**CITY LIFE VS. COUNTRY LIFE**

**Task 1 – Reading comprehension**

**Read the article and complete the gaps with the words from the box.**

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| access advantages population experts rural facilities different drawbacks communication settlements community |

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CITY AND COUNTRY LIFE?**

(Adapted from: <https://wppathfinder.com/what-is-the-difference-between-city-and-country-life/>.)

People provide different opinion while choosing to live in the city or countryside. Both come up with different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as well.

Dense population, air pollution, water pollution, sound pollution and stressful life are some common scenarios in city life. Is then living in the countryside more heavenly?

A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or countryside living is popularly known as village life. Basically, a village is a natural growth of a human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where people live generation after generation.

Thus, the base of rural life is strong and powerful. Most of the people love living in the countryside for it's a slower pace of life and pleasant environment.

On the other hand, a city is a community of large number of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that come up with lots of advantages and disadvantages as well. Most of the globalisation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ agree that a town gradually converts into a city to adopt huge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pressure and offer all modern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Comparing with village life a city offers more advantages like job opportunities, recreational facilities, better transport, better education and all modern technologies for easy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And people love city life for its fast movement.

Living in city and countryside are totally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Living in countryside offers more open space, pollution-free environment, healthy food and healthy living. But most of the time people from villages depend on cities for some facilities like better education and treatment.

On the other hand, city life offers a glamorous life with all other advantages. You are in the centre of everything; you have easy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all modern amenities that make your life colourful. Although cities have all modern facilities, living there is more mechanic and complex. There are thousands of people living in a small territory and they are not inter-connected with strong bonding. Everything is most likely artificial that makes the city life stressful and complex.

**Task 2 – Speaking skills**

**Describe and compare living in the city and living in the countryside. Use the ideas from the chart. Which one do you prefer and why? Justify your choice.**

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| **The basis for comparison** | **City** | **Country** |
| Life | Fast and complicated | Simple  |
| Pollution | Associated with pollution | Less pollution |
| Convenience | Enjoy modern exposures | Away from modern facilities |
| Personal Fitness | More incorporate with it | Less required |
| Cost of Living | Expensive | Cheap |
| Collective Mentality | Break down the traditional value | Put uphold their cultural heritage |
| Employment | Better job opportunities | More prone to blue-collar jobs |
| Marriage and Divorce | Drastically changing | Dominated and deeply rooted in the local culture |

**Task 3 – Word formation**

**Complete the following text with the correct form of the words in brackets.**

**SOCIAL VALUE AND COLLECTIVE MENTALITY**

Source: <https://wppathfinder.com/what-is-the-difference-between-city-and-country-life/>

Country life offers more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (society) value and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (responsible). People are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (strong) connected with each other. They are also more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (help) to each other and do not avoid social responsibilities. They are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (respect) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (affection). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (tradition) marriage system is common in the village life while in complex city life, the rate of divorce is high due to weak family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (relate).

**Task 4 – Speaking skills: describing a picture**

**Describe the picture below answering the following questions:**

* Who can you see in the picture?
* What is the relationship among them?
* Where are they?
* What are they doing?
* What is your impression seeing them?



Source: <https://wppathfinder.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/family-bonding.jpg>

**Task 5 – Listening comprehension**

***Advantages of Living in the City or the Town***

**Listen to the following conversation on advantages of living in the city or the town and check your comprehension with listening questions in the video clip.**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzWiqrEqwqk**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzWiqrEqwqk)

**Task 6 – Writing skills**

**Write an essay giving your opinion on the following statement:**

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| Country life is better than city life. |

**How far do you agree with this statement? Support your opinion in 120–180 words.**

**COUNTRY LIFE IS BETTER THAN CITY LIFE**

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