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Before we begin

"Why is it necessary to learn vocabulary for the IELTS Test?" you might ask.

Since IELTS is an English Language Proficiency Test, a strong focus on vocabulary is placed while evaluating a candidate's overall score.

Speaking, Writing, Reading, and Listening are the four parts of the IELTS test. "Vocabulary" is the one feature that all of these modules share in common. Vocabulary is unquestionably one of the most important qualities to have in the **Speaking and Writing** parts. It will account for up to **25% of your overall score**. It is also relevant in the Listening and Reading areas.

One of the Building Blocks of Language is Vocabulary

In our daily lives, we use a variety of terms to express our concepts, feelings, and sentiments to others around us. Often, we are able to interact effectively, although on other occasions we are unable to express the true essence. "This is not what I mean," we say over and over. A decent vocabulary, on the other hand, would undoubtedly aid you in conveying the correct meaning.

The same is true with your IELTS Speaking and Writing tests.

When you have a limited vocabulary, you are more likely to repeat terms within a passage. When yourun out of vocabulary while conversing with your examiner, you keep repeating the phrase over and over.

Quick Tips

Read and listen: The majority of vocabulary is learned by context. So, find a broadcast, a podcast, a journal, or a book that interests you. Do not listen to or read anything that does not concern you and itcan cause you to get overwhelmed.

Write down the following words: Make it a routine to jot down new phrases you come across, grasp their meanings, and learn how to use them correctly.

Use Memory Techniques: It is not enough to learn new vocabulary. It is therefore important to remember them. As a result, you can continue to revisit the terms you have already learned at frequent intervals. Consider revising them in a week, ten days, two weeks, or a month, depending on the schedule.

Training, practise. You would use the terms you write down when voicing and writing, allowing you to maintain track of your language on a daily basis.

Exam performance is dependent on IELTS vocabulary abilities. Make sure you not only remember but also appreciate words in detail while taking the IELTS Test. Prepare to use the words effectively in both writing and speaking.

Lesson 1: Accommodation

- **1. Balcony** an area with a wall or bars around it that is joined to the outside wall of a building on an upper level
- 2. **Brick** a rectangular block of hard material used for building walls and houses
- 3. **ceiling -** the upper surface of a room that you see when you look above you
- 4. **concrete -** a very hard building material made by mixing together cement, sand, small stones, and water
- 5. **cottage -** a small house, usually in the countryside
- 6. **gadget -** a small device or machine with a particular purpose
- 7. **housing -** buildings for people to live in
- 8. **landmark** a building or place that is easily recognized
- 9. **lift shaft** a vertical shaft in a building through which a lift moves to different levels.
- 10. **occupant** a person who lives or works in a room or building
- 11. **platform -** a flat raised area or structure
- 12. **quarry -** a large artificial hole in the ground where stone, sand, etc. is dug for use as building material
- 13. **residence** a home; the place where someone lives
- 14. **steel -** a strong metal that is a mixture of iron and carbon
- 15. **timber -** wood that is prepared for use in building, etc
- 16. airy with a lot of light and space
- 17. **conventional** traditional and ordinary

- 18. **cosy** comfortable and pleasant, especially (of a building) because of being small and warm
- 19. **cramped -** not having enough space or time.
- 20. **disposable -** used once then thrown away
- 21. **exterior** outer; on or from the outside
- 22. **futuristic** relating to the future, or very modern or advanced
- 23. **high-rise** a tall modern building with many floors
- 24. **mass-produced -** produced in large numbers using machinery
- 25. **multi-storey -** a building that has several floors
- 26. **ornate** having a lot of decoration
- 27. **prefabricated** built from parts that have been made in a factory and can be put together quickly
- 28. **spacious -** large and with a lot of space
- 29. **state-of-the-art -** very modern and using the most recent ideas and methods
- 30. **ultra-modern -** extremely modern; advanced
- 31. **automate -** to change a factory, office, or process so that machines do the work instead of people
- 32. **condemn** to criticize something or someone strongly, usually for moral reasons
- 33. **demolish** knock down, destroy thoroughly
- 34. **devise** to invent something, esp. with intelligence or imagination
- 35. **haul** to pull something heavy slowly and with difficulty
- 36. **hoist** to lift something heavy, often with special equipment
- 37. **renovate** to repair and improve something, especially a building
- 38. **skyward** in the direction of the sky

- 39. **warehouse** a large building for storing things before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
- 40. **tough -** strong; not easily broken or made weaker or defeated
- 41. **spring system -** is an elastic object used to store mechanical energy.
- 42. **mesh** to join together in the correct position
- 43. **ratchet** a part of a machine that allows movement in one direction only.
- 44. **unveil** to show or make something known for the first time
- 45. **slack -** not tight; loose
- 46. **contraption** device
- 47. **tenant -** a person who rents a room, a building, or land
- 48. **screw -** a thin pointed piece of metal like a nail with a raised spiral line
- 49. **heading -** words written or printed at the top of a text as a title
- 50. **obsession** something or someone that you think about all the time
- 51. **consolidate** to combine into a single unit; to group together or join.
- 52. **indebted -** grateful because of help given
- 53. **depict** to represent or show something in a picture, story, movie, etc.; portray
- 54. mixed success successful only on few issues not on all of them
- 55. **appliance -** a device, machine, or piece of equipment, especially an electrical one that is used in the house
- 56. **team up** to join another person, or form a group with other people, in order to do something together
- 57. **surround** to be around something on all sides
- 58. **combustion** the process of burning
- 59. **self-propelled** able to move by its own power

