

ЗАДАНИЯ ДЛЯ 9-10 КЛАССОВ

Part 1. Reading

The City of the Future: A Vision for 2025 and Beyond

What will our cities look like in the near future? By 2025, experts predict that urban areas will become smarter, greener, and more focused on the well-being of their inhabitants. The concept of a "smart city" is no longer science fiction; it's becoming our reality, driven by advances in technology and a growing awareness of environmental issues.

One of the most noticeable changes will be in transportation. Imagine streets filled with electric and self-driving cars that communicate with each other to avoid traffic jams and accidents. Public transport will become more efficient, with apps showing the exact location of your bus or train. Bicycle-sharing programs and wider pedestrian zones will encourage people to leave their cars at home, reducing both pollution and noise.

Sustainability is another key goal. Future cities will be filled with "vertical gardens" – skyscrapers covered with plants that help clean the air. Solar panels on roofs and smart energy grids will make buildings more self-sufficient. Waste management will also improve dramatically. Smart bins will send signals when they are full, optimizing collection routes and increasing recycling rates.

However, the human aspect remains central. Technology should serve people, not the other way around. Planners are creating more green spaces like parks and community gardens where people can relax and socialize. The aim is to combat the loneliness that can sometimes be a problem in big, busy cities.

Of course, there are challenges. Making cities smarter requires significant investment and reliable data protection to keep citizens' information safe. There is also a risk that these technologies could become too controlling. The goal for 2025 and beyond is to build cities that are not only intelligent but also inclusive, sustainable, and truly livable for everyone.

Task 1.

*For statements 1–8, choose **TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information given in the text; **FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information given in the text, or **NOT STATED** if the information on the statement is not given in the text.*

1. The creation of smart cities is a direct result of technological progress and environmental concerns.

2. Future vehicles are designed to operate independently without any human intervention.
 3. The text implies that the convenience of public transport will be significantly improved due to digitalization.
 4. The primary function of plants on skyscrapers is to produce food for urban populations.
 5. The implementation of smart waste systems is expected to make garbage collection more efficient and eco-friendly.
 6. Urban planners are intentionally designing social spaces to mitigate the effects of loneliness in large cities.
 7. The main financial challenge mentioned is the high cost of building vertical gardens.
 8. The ultimate objective is to achieve a balance where technological progress serves broader human and environmental values.
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Task 2.

For questions 9–15, choose the option A, B, C or D which best fits according to the text.

9. What is the main idea of the text?
 - A) The problems of modern urban transportation.
 - B) A forecast of urban development and its potential impacts on society and the environment.
 - C) A detailed plan for implementing new technologies in cities by 2025.
 - D) A criticism of the current environmental policies in major cities.
10. According to the text, what is the key driving force behind the "smart city" concept?
 - A) Competition between different tech companies.
 - B) Technological advancements and a shift in environmental consciousness.
 - C) The demands of the younger generation for more gadgets.
 - D) The decrease in urban populations.
11. How is the issue of traffic efficiency expected to be addressed?
 - A) By banning all private car ownership.
 - B) Through the synergy of intelligent vehicles and the promotion of non-motorized transport.
 - C) By making public transport free for everyone.
 - D) The text does not provide any specific solutions.
12. The word "sustainability" in paragraph 3 is best defined as a focus on:
 - A) using resources in a way that meets long-term environmental and human needs.

- B) constructing buildings that are very tall and strong.
C) sustaining high economic growth rates.
D) maintaining the current way of life without changes.
13. What is the dual purpose of creating more green spaces like parks and community gardens?
A) To increase the cost of living and attract tourists.
B) To provide recreational areas and address social well-being.
C) To reduce the space available for new buildings.
D) To serve as the primary source of food for the community.
14. Which of the following is mentioned as a potential risk associated with smart cities?
A) Technology becoming too dominant in people's lives.
B) A return to traditional lifestyles.
C) A lack of public interest in new technologies.
D) Increased levels of noise pollution.
15. What is the author's overall stance towards the future of cities?
A) Pessimistic and fearful.
B) Critically optimistic, recognizing both benefits and challenges.
C) Neutral and purely informative.
D) Uncritically enthusiastic.

Part 2. Use of English

Task 1. Word Formation

For items 1–10, use the word given in capitals in brackets to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

Living in a Digital World

The (1) _____ (GROW) of technology has been incredibly fast. For many of us, using smartphones and the internet is a daily (2) _____ (ACTIVE). These tools provide us with endless (3) _____ (ENTERTAIN) and information. However, this constant (4) _____ (CONNECT) can also have negative effects. Some people experience (5) _____ (ANXIOUS) if they cannot check their phones. It is important to have a (6) _____ (HEALTH) balance between online and offline life. Taking a digital break can be a (7) _____ (POWER) way to reduce stress. Try to be (8) _____ (THOUGHT) about how you use technology. Remember that real-world (9) _____ (RELATION) are just as important as digital ones. Finding this balance is key to (10) _____ (HAPPY) in the modern age.

Task 2. Multiple Choice Cloze

For items 1–10, read the text below and choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best fits each gap.

The Power of Habits

Our lives are essentially a collection of habits. These are the automatic behaviours we perform daily, often without (1) _____ about them. From brushing our teeth to checking our phone first thing in the morning, habits (2) _____ our routines. But how are they formed? The habit loop consists of a cue, a routine, and a reward. The cue triggers the behaviour, the routine is the behaviour (3) _____, and the reward is what makes the brain want to repeat the loop in the future.

Understanding this loop is the key to (4) _____ bad habits and creating good ones. For example, if you want to start exercising more, you can (5) _____ a specific cue, like laying out your workout clothes the night before. The routine is the exercise itself, and the reward could be a smoothie or a feeling of accomplishment. It's not always easy, and willpower is a (6) _____ resource that can get used up. Therefore, making the new habit as easy as possible to start is crucial. Don't aim to run a marathon on day one; just aim to put on your running shoes. Over time, this small (7) _____ will become a powerful, positive habit.

The good news is that you are not (8) _____ by your habits. With a bit of self-awareness and effort, you can rewire your brain and take (9) _____ of your daily actions, leading to a healthier, more (10) _____ life.

	A	B	C	D
1	thinking	know	imagine	dream
2	make	shape	break	find
3	itself	myself	yourself	themselves
4	making	doing	breaking	taking
5	choose	hide	avoid	forget
6	limited	endless	small	tiny
7	step	ladder	stair	run
8	stuck	taken	made	done

	A	B	C	D
9	control	part	care	hold
10	productive	bored	tired	weak

Task 3. Proofreading

For items 1–10, some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick (✓). If a line has a word which should not be there, write down the word.

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The Unexpected Discovery

Last year, archaeologists made a very surprising discovery while they | 0
 were excavating an ancient Roman site in England. They have been | 00
 working there for over six months and were about to finish up their | 1
 dig when one of the students noticed something unusual in the soil. | 2
 It was a small, metal object that it was covered in rust. At the first, | 3
 they thought it was just a piece of modern rubbish, but after they | 4
 cleaned it up, they realized it was a rare Roman coin. The coin was | 5
 from the reign of Emperor Hadrian and was in an excellent condition | 6
 despite its age. What was most interesting about the coin was that | 7
 it had been minted in Rome but was found it in northern England. | 8
 This discovery has could change historians' understanding of | 9
 trade routes between Rome and Britain. The coin is now being on | 10
 display at the British Museum in London for everyone to see it.