**Put each of the following words or phrases in its correct place in the passage.**

**Cosmopolitan - pollution - congestion - to breed crime - metropolis - urban - cost of living -irresistible lure - stimulation - commuter -city dwellers - anonymity**

Most people in developed countries are (a)……………………, many drawn by the (b)………………….of the (c)…………………….. The attractions of the city are many: the (d)……………….. atmosphere (foreign restaurants, different languages, international companies), the (e)……………….of cultural events or the simple hope of finding work. All too many find, however, that the glamorous façade is false. One can be very alone in the city and the (f)……………….which at first seems to give freedom and protection later leaves just loneliness. There is a lot to do but everything is expensive. The (g)………………………is high. There is (h)………………………………not only of the physical but also of the moral environment, and the various pressures of ( i)……………………………life cause cities (j)………………………….. Above all, perhaps, it is the daily stress and strains of the city which make life there a matter of survival rather than of enjoyment. Many a (k)………………………struggling to work through the rush hour (l)……………………. asks, “is it worth it?”

**Open-cloze text**

**Fill in the gaps with one word only to complete the meaning.**

– is it better? Or you think your life would have been little different if you were residing in a suburb area.

If you ask me, I vote (1)…………city life. I’m not quite made (2)…………….a slow village life. I feel quite attracted to a city life considering the educational and many important opportunities it has to(3)………………..

Education has (4)………………the first priority of my life. And I think a city life can offer a great support in (5)…………….of offering a vast choice of good institutions that one may like to choose for higher studies.

I like city life because of the diversity of things you can do. For example, job opportunities are better in the cities. So, if you’re a city dweller, you don’t have to leave your home in the (6)…………… of better work opportunities. You’ll be (7)……………… to earn the livelihood and be by the side of your family simultaneously. This was probably the biggest reason I never could go against the city life.

The third reason I like city life is because it offers hundreds of other recreational opportunities. I’m especially a fun (8)……………… person and never like to sit at home in the weekends. City life is always very happening and great fun. You can go to a water park, enjoy fun rides with your family, have a great time with your friends in a restaurant.

Yes, sometimes the busy city life gets a bit strenuous. But when I need a change, I take a short two day off for a nice refreshment. City life is (9)………………………. better because it’s free from the conservative mentality of the villages. The busy city life doesn’t permit time for unproductive things which can make the life of a person complicated. As city dwellers get exposure (10)………………… tons of possible career opportunities, most people can plan their career wisely.

Fierce competition of city life makes people competitive and smart. This is what actually the modern world needs. Our world doesn’t need orthodox rituals or superstitious belief. The city life teaches us how to fight with the oddities and become a winner.

**Word forms**

**1 repeat** a) He lost his temper and used disgusting……………………… language.

b) In this essay you’ve said the same thing several times, it’s very …………………………………………….

**2 friend** a)The …………………………………… between the two soon developed into love.

b)In London she was ……………………………………… by a rich man who looked after her.

c)The desert is a dangerous ………………… place.

**3 describe** a) The damage caused by the earthquake cannot be imagined. It

 was ……………………………………

b)The teacher asked them to write a ……………………………… passage about their home towns.

c)The witness was able to give a full …………………………… of the wanted man

**4 courage**  a) His friends tried to ………………………. Him from attempting the

 dangerous climb.

 b)She ………………………………… stood in the way of the escaping robbers.

 c) His parents gave him a lot of …………………………………… in his studies.

**5 reside** a)This is the President’s official ………………………………

 b) There is no industry or entertainment here. It’s a ……………………………

 district.

 c) All ………………………… of the neighboring houses were warned of the gas leak.

**Explain the words in bold type**

1 I’d like to stay at your place if I am not **imposing** on you. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2 We left the car **idling** outside while we ran into the shop. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3 You will need a technician to **hook** the video up to the TV.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4 She **intimated** that she preferred to leave. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5 You were simply **inviting** danger. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6 They **ironed out** most of their problems. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7 The chairman pointed out some ideas he’d like to see **implemented** within five years. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8 I’m sorry I’ve **inconvenienced** you. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9 I don’t usually drink but now and again I **indulge** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10 These changes **injected** a new spark of life into him. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11 Examiners are **hot** in punctuation mistakes.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12 Soldiers are subject to **iron** discipline.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Put the words in heavy type next to their definitions below.**

**evade meddle relevant dignity connected mould retreat minister**

1 nobleness 4 joined together

2 having a connection 5 interfere

3 purposely ignore 6 give

 7 retire to a place

**Transformations**

1 In spite of the rain we went out for a walk.

Although……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

2 How can I compensate for having offended you?

What can I do to make ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..?

3 People say this artist is as good as Picasso.

This artist ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

4 The government should do something about improving the education system.

It’s high time something…………………………………………………………………………………….

5 She was determined to win the race.

She had no ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

6 I assure you that I only took your coat by mistake.

I assure you that I didn’t………………………………………………………………………………………………

7 She said she had not stolen the money.

She denied…………………………………………………………………………………..

8 As he waited he became more and more angry.

The …………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

9 I know very little about nuclear physics.

My ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

10 He exploited our friendship.

He took…………………………………………………………………………….

11 I couldn’t understand anything that was said.

I could not take ……………………………………………………………………………………………..