- 60. **stack -** to arrange things in an ordered pile
- 61. **marvel** a wonderful and surprising person or thing
- 62. apparent easily seen or perceived, easily understood
- 63. **hose -** a long plastic or rubber pipe, used to direct water onto fires, gardens, etc.
- 64. **drapery** cloth arranged in folds
- 65. **blast** a sudden strong blow of air
- 66. **overriding -** more important
- 67. **acquisition** the process of getting something
- 68. **incorporation** the act of including something
- 69. **turmoil -** a state of confusion, excitement, or anxiety
- 70. masculine of man; male
- 71. **rough and ready -** produced quickly, with little preparation
- 72. **stark -** extreme
- 73. **pejorative** insulting, disapproving
- 74. **cherished** bringing the pleasure of love
- 75. **utopian -** romantic
- 76. **blur** to make something hard to see
- 77. **deployment** the use of something or someone in an effective way
- 78. **rosy** optimistic, bright, happy
- 79. **exhort** to strongly encourage or persuade someone to do something
- 80. **self-indulgent -** allowing yourself to have or do anything that you enjoy
- 81. **free rein -** the freedom to do, say, or feel what you want

- 82. **spa** a town where water comes out of the ground and people come to drink it or lie in it because they think it will improve their health
- 83. **discotheque -** disco
- 84. **ebb** to becomes less strong or disappear
- 85. **hectic** full of busy activity
- 86. **imperative -** extremely important or urgent
- 87. **envisage** to have a mental picture of; visualize.
- 88. **consumerism** the state of an advanced industrial society in which a lot of goods are bought and sold

- 1. In some countries prisoners are allowed comfortable accommodation, good food, and healthcare. Do you think this is appropriate? To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give specific reasons and examples to support your position.
- 2. People are more mobile nowadays. They seldom live in one city all of their lives. Why do you think this is happening? What are the consequences of this trend? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this situation. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion
- 3. In some countries prisons are overcrowded which leads to many expenses for the government. To lessen the cost for prisoners' cost of living, reduced sentences are implemented. What do you suggest could be done? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 4. Some parents allow their teenage children to live independently, away from home. Other parents don't want their teenage children to live away from them. Which do you think is better and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.
- 5. In some countries, people live with their parents and siblings until their old age. Do you think there are more advantages or disadvantages to this behaviour? Discuss your opinion and provide specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Lesson 2: Business

- 1. **boss** manager; the person who is in charge of an organization and who tells others what to do
- 2. **campaign -** a plan consisting of a number of activities directed toward the achievement of an aim
- 3. **career** the job or series of jobs that you do during your working life
- 4. **clerk -** a person who works in an office, dealing with records or performing general office duties
- 5. colleague someone you work with
- 6. **credibility** the fact that someone can be believed or trusted
- 7. **employee** someone who is paid to work for someone else
- 8. **goods** things for sale, or the things that you own
- 9. **job satisfaction -** the feeling of pleasure and achievement which you experience in your job when you know that your work is worth doing
- 10. **labourer** a person who does physical work, especially outdoors
- 11. **manual worker -** a worker who does physical work
- 12. **manual work -** work involving the hands, as opposed to an office job, for example
- 13. **niche -** a job, position, or place that is very suitable for someone
- 14. **occupation** a person's job
- 15. **overtime** time worked in addition to your usual job hours
- 16. **perk** an advantage
- 17. **profession -** any type of work, esp. one that needs a high level of education or a particular skill
- 18. **prospects** the possibility of being successful, especially at work

- 19. **qualification -** an ability, characteristic, or experience that makes you suitable for a particular job or activity
- 20. **retirement -** the act of leaving your job and stopping working, usually because you are old
- 21. **share -** one of the equal parts that the ownership of a company is divided into, and that can be bought by members of the public
- 22. **shift work -** a system in which different groups of workers work somewhere at different times of the day and night
- 23. **supervisor** a person whose job is to supervise someone or something
- 24. **takeover -** a situation in which a company gets control of another company by buying enough of its shares
- 25. wages the money earned by an employee, esp. when paid for the hours worked
- 26. **casual -** not regular or fixed
- 27. **demanding** needing a lot of time, attention, or energy
- 28. **hospitality -** the act of being friendly and welcoming to guests and visitors:
- 29. **monotonous -** not changing and therefore boring
- 30. **retail -** the activity of selling goods to the public, usually in shops
- 31. **endorse** to state publicly that you approve of or support someone or something
- 32. invest (in) to spend money on something which you believe will make a profit
- 33. **shelf stacker -** shelf filler; someone whose job is to put goods on the shelves in a supermarket
- 34. **redundant** having lost your job because your employer no longer needs you
- 35. **next to nothing -** very little; hardly anything; almost nothing
- 36. **workplace -** a building or room where people perform their jobs, or these places generally

- 37. **cosmetics** substances that you put on your face or body that are intended to improve your appearance
- 38. **skincare** things that you do and use to keep your skin healthy and attractive
- 39. **dermatologist -** a doctor who studies and treats skin diseases
- 40. **invaluable -** extremely useful
- 41. work ethic the belief that work is morally good

- 1. Do you think businesses should hire employees who will spend their entire lives working for the company? Explain why do you agree or disagree. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.
- 2. Countries should restrict foreign companies from opening offices and factories in order to protect local businesses. Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons and specific examples to explain your answer.
- 3. People are more aware of fashion nowadays and it continues to be a huge business, with a lot of advertising involved and millions of dollars of being paid to models. Discuss whether this is a good or bad trend. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- 4. Countries should restrict foreign companies from opening offices and factories in order to protect local businesses. Do you agree or disagree?

Lesson 3: Childhood

- 1. **adolescence** the period of time in a person's life when they are developing into an adult
- 2. adulthood the part of someone's life when they are an adult
- 3. **bond** a close connection joining two or more people
- 4. **brotherhood** friendship and loyalty

- 5. **character** the particular combination of qualities in a person or place that makes them different from others
- 6. **childhood** the time when someone is a child
- 7. **conflict -** an active disagreement, as between opposing opinions or needs
- 8. **fatherhood** the state or time of being a father
- 9. **instinct** the way people or animals naturally react or behave, without having to think or learn about it
- 10. **interaction -** an occasion when two or more people or things communicate with or react to each other
- 11. **motherhood** the state or time of being a mother
- 12. **nature** the type or main characteristic of something
- 13. **resemblance** a way in which two or more things are alike
- 14. **rivalry -** a situation in which people, businesses, etc. compete with each other for the same thing
- 15. **sibling -** a brother or sister
- 16. **temperament -** a person's or animal's nature, especially as it permanently affects their behaviour
- 17. **ties -** the friendly feelings that people have for other people, or special connections with places
- 18. **upbringing** the way in which someone is treated and trained as a child
- 19. **extended family -** a family unit that includes grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, and uncles, etc. in addition to parents and children
- 20. **family gathering -** when family members meeting together
- 21. **immediate family -** closest relations, such as your parents, children, husband, or wife
- 22. **maternal instinct -** the natural tendency that a mother has to behave or react in a particular way around her child or children

