

Room for corrections

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