UNIT 12: AN OVERCROWDED WORLD

**VOCABULARY**

**Overcrowded places**PRONUNCIATION

**Word stress: review**GRAMMAR

**Comparisons of quantifiers:** more, less/fewer  
**Tag questions**

I. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) whose stress is different from the others.

1. A. amazing B. spacious C.poverty D.interesting

2. A. experience B. economy C.community D.overcrowded

3. A. population B.malnutrition C.agriculture D.disadvantage

4. A. consider B.industry C.explosion D.condition

5. A. nutrition B.criminal C.average D. density

II. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) whose underlined part is pronounced differently.

1. A. flop B.shortage C. support D. brainstorm

2. A.document B.follow C.reporter D. poverty

3. A. holiday B.fortunate C.tropical D. concentrate

4. A. fossil B.hollow C.costume D. transport

5. A. hospital B. enormous C. important D. performance

III. Choose the correct form of the words (A, B, C or D) to complete the sentences.

**1. The city government has succeeded in taking control of the\_\_\_\_\_rate recently.**

A. crime

B. criminalise

C. criminality

D. criminal

**2. We need more cheap and\_\_\_\_\_\_apartments to adapt to people's need nowadays.**

A. spacing

B. spaciously

C. spaciousness

D. spacious

**3. They should have some effective policies to avoid\_\_\_\_\_\_because the density of their city is nearly high.**

A. population

B. overpopulation

C. populate

D. populated

**4. He is dealing with his work\_\_\_\_, so he needs time to take a rest.**

A. stressful

B.stressing

C.stressfully

D.stressed

**5. They are finding some good solutions\_\_\_\_the homeless.**

A. to support

B.supporting

C.supported

D.support

IV. Choose the best word or phrase (A, B, C or D) to complete each sentence.

**1. She is living in a big city with streets and buildings. It is difficult for her to look for a peaceful place to relax.**

A. sociable

B. convenient

C. overcrowded

D. serious

**2. There are many for workers that have low salary to live in this area. They are normally in bad condition.**

A. factories

B.slums

C.hotels

D.lands

**3. They should improve the facilities in the hospital to meet the\_\_\_for people in need.**

A. healthcare

B.probability

C.richness

D.wealth

**4. She is nervous about the\_\_\_\_\_of children living under the shortage of food.**

A. drought

B.community

C.malnutrition

D.crime

**5. They consider that the rapid increase of factories is one of the reasons\_\_\_\_\_ air pollution in their city.**

A. in

B.to

C.from

D.for

**6. They are transporting a lot of food to the drought areas to help solve\_\_\_\_\_problems.**

A. standard

B.hunger

C.dense

D.slavery

**7. Child is one of the major problems that should be solved immediately in some countries in Africa.**

A. education

B.growth

C.labour

D.desert

**8. He is afraid that population in the city will result in the lack of good accommodation for people**.

A. explosion

B. enlargement

C. poverty

D. inclusion

**9. Many local people go to the big cities because there are\_\_\_\_\_opportunities in earning money there than the local areas.**

A. much

B. more

C. less

D. fewer

**10. Water pollution has happened here for a few years. There is\_\_\_\_clean water than before.**

A. more

B.little

C.fewer

D.less

**11. They are putting up many buildings for people having low income. There will be\_\_\_\_\_\_slums in this area in the future than now.**