- 23. **sibling rivalry** competition and arguments among brothers and sisters
- 24. **stable upbringing -** having a safe and secure family in your childhood
- 25. **striking resemblance -** impressive similarity
- 26. **close-knit** involving groups of people in which everyone supports each other
- 27. **maternal** behaving or feeling as a mother does toward her child
- 28. **parental** relating to parents or to being a parent
- 29. rewarding satisfying or beneficial
- 30. **accommodate** to provide someone with a room or place to sleep, live, or sit
- 31. adopt to take somebody else's child into your family and become its legal parent(s)
- 32. **break down -** of a relationship, agreement, or process) cease to continue; collapse
- 33. **endure -** last; keep on; undergo; bear; stand
- 34. **establish** to start having a relationship with, or communicating with another person, company, country, or organization
- 35. **have something in common -** to share interests, experiences, or other characteristics with someone or something
- 36. **inherit** derive (a quality, characteristic, or predisposition) genetically from one's parents or ancestors
- 37. **chaotic** disorganized
- 38. **nurture** to feed and care for a child, or to help someone or something develop by encouraging that person or thing
- 39. alike similar to each other
- 40. play a role to be involved in something, especially in a way that is important
- 41. **relate to somebody -** to understand someone and be able to have a friendly relationship with them
- 42. **paddling pool -** a pool that is not deep that small children can play in

- 43. **sophisticated** (1) Having a thorough knowledge of the ways of society. (2) Highly complex or developed.
- 44. **tone** the general character or attitude of a person, situation, etc.
- 45. **competency** an important skill that is needed to do a job
- 46. **coordinate** to make various, separate things work together
- 47. **recruitment** the process of employing new people to work for a company or organization
- 48. **hand down something -** to give something to a younger member of your family when you no longer need it, or to arrange for someone younger to get it after you have died
- 49. **enrol** officially register as a member of an institution or a student on a course

- 1. Things like puzzles, board games and pictures can contribute to a child's development. What would you give a child to help him/her develop and why? Give details and examples in your explanation.
- 2. Some people believe that children should do organised activities in their free time while others believe that children should be free to do what they want to do in their free time. Which viewpoint do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. Find the sample answer to this question here.
- 3. Some people think that children should be homeschooled when they are very young while others think it is better for them to attend a kindergarten. Which do you think is better? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 4. Childcare has always been of primary concern and importance. Do you think that courses designed to help mothers are necessary or can they acquire the essential knowledge through personal experience? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Lesson 4: Communication

- 1. **accuracy** the fact of being exact or correct
- 2. **communication** the imparting or exchanging of information by speaking, writing, or using some other medium.
- 3. **conjecture -** a guess; an opinion or judgment that is not based on proof
- 4. **dialect -** regional language
- 5. **fluent -** able to speak or write a particular foreign language easily and accurately.
- 6. **hesitation** the act of pausing before saying or doing something.
- 7. **language barrier -** absence of communication between people who speak different languages
- 8. **linguist** someone who studies foreign languages or can speak them very well
- 9. **linguistics** the scientific study of the structure and development of language in general
- 10. **means** a method or way of doing something
- 11. **sign language -** a system of communication for people who cannot hear that uses hand and finger movements
- 12. **vocabulary** all the words that exist in a particular language or subject
- 13. **incoherent** expressing yourself in a way that is not clear
- 14. **inherent** existing as a natural or basic part of something
- 15. **clarify** to make something clear or easier to understand by giving more details
- 16. **comprehend** to understand something completely
- 17. **converse** to have a conversation with someone
- 18. **define** to say or explain what the meaning of a word or phrase is
- 19. **demonstrate** to show or make something clear
- 20. **emerge** to become known or develop as a result of something
- 21. **evolve -** to develop gradually; to rise to a higher level

- 22. **gesture** to use movement to express a thought or a feeling
- 23. **illustrate** make clear or explain by stories, examples, comparisons, or other means
- 24. **imply** to suggest something in an indirect way or without actually saying it
- 25. **signify** to be a sign of something
- 26. **stutter -** to speak or say part of a word with difficulty, esp. by repeating it several times or by pausing before it
- 27. **there's something to be said for -** said to mean that something has advantages
- 28. needless to say of course
- 29. have the say to be involved in making a decision about something
- 30. **when all is said and done -** when everything is finished and settled; when everything is considered.
- 31. **having said that -** despite what has just been said
- 32. **to say the least -** to not describe something in the strongest way you could, often in order to be polite
- 33. **you can say that again -** I completely agree with you
- 34. that is to say used when explaining more clearly what you have just said
- 35. **marine** related to the sea or sea transport
- 36. **odd** strange or unexpected
- 37. **devastating -** causing a lot of damage or destruction
- 38. **recap** to repeat the main points of an explanation or description
- 39. **connotation** suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote
- 40. **intimate** to make clear what you think or want without saying it directly
- 41. **narrate** to tell a story, often by reading aloud from a text, or to describe events as they happen
- 42. **profound -** very great or intense

- 43. **youngster -** a young person or a child
- 44. **merely -** only; just
- 45. **intrigue** fascinate; to interest someone, often because of an unusual or unexpected quality
- 46. **pinpoint** to discover or establish something exactly
- 47. **idle speculation -** speculation that is unlikely to be true
- 48. **ancestor -** a person related to you who lived a long time ago
- 49. **wander -** to walk around slowly in a relaxed way or without any clear purpose or direction
- 50. **chit-chat -** informal conversation about matters that are not important
- 51. **Homo sapiens -** modern humans considered together as a species
- 52. **string together -** to arrange a group of things into a series
- 53. **grunt** to make a short, low sound instead of speaking, usually because of anger or pain
- 54. archaic ancient
- 55. **hyoid -** a U-shaped bone in the neck that supports the tongue.
- 56. **larynx** an organ in the throat which contains the vocal cords (= tissue that moves to produce the voice)
- 57. **ritual -** a set of fixed actions and sometimes words performed regularly, especially as part of a ceremony
- 58. **burial** the act of putting a dead body into the ground, or the ceremony connected with this
- 59. **hearth -** the area in front of a fireplace.
- 60. **groom -** to clean an animal, often by brushing its fur
- 61. **social grooming -** is an activity in which individuals in a group clean or maintain one another's body or appearance.

- 62. **alliance -** a union or association formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organizations.
- 63. **opiate -** a drug with morphinelike effects, derived from opium.
- 64. **banter -** conversation that is not serious and is often playful
- 65. **smattering -** a slight knowledge of something, or a small amount
- 66. **gurgle -** (of babies) to make a happy sound with the back of the throat
- 67. **cling** to hold on tightly to somebody/something
- 68. soothe to make someone more calm and more relaxed
- 69. **primate** any member of the group of animals that includes human beings, apes, and monkeys.
- 70. **nomadic** a person who does not stay long in the same place; a wanderer
- 71. **maiden -** a girl or young unmarried woman;

- 1. E-mail is now the easiest way to communicate with families and friends all over the world. Some people say that it does not have the sincerity of handwritten letters. Do you agree or disagree? Give specific details and examples to support your opinion.
- 2. With the speed and ease of viral communication do you think it will totally replace papers and letters in their old form? If that happens, will it be for the better? Explain and provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- 3. There are opinions that technology and science are beneficial but also destructive. Due to technological advancement, mankind has irrevocably ruined nature and environment and affected the climate. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.
- 4. In the future people will not need to have schools, galleries, museums or libraries because everything from education to culture and entertainment will be available online. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

- 5. Being literate in technology or the internet is so popular that many believe that it will no longer be necessary to read conventional books as the main source of material for education. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.
- 6. Advancement in technology helps to improve the standard of life. Meanwhile, according to data, while the average change in society in developing countries is positive, in richer countries this can be exactly the opposite. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this?

Lesson 5: Crime & Punishment

- 1. appreciate to recognize how good someone or something is and to value him, her, or it
- 2. **arson** the crime of intentionally starting a fire in order to damage or destroy something, especially a building
- 3. **authority** the official power to make decisions for other people
- 4. **convict** someone who is in prison because they are guilty of a crime
- 5. **criminal** someone who commits a crime
- 6. **deterrent -** a thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something
- 7. **fine -** an amount of money that has to be paid as a punishment for not obeying a rule or law
- 8. **fraud** the crime of getting money by deceiving people
- 9. **imprisonment** the state of being in prison, or the time someone spends there
- 10. **inequality -** an unfair situation, in which some groups in society have more money, opportunities, power etc than others
- 11. **intent -** the fact that you want and plan to do something
- 12. **intrusion -** an occasion when someone goes into a place or situation where they are not wanted or expected to be

- 13. **kidnap** to take someone somewhere illegally by force, often in order to get money for returning them; ransom
- 14. **motive -** a reason for doing something
- 15. **offense -** a specific act that breaks the law
- 16. **pickpocketing -** the crime of stealing things out of people's pockets or bags, especially in a crowd
- 17. **prosecutor -** a person, especially a public official, who institutes legal proceedings against someone.
- 18. **recklessness** lack of regard for the danger or consequences of one's actions
- 19. **smuggling** the crime of taking goods or people into or out of a country illegally
- 20. **swearing -** rude or offensive language that someone uses, especially when they are angry
- 21. **the accused -** the person who is on trial in a law court
- 22. **vandalism** the crime of intentionally damaging property belonging to other people
- 23. **violation -** an action that breaks a law, agreement, rule, etc.
- 24. **evil -** morally bad, cruel, or very unpleasant
- 25. **harsh** unpleasant, unkind, cruel, or more severe than is necessary
- 26. **intentional -** planned or intended; done on purpose; deliberate
- 27. **law-abiding -** someone who obeys the law
- 28. **offensive -** very rude or insulting and likely to upset people
- 29. **petty** not important and not worth giving attention to
- 30. **punishable -** (of an act) subject to a judicial punishment
- 31. **strict** limiting people's freedom to behave as they wish beyond what is usual
- 32. **victimless** (of a crime) lacking a victim, or thought not to involve a victim
- 33. **abide -** accept and follow out; remain faithful to; dwell; endure

- 34. **abolish** to put an end to something, such as an organization, rule, or custom
- 35. **combat -** to try to stop something unpleasant or harmful
- 36. **deter -** to prevent or discourage someone from doing something
- 37. **enforce** to make people obey a rule or law
- 38. **imprison** to put someone in prison
- 39. **offend -** to make someone upset or angry
- 40. **perpetrate** to commit a crime or a violent or harmful act
- 41. **resent -** to dislike or be angry at something or someone because you have been hurt or not treated fairly
- 42. **sanction** a strong action taken in order to make people obey a law or rule, or a punishment given when they do not obey
- 43. **on behalf of -** for somebody; instead of somebody
- 44. **insane -** mentally ill
- 45. **elusive -** difficult to describe, find, achieve, or remember
- 46. **deem** to consider or judge
- 47. **bully** a person who threatens to hurt someone, often forcing that person to do something

- 1. Nowadays you can find instructional videos for just about any crime you can think of. What possible effects can this have on individuals and society? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 2. In many countries the age of criminals is getting lower. Give reasons and solutions to the problem. Support your position with relevant examples.

- 3. In most countries military officers retire at the age of 45 while other people work as long as 65 to 70. Compare these two approaches. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your position.
- 4. Some people believe that once a person becomes a criminal, he will always be a criminal. Do you agree with this statement? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- 5. In some countries prisons are overcrowded which leads to many expenses for the government. To lessen the cost for prisoners' cost of living, reduced sentences are implemented. What do you suggest could be done? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 6. Some people are afraid to go out for fear of being robbed on the streets. Still, there are robberies that happen inside houses. What do you think is the best thing a person can do to ensure his/her own security? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 7. In some countries prisoners are allowed comfortable accommodation, good food, and healthcare. Do you think this is appropriate? To what extent do you agree or disagree? Give specific reasons and examples to support your position.

Lesson 6: Environment

- 1. **biodiversity** the variety of plants and animals in a particular place
- 2. **deforestation -** the cutting down of trees in a large area, or the destruction of forests by people
- 3. **ecosystem -** all the living things in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
- 4. **emission** the act of sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
- 5. **erosion -** the fact of soil, stone, etc. being gradually damaged and removed by the waves, rain, or wind
- 6. **exhaust** the waste gas from an engine, especially a car's, or the pipe the gas flows through

- 7. **food chain -** a series of living things in which each group eats organisms from the group lower than itself in the series
- 8. **fumes -** strong, unpleasant, and sometimes dangerous gas or smoke
- 9. **impact -** the effect or influence
- 10. **pollutant** a substance that pollutes something, especially water or the atmosphere
- 11. **refuse -** rubbish; matter thrown away or rejected as worthless;
- 12. **achievable** a task, ambition, etc. that is one that is possible to achieve
- 13. advantageous useful
- 14. at risk in a dangerous situation
- 15. **chronic** (esp. of a disease or something bad) continuing for a long time
- 16. **conceivable -** possible to imagine or to believe
- 17. **devastating -** causing a lot of damage or destruction
- 18. **environmentally friendly -** not harmful to the environment
- 19. **fruitless** unsuccessful or not productive
- 20. **futile -** achieving no result; not effective
- 21. **immune** unaffected; protected from or unable to be influenced by something.
- 22. **impracticable** (of a course of action) impossible in practice to do or carry out.
- 23. **improbable** not likely to happen or be true
- 24. **irreparable** impossible to repair or make right again
- 25. **irreplaceable** too special, valuable, or unusual to be replaced by anything else
- 26. **irreversible** not possible to change; impossible to return to a previous condition
- 27. **liable -** legally responsible for the cost of something
- 28. **pervasive** present or noticeable in every part of a thing or place

- 29. **pointless** having no useful purpose
- 30. **pristine -** original and pure; not spoiled or worn from use
- 31. **questionable -** not certain, or wrong in some way
- 32. **sustainable** causing little or no damage to the environment
- 33. **taxing** challenging; needing too much effort
- 34. **unattainable -** not able to be achieved
- 35. **unlikely** not probable or likely to happen
- 36. **unprecedented** never having happened or existed in the past
- 37. **worthwhile** useful, important, or good enough to be a suitable reward for the money or time spent or the effort made
- 38. **confront -** to face, meet, or deal with a difficult situation or person
- 39. **contaminate** to make something less pure or make it poisonous
- 40. **dispose of something -** to get rid of something; throw out or destroy
- 41. **inexorable** a process that cannot be stopped
- 42. **inevitable -** certain to happen and unable to be avoided or prevented
- 43. **toll -** suffering, deaths, or damage
- 44. **quest** a long search for something that is difficult to find
- 45. **insurmountable** (especially of a problem or a difficulty) so great that it cannot be dealt with successfully
- 46. **insoluble** (of a problem) so difficult that it is impossible to solve
- 47. **omnipresent -** present or having an effect everywhere at the same time
- 48. **shred** to cut or tear something roughly into thin strips
- 48a. **burrow** a hole dug in the ground that an animal, such as a rabbit, lives in
- 49. **den -** the home of particular types of wild animal

- 50. **ecology** the relationship of living things to their environment
- 51. **evolution** the way in which living things change and develop over millions of years
- 52. **extinction** a situation in which something no longer exists
- 53. **fauna -** all the animals of a particular area or period of time
- 54. **flora** all the plants of a particular place or from a particular time in history
- 55. **habitat** the place where a plant or animal lives
- 56. **human nature** the behaviour and feelings common to most people
- 57. **Mother Nature -** the nature, esp. when it is thought of as a force that affects people and the world
- 58. **predator -** an animal that hunts, kills, and eats other animals
- 59. **prey** an animal that is hunted by another animal
- 60. **repercussion** negative effect
- 61. **scent -** a pleasant natural smell
- 62. **vegetation** plants in general, or the plants that are found in a particular area
- 63. **vermin** small animals and insects that can be harmful
- 64. **disastrous -** extremely bad or unsuccessful
- 65. **domesticated** brought under human control
- 66. **endangered** at risk or in danger of dying out completely
- 67. **extinct** not now existing
- 68. **vulnerable** able to be easily hurt, influenced, or attacked
- 69. adapt to change something in order to make it suitable for a new use or situation
- 70. **combat -** to try to stop something unpleasant or harmful
- 71. eradicate to get rid of completely or destroy something bad

- 72. **hibernate** to spend the winter sleeping
- 73. **tolerate** to bear something unpleasant or annoying
- 74. **twig -** a small, thin branch of a tree or bush, esp. one removed from the tree or bush and without any leaves
- 75. **coat** the hair, wool, or fur covering an animal
- 76. **beak** the hard, pointed part of a bird's mouth
- 77. **hide** the strong, thick skin of an animal, used for making leather
- 78. **scales** one of the many very small, flat pieces that cover the skin of fish, snakes, etc.
- 79. paw the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear
- 80. **claw** one of the sharp, curved nails at the end of each of the toes of some animals and birds
- 81. **thorn** a small, sharp pointed growth on the stem of a plant
- 82. **petal** one of the thin soft coloured parts of a flower
- 83. **horn -** a hard, pointed part, usually one of a pair, on the head of cows, goats, and other animals
- 84. **vegan** a person who does not eat or use any animal products,
- such as meat, fish, eggs, cheese, or leather
- 85. **human being -** a person
- 86. **meerkat -** a small, grey Southern African animal that sometimes sits up on its back legs
- 87. **endemic -** belonging to a particular area; inherent
- 88. **prickly pear -** type of cactus (= desert plant) that has oval fruit
- 89. **paddock -** a field of any size that is used for farming
- 90. **render** to cause something to change in a certain way, make.
- 91. **larva** the active immature form of an insect

- 92. **cane** the long, hollow stems of particular plants such as bamboo
- 93. **toad -** a small animal, similar to a frog, that has dry, brown skin and lives mostly on land
- 94. **controversial** causing disagreement or discussion
- 95. **caterpillar -** a small creature like a worm with many legs that eats leaves and that develops into a butterfly or other flying insect
- 96. **hedgehog** small animal with spikes on its back
- 97. **executive -** director, someone in a high position
- 98. **slug** a small animal with a soft body like a snail without a shell
- 99. **forage -** to go searching, esp. for food
- 100. **saliva** the natural, watery liquid in the mouth that keeps it wet and helps prepare food for digestion
- 101. **lineage -** all the living things that are related directly to the same living thing that existed long ago
- 102. **marsupials** have pouch and teat, mainly in Australia
- 103. **trace** to find the origin of something
- 104. **foetus -** a young human being or animal before birth, after the organs have started to develop
- 105. **equator -** an imaginary line around the earth or another planet at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole
- 106. **proximity** the state of being near in space or time
- 107. **scrap** to have a fight or an argument
- 108. **primarily -** mainly
- 109. **litter -** a group of animals that are born at the same time and

have the same mother

110. **rodent -** a type of small mammal with sharp front teeth

- 111. **scrape** to (cause to) rub against something so that slight damage is produced
- 112. **retract -** moves back into the main part
- 113. **belly -** the stomach
- 114. **quill** any of the long sharp pointed hairs on the body
- 115. **perceive -** to become aware of, know, or identify by means of the senses
- 116. **spring up -** take on form or shape
- 117. **bristle -** a short, stiff hair, usually one of many
- 118. **squeak -** to make a short high sound that is not very loud
- 119. **vertebrate** an animal that has a spine
- 120. **spine** the line of bones down the centre of the back
- 121. **laden -** heavily loaded with something
- 122. **frothy** (of a liquid) with small white bubbles on it
- 123. **prick** to make a small hole or holes in the surface of something
- 124. **venomous -** poisonous
- 125. **irritating** making you feel annoyed
- 126. **toll** suffering, deaths, or damage
- 127. **bonfire -** a large outdoor fire for burning waste or as part of a celebration
- 128. **cattle grid -** a set of bars, placed over a hole in the road, that allows vehicles to cross but not animals such as cows and sheep
- 129. **ironically** in a way that is different or opposite from the result you would expect
- 130. **all over again** start something again from the beginning
- 131. **wading bird -** a long-legged bird that frequents shallow water, especially in search of food.
- 132. **inference** a conclusion drawn from evidence

- 133. **hoglet** a small or young hog or pig; a baby hedgehog
- 134. **feast on something -** to eat a lot of good food
- 135. **cull** to kill animals so that there are not too many of them, or so that a disease does not spread

- 1. Managing global environmental issues should be handled by one organization on a global scale. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- 2. Many agricultural lands are being converted into commercial centres. How does this affect the environment and the people's lifestyle? Discuss this situation and provide suggestions to address these issues. Support your answer with specific reasons and examples.
- 3. Many efforts have been made by countries to address challenges concerning the environment but the situation has not improved. What are the possible reasons for environmental degradation? Are there any solutions to combat this problem? Support your answer with specific reasons and examples.
- 4. Nowadays, it is possible to move ocean creatures from their natural habitat at sea and have them relocated to marine parks for the purpose of education and entertainment. Do you think the advantages of this development outweigh the disadvantages? Explain your reasons and support them with specific examples.
- 5. The government should close companies that produce toxic waste materials without their own waste treatment facility in order to protect the environment. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.
- 6. Many believe that companies behind oil and gas production promote new boundless opportunities while others fear the results from their intrusion in nature. Discuss possible reasons, results and solutions.

- 7. Why do we need to prevent the extinction of some animals like dinosaurs and dodos if it is caused by natural processes? What is your opinion about this?
- 8. People produce more garbage than in the past. Explain how it is affecting us and the measures that could be taken to address the situation. Provide specific examples and explanation to support your answer.

Lesson 7: Fuels & Energy

- 1. **biofuel -** a fuel that is made from living things or their waste
- 2. **crisis** a time of great disagreement, confusion, or suffering
- 3. **fossil fuel -** a fuel such as gas, coal, and oil that has been produced in the earth from plants and animals
- 4. **hybrid** a vehicle with an engine that uses both petrol and another type of energy, usually electricity
- 5. **petrol -** a liquid obtained from petroleum, used especially as a fuel for cars and other vehicles
- 6. **resource** something that can be used to help you
- 7. **turbine** a type of machine through which liquid or gas flows and turns a special wheel with blades in order to produce power
- 8. **disposable** intended to be thrown away after use
- 9. **drastic** (of a change) severe and sudden; extreme
- 10. **rechargeable** able to be recharged
- 11. **unleaded** (of gasoline (= a fuel)) not containing lead (= a metal)
- 12. **conserve** to keep and protect something from damage, change, or waste
- 13. **counter -** to do something in order to prevent something bad from happening or to reduce its bad effects

- 14. **deplete -** to reduce something in size or amount, especially supplies of energy, money, etc.
- 15. **emit** to send out a beam, noise, smell, or gas
- 16. **expend** to use or spend time, effort, or money
- 17. **outweigh** to be greater or more important than something else
- 18. **offset -** counteract (something) by having an equal and opposite force or effect.
- 19. **make up for something -** to compensate for something bad with something good
- 20. **tidy up** to clean and put things in a room in their proper place
- 21. **forth -** going out from a place or point, and moving forwards or outwards
- 22. **clutter -** a state of being untidy
- 23. **needlessly** in a way that is not necessary
- 24. **zap** to cook or heat something in a microwave
- 25. **tumble dryer -** a machine that uses hot air to dry clothes after they have been washed
- 26. **round trip** a trip from one place to another and back to where you started
- 27. **myth** a commonly believed but false idea
- 28. **flick something on/off -** to move a switch in order to make electrical equipment start/stop working
- 29. **windmill** a structure with parts that turn around in the wind, used for producing electrical power or crushing grain
- 30. **supplies** food and other ordinary goods needed by people every day
- 31. **commonplace -** ordinary; happening or seen frequently
- 32. **diesel -** a type of heavy oil used as fuel
- 33. **lexical** relating to words
- 34. **abuzz** filled with noise and activity

- 35. **hurdle -** a problem that you have to deal with before you can make progress
- 36. **derivative** having qualities taken from something else
- 37. **ponder -** to think carefully about something
- 38. advocate someone who publicly supports something
- 39. **premise** to base an argument or theory on
- 40. **appraisal** an act of assessing something or someone
- 41. **derived -** coming from or caused by something else
- 42. **rapeseed** canola; a plant with yellow flowers from which oil and animal food are produced
- 43. **burden -** a load, typically a heavy one
- 44. **disruption -** an interruption in the usual way that a system, process, or event works
- 45. **immense** extremely large in size or degree
- 46. **sobering -** making you feel serious
- 47. **wean -** (1) to accustom (a child or young animal) to food other than its mother's milk.
- (2) to withdraw a person from some object or habit.
- 48. **ongoing -** continuing to exist, happen, or develop
- 49. **destruction** the process of causing so much damage to something
- 50. **conservationist** someone who works to protect animals, plants etc.
- 51. **dire -** very serious or extreme
- 52. **prospect -** (1) possibility (2) a good view of a large land area
- 53. **fleet -** a number of buses, aircraft, etc. under the control of one person or organization
- 54. **algae -** very simple, usually small plants that grow in or near water and do not have ordinary leaves or roots
- 55. **order of magnitude -** the approximate size of something, especially a number

- 56. **entrepreneur -** someone who makes money by starting their own business
- 57. **scheme** a plan or system for doing or organizing something
- 58. **feat -** achievement
- 59. **dim** not bright, lacking light, being weak.
- 60. **not go anywhere -** to make no progress at all

- 1. Some people prefer to use energy-saving modes of transportation like hybrid cars and bicycles. Others prefer the usual mode of transportation like buses and trains because it is fast and efficient. Which mode of transportation do you prefer and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.
- 2. Low-price airlines lack most of the conveniences of normal air plane flights. However, the prices of the tickets are usually lower. Discuss negative and positive aspects of having lower rates of air plane tickets for travellers. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your response.

Lesson 8: Health & Fitness

- 1. **allergy -** a medical condition that causes you to react badly or feel sick when you eat or touch a particular substance
- 2. anxiety an uncomfortable feeling of nervousness or worry about something
- 3. appetite the feeling that you want to eat food
- 4. **artery -** one of the larger tubes that carry blood from the heart to other parts of the body
- 5. **asset -** a valuable thing to have
- 6. **craving** a strong or uncontrollable desire
- 7. **depression** the state of feeling very unhappy and without hope for the future

- 8. **diagnosis** the identification of the nature of an illness or other problem by examination of the symptoms.
- 9. **dietitian** a person who scientifically studies and gives advice about food and eating
- 10. **eating disorder** Any of a range of psychological disorders characterized by abnormal or disturbed eating habits
- 11. **heart attack -** a serious medical condition in which the heart does not get enough blood, causing great pain and often leading to death
- 12. **ingredient** one of the things from which something is made
- 13. **insomnia** the condition of being unable to sleep, over a period of time
- 14. **intake -** the amount of something such as food, breath, or a liquid that is taken in by someone or something
- 15. **junk food** food that is unhealthy but is quick and easy to eat
- 16. **nutrient -** any substance that plants or animals need in order to live and grow
- 17. **obesity -** extreme fatness
- 18. **onset** the moment at which something unpleasant begins
- 19. **portion -** (1) a part or share of something larger. (2) the amount of a particular food that is served to one person.
- 20. **serving** the amount of one type of food given to one person
- 21. **stroke -** a sudden change in the blood supply to a part of the brain, which can result in a loss of some mental or physical abilities, or death.
- 22. **acute -** very serious, extreme, or severe
- 23. **alternate -** every second, or every other
- 24. **brisk** quick, energetic, and active
- 25. **chronic** (esp. of a disease or something bad) continuing for a long time
- 26. **infectious** (of a disease) able to be passed one person, animal, or plant to another
- 27. **obese** excessively overweight

- 28. **persistent** determined to do something despite difficulties.
- 29. vital essential, important
- 30. **counteract** to reduce or remove the effect of something by producing an opposite effect
- 31. **curb** to control or limit something that is not wanted
- 32. **diminish** to reduce or be reduced in size or importance
- 33. **disrupt -** to prevent something, esp. a system, process, or event, from continuing as usual or as expected
- 34. **overdo** to do something in a way that is too extreme
- 35. **overeat -** to eat more food than your body needs
- 36. **trigger** to cause something bad to start
- 37. **tempt** to encourage someone to want to have or do something, esp. something wrong
- 38. **miss out on -** to lose an opportunity
- 39. excess an amount that is more than acceptable, expected, or reasonable
- 40. **mouth** to move the lips as if speaking a word
- 41. **teethe -** (of a baby or small child) to grow teeth
- 42. **writhe** to make large twisting movements with the body
- 43. **bathe** to wash something with water, esp. a part of your body
- 44. **agony** extreme physical or mental pain or suffering
- 45. **tablet** a small, solid piece of medicine
- 46. **notion -** belief or idea
- 47. **staple -** main or important, especially in terms of consumption
- 48. **swap** exchange; to give something and be given something else instead
- 49. **more or less -** approximately

- 50. apt suitable; appropriate
- 51. **cope** to deal successfully with a difficult situation
- 52. **wording -** the exact choice of words
- 53. **build-up -** an increase, especially one that is gradual
- 54. **debilitating -** causing weakness
- 55. **pace -** the speed at which somebody/something walks, runs or moves
- 56. **aspect -** a particular part or feature of a situation or a problem
- 57. **attitude** the way you feel about something or someone
- 58. **creativity** the ability to produce original and unusual ideas
- 59. **daily routine** typical or everyday activity
- 60. **desire** a strong feeling that you want something
- 61. **fulfilment -** a feeling of happiness because you are doing what you intended to do in life
- 62. **hobby -** an activity that someone does for pleasure when they are not working
- 63. **insight** the capacity to gain an accurate and deep understanding of someone or something.
- 64. **leisure** the time when you are not working or doing other duties
- 65. **lifestyle -** the way that you live
- 66. **optimist** someone who always believes that good things will happen
- 67. **outlook** the likely future situation
- 68. **opportunity -** a chance to do something
- 69. **personality** the type of person you are, shown by the way you behave, feel, and think
- 70. **pessimist** someone who feels that bad things are more likely to happen than good things
- 71. **priority -** something that is very important and must be dealt with before other things

- 72. **realist -** a person who tends to accept and deal with people and situations as they are
- 73. **risk taker -** someone who often takes risks
- 74. **self-expression -** expression of your personality, emotions, or ideas, especially through art, music, or acting
- 75. **sense** the ability to make reasonable judgments
- 76. **intense** extreme
- 77. **materialistic** believing that having money and possessions is the most important thing in life
- 78. **outdoor** existing, happening, or done outside a building
- 79. **recreational** relating to or denoting activity done for enjoyment when one is not working.
- 80. **appeal** to make a serious or formal request
- 81. **fulfil** to do something that is expected
- 82. **motivate** to cause someone to behave in a particular way
- 83. **regret** to feel sad about a lost opportunity
- 84. **lead a happy life -** having a purpose each day and achieving that goal.
- 85. **live life on the edge -** to have an adventurous or perilous lifestyle
- 86. **live life to its fullest -** often said to encourage people who are feeling down, a bit depressed, lonely or self-pitying.
- 87. **make a choice -** to select; to separate and take in preference.
- 88. make a decision decide
- 89. **make a living -** to earn enough money to buy the things you need
- 90. **meet a need -** to do something that someone wants, needs, or expects you to do
- 91. **take part** involve
- 92. **do something for a living -** to do something as your job or a way of making money

- 93. walks of life various levels of social position or achievement
- 94. **cost of living -** the amount of money that a person needs to live
- 95. **lifelong ambition -** very strong desire
- 96. **once in a lifetime -** only likely to happen once in a person's life
- 97. **standard of living -** the degree of comfort that people in a particular social class, country, etc. have
- 98. way of life the manner in which a person lives
- 99. **inevitable** unavoidable
- 100. **arcade** a covered passageway usually lined with shops
- 101. **quilt -** a decorative cover for a bed
- 102. **be spoilt for choice -** to be unable to choose because there are so many possible good choices
- 103. ahead of time sooner than was expected
- 104. **upcoming -** happening soon
- 105. **delighted** very pleased
- 106. **babysit** to take care of other people's children in your own home as a job

- 1. More people are now trying out different varieties of food which results in consumption of ingredients from different parts of the world. Do you think this is a positive or negative development? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- 2. In some countries, health care and education are only partially funded by the government. Which do you think is better in terms of quality: free public healthcare and education or privately paid health care and education? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your position.

- 3. Do you think that an ageing society will disappear? What are the advantages and disadvantages of having more old people in society?
- 4. Which is better: to have children earlier or later in a woman's life? What are possible reasons and effects of these two tendencies on a personal scale and for society in general? Support your answer with specific reasons and examples.
- 5. Some people, including medical workers argue against using animals and humans for clinical tests while others think it is necessary. Which are you in favour of? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Lesson 9: History

- 1. **archaeologist** someone who studies the buildings, graves, tools, and other objects of people who lived in the past
- 2. era a period of time known for particular events or developments
- 3. **excavate** to remove earth from a place in order to find old objects buried there
- 4. **the Middle Ages -** a period in European history, between about AD 1000 and AD 1500, when the power of kings, people of high rank, and the Christian Church was strong
- 5. **millennium** a period of 1,000 years
- 6. **pioneer -** a person who is one of the first people to do something
- 7. **timeline** a line showing the order in which events happened
- 8. **chronological** in order of time from the earliest to the latest
- 9. **consecutive** following each other continuously.
- 10. **imminent -** (esp. of something unpleasant) likely to happen very soon
- 11. **middle-aged** in middle age; too careful and not showing the enthusiasm, energy, or style of someone young
- 12. **nostalgic** feeling happy and also slightly sad when you think about things that happened in the past

- 13. **prior -** coming before in time, order, or importance
- 14. **time-consuming -** taking a lot of time to do or complete
- 15. **erode** to rub or be rubbed away gradually
- 16. **inter -** to bury a dead body
- 17. **predate** to have existed or happened before another thing
- 18. **span** extend over; to exist or continue for a particular length of time
- 19. **in time -** early enough
- 20. **lose track of time -** to be unaware of what time it is
- 21. **on time -** at the correct time or the time that was arranged
- 22. take so long to spend a lot of time to do something
- 23. **at the right time -** at the proper time, at the right moment
- 24. **formerly** in the past
- 25. **Stonehenge -** a circle of very large stones built in ancient times in southern England
- 26. **pole -** a long, thin stick of wood or metal, often used standing straight up in the ground to support things
- 27. **ice age -** a time in the past when the temperature was very cold
- 28. **frenzy -** a state or period of uncontrolled excitement
- 29. **awe -** a feeling of great respect, usually mixed with fear or surprise
- 30. **sketch something out -** to give some details about something
- 31. **posthole -** a hole dug in the ground to hold a fence post.
- 32. **post -** a vertical stick or pole stuck into the ground, usually to support something or show a position
- 33. **ditch -** a narrow channel dug at the side of a road or field, to hold or carry away water.
- 34. carve to cut out

- 35. **chalk** a type of soft white rock
- 36. **pasture -** land covered with grass or similar plants suitable for animals, such as cows and sheep, to eat
- 37. **henge -** a prehistoric circle of large stones or wooden objects
- 38. **astronomy** the scientific study of the universe
- 39. **infer -** to form an opinion or decide that something is true from the information you have
- 40. **nevertheless** despite what has just been said or referred to
- 41. **hunter-gatherer -** a member of a society that lives by hunting and