

## 3 – Point Questions

Read the text. For each question (1-5), choose the correct answer.

**Kids on the Block: Are cities made for young people?**



A billion kids are growing up in urban areas around the globe. But not all cities are planned with their needs in mind. In fact, it might seem that we are trying our very best to make cities inhospitable places for young people. There's an actual device called the Mosquito that emits a maddening sound at a very high frequency - so high that only young people can hear it. The company producing it markets the Mosquito as an anti-loitering device for teenagers. It might sound like something taken out of George Orwell's dystopian novel, *1984*, but the Mosquito is not just the stuff of nightmares. Ridiculous though this item of ultrasonic weaponry might sound, it is indicative of broader attitudes towards children and teenagers. And while its insidiousness would put even Margaret Thatcher's social policies to shame, it has attracted a worrying number of purchasers, prompting the UK's first children's commissioner, Sir Al Aynsley – Green to deem the UK as "one of the most child unfriendly countries in the world" in 2010.

Such manifestations of urban enmity towards youngsters will have to come to a halt soon. By 2050 around 70 percent of world denizens will be urbanites and the majority of them will be underage. Designing cities with this age group in mind is something that city planners can't turn a blind eye to. City officials, planners, and NGOs are getting a head start on that already, but most such initiatives are being

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put on the back burner. What has escaped governments so far is the fact that planning for children entails paying due attention to other vulnerable groups such as the disabled and the elderly. The common denominator of all these three groups is their more limited range of movement and their slower pace. Revamping cities with vulnerability in mind could unite policymakers who would otherwise disagree on many counts.

So what does it actually mean to design a city around kids? Two main aspects stand out: everyday freedoms and children's infrastructure. Everyday freedoms refer to children's ability to navigate the neighbourhood without adult chaperoning by walking or cycling to school, to a recreation centre, to a park. The "popsicle test," in which a child can walk from their home to a store, buy a popsicle, and return home before it melts, measures this ability. Children's infrastructure means the network of spaces and streets that support these everyday freedoms. Walkability and decreasing the dominance of the automobile by creating wider sidewalks and protected cycle lanes and footbridges are two crucial components of a healthy, child-friendly infrastructure.

Things are slowly moving in the right direction, with a few praiseworthy urban interventions already in place. The Bicentennial Children's Park in Santiago, Chile, spans the city and provides a continuous, green walkway and play space, cutting through diverse neighbourhoods and economic glass walls, ensuring equal access to all. The Dutch, always ahead of the game when it comes to city planning, offer children in Rotterdam a forested area in one of its city parks where children can make dens, fires, and rafts, and even camp out overnight. Imagine this happening in your own city and then go out and put pressure on your local representatives to make it happen!

1. The Mosquito was created in order to .....

- A) alert store owners to attempted break - ins.
- B) keep young people away from dangerous areas.
- C) prevent gang activity.
- D) keep kids from hanging out in public places.
- E) keep teenagers busy with useful things.

2. By the end of the 21st century, the majority of the world's population will comprise .....

- A) children under 18 living in cities.
- B) young adults living in cities.
- C) pensioners living in villages.
- D) middle-aged families living in urban areas.
- E) children living outside the cities.

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3. Designing cities that are amenable to youngsters is .....

- A) more important than to care for adult's needs.
- B) at the top of the list of public concerns.
- C) something officials have not spared a single thought for.
- D) not an important matter.
- E) not given top priority.

4. The popsicle test measures .....

- A) the availability of popsicles in neighbourhoods.
- B) the level of trust parents place in their kids.
- C) the ease and degree of safety that kids have in their neighbourhoods.
- D) the distance between private homes and stores.
- E) the quality of popsicles.

5. The most remarkable quality of the Bicentennial Children's Park in Santiago is that .....

- A) it breaks down class divisions.
- B) it is green.
- C) it has glass walls.
- D) it is isolated from the city.
- E) it doesn't have glass.

6. Which word fits in all three sentences?

- OK, let's ..... on and try to reach the top by lunchtime.
- These trousers are specially designed so that you don't need to iron and ..... them.
- If you ..... this button here, you'll activate the alarm system.

- A) play
- B) press
- C) push
- D) pull
- E) put

7. There is a town in southern France

Framed by mountains, sky and water

It looks quite nice at your first glance

But sounds more like a brother's daughter.

- A) Nice
- B) Neat
- C) Nantes
- D) Net
- E) Niece

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8. They've been married for over fifty years, but she still remembers the day she first .....



- A) fell over him                      B) stuck on him                      C) fell for him  
D) wed him                              E) keen on him

9. Read the first sentence. For the second sentence, choose the best answer so that the meaning stays the same.

I wish I hadn't booked a room in that hotel. It completely ruined my holiday.  
I'd sooner ..... a room in that hotel. It completely ruined my holiday.

- A) not book                              B) not to have booked                      C) didn't book  
D) not have booked                      E) not to book

10. Two hundred and fifty people applied for the job. Of these, only twenty applicants were ..... for interview.

- A) shortcut                              B) shortchanged                              C) short-staffed  
D) shortcoming                              E) shortlisted

## 4 – Point Questions

For each sentence (11-15), choose the correctly-spelled word to complete each gap.

11. When you work in a department as big as ours, it is highly likely you will encounter a few ..... individuals.

- A) opinionated                              B) oppinionated                              C) opinonated  
D) oppinonated                              E) opineonated

12. There is little to no ..... of finding employment in my profession in such a small town.

- A) likelyhood                              B) likellyhood                              C) liklihood  
D) likellihood                              E) likelihood

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13. The ..... of suburban Paris has given many people the opportunity to move to the big city.

- A) expension
- B) expansion
- C) expantion
- D) expention
- E) expansion



14. The popularity of social media has helped spread awareness on serious issues in ..... ways.

- A) unprecedented
- B) unpreecedented
- C) unpricedented
- D) unprecidentated
- E) unpreseedented

15. People's massive ..... to the new antibiotic goes to show how little time was spent on research.

- A) resistence
- B) resistance
- C) rezistence
- D) rezistance
- E) resistanse

16. What does the term *metamorphosis* mean?

- A) change of colour
- B) change of shape
- C) change of pace
- D) change of taste
- E) change of mind



17. Even though you just got fired, remember that every cloud has a ..... lining.

- A) golden
- B) purple
- C) blue
- D) silver
- E) grey

18. Jim has burnt the candles at both ends. This means that Jim .....

- A) has supervised others to do the work
- B) hasn't done any work at all
- C) has worked for many hours without getting enough rest
- D) has worked a lot and has lost everything
- E) has worked for many hours and has earned a lot of money

19. What does the phrase in italics mean?

Her song, considered a real hit, was just *a flash in the pan*.

- A) ignored
- B) faked
- C) unpleasant
- D) popular for a short time
- E) hilarious

20. When Tom turned fifty, he decided he needed to live life in the ..... lane.  
So he quit his job as an accountant and decided to tour Europe by motorcycle.



- A) broad  
D) deep  
B) short  
E) first  
C) fast

## 5 – Point Questions

For each sentence (21-25), choose the right answer to replace the phrase in *italics* and preserve the original meaning.

21. Johanna *is very contemptuous of* certain types of people.

- A) looks up to  
D) looks down to  
B) looks down on  
E) looks up at  
C) looks out at

22. While in Paris, he *lost touch with* current affairs in his hometown.

- A) didn't catch on with  
C) didn't catch up with  
E) didn't catch down with  
B) didn't catch out with  
D) didn't catch in with

23. They *didn't pay the restaurant cheque* before leaving.

- A) didn't settle down with the restaurant  
B) didn't settle in with the restaurant  
C) didn't settle out with the restaurant  
D) didn't settle on with the restaurant  
E) didn't settle up with the restaurant



24. Let's *get rid of* those tickets.

- A) do away with  
D) do out with  
B) do up with  
E) do on with  
C) do around with

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25. When he arrives, lead him into my office, please.

- A) show him up                      B) show him in                      C) show him down  
D) show him on                      E) show him at

26. It is obvious that the new law has ..... some revolutionary changes in the current tax system but there are still some points to be revised.

- A) brought about                      B) broken away                      C) taken in  
D) pulled out                      E) come at

27. You may think the kids know the solutions but they don't, ..... ?

- A) do they                      B) mayn't you                      C) may they  
D) may you                      E) do you

28. What colour is cerulean?

- A) red                      B) blue                      C) yellow  
D) green                      E) orange

29. What does the women's suffrage refer to?

- A) the right of women to be in Parliament  
B) the right of women not to suffer  
C) the right of women to vote  
D) the women's rights in military service  
E) the women's right to speak in public

30. The Internet offers great business potential for an entrepreneur prepared to ..... out a niche for themselves.

- A) slice                      B) cut                      C) grate  
D) slash                      E) carve