A. less

B.fewer

C.more

D.many

**12. They have worked in the factory for a week,\_\_\_\_?**

A. have they

B.haven't them

C.haven't they

D. have them

**13. She read an article on population growth problems yesterday,\_\_\_\_\_?**

A. didn't she

B.doesn't she

C.did she

D. does she

**14. You won't go with me to the park tomorrow,\_\_\_\_?**

A. won't it

B.will you

C.will it

D.won't you

**15. Your cousins aren't living in a big city,\_\_\_\_\_?**

A. are they

B.aren't they

C.isn't

D. is it

V. Choose the best response (A, B, C or D) to complete each conversation.

1. - **Your aunt needs a spacious place for parking, doesn't she?**

**- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A. Not at all. She will buy a small car.

B. Yes, of course. Her car is too big.

C. No. She can have more space.

D. That's enough. Thanks a lot.

2. - **They want** to **improve their standard of living** now, **don't they?**

**- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A. Not really. They are interested in the entertainment there.

B. OK. It's up to them.

C. Yes. They want to have a stable job.

D. They will be better. They love their life.

**3. - They will widen the road next month, won't they?**

**- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

A. I'm not sure. But it will be better if it happens.

B. I don't think so. The road is too narrow.

C. It's a great idea. I'm looking forward to seeing it.

D. Sounds great. I can't stand noise pollution anymore.

**VI. Read the passage and choose the correct answers (A, B, C or D) to fill in the blanks.**

Overpopulation is one of the most dangerous issues that the human race 1.\_\_\_\_\_nowadays. The world population 2.\_\_\_\_\_ in the last 50 years, 3.\_\_\_\_\_ from 3.\_\_\_\_\_ billion in 1960 to 7 billion in 2010. Overpopulation is partly caused by human advancement, especially 4.\_\_\_\_\_ the medical field. Average life expectancy is higher than ever; people now live longer and healthier. Poverty is  
also a contributing factor. Researches show that there is a direct link between overpopulation and poverty. 5.\_\_\_\_\_ and developing countries usually have the highest population growth rate. The lack of education and family planning is  
often why the population in these countries grows so fast.

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| 1. | A. faces | B. is facing | C. faced | D. will face |
| 2. | A.has decreased | B. has stood still | C. has tripled | D. has doubled |
| 3. | A. going | B. gone | C. to go | D. go |
| 4. | A. at | B. in | C. over | D. within |
| 5. | A. Nevertheless | B. Once | C. Poor | D. Luckily |

VII. Read the passage and choose the correct answers.

I have been living in a big city since the day I was born. While it offers many  
advantages, living in a crowded city isn’t a great experience. One of the most  
frustrating things about big cities is traffic jam. It can happen anywhere at any given times. Half of my time on the road is just being stuck in traffic waiting for other cars to move. In addition, more people means more vehicles on the road which leads to airpollution. Noise pollution is also a problem. The city is so noisy that it’s hard to concentrate on studying. Furthermore, it’s costly to live in the city. From housing to food, everything is ridiculously overpriced because of high demand. If I had a choice, I wouldn’t be living in a crowded city at all.

**1. Which of the following would be the best title of the passage?**

A. Disadvantages of A Big City.

B. A Great Experience.

C. Traffic In Big City.

D. Noise Pollution.

**2. What does the writer dislike about big cities?**

A. Traffic problem.

B. Pollution.

C. Living cost.

D. All are correct.

**3. According to the writer, what does traffic jam cause?**

A. Difficulty in moving on the road.

B. Air pollution.

C. Time wasting and air pollution.

D. Time and money wasting.

**4. According to the writer, what does noise pollution lead to?**

A. Living under stress.

B. Losing focus on studying.

C. Polluting the environment.

D. Being stuck in traffic.

**5. Why does the writer mention high demand in the passage?**

A. To explain the high price of things in big cities.

B. To prove that the writer can live in big cities.

C. To reduce the cost of living.

D. To choose to live in a big city.

VIII. Choose the underlined word or phrase (marked A, B, C or D) in each sentence that needs correcting.

**1. The city leaders made success to reduce robbery, violent traffic jams and**

A B C

**unemployment very well.**

D

**2. Their city is dense populated, and it may cause some difficult problems in**

A B C

**increasing the quality of living condition.**

D

**3. The improvement of people's living will help to decrease poor in mountainous areas**

A B C D

**4. There will be fewer green trees in the city than there used to be when a new park**

A B C

**will be built next year.**

D

**5. There are less exhaust fumes than there were when cars are limited to transport**

A B C D

**in rush hours.**

**6. She hasn't tidied up his kitchen after cooking, hasn't she?**

A B C D

**7. Her father isn't listening to news on the radio, does he?**

A B C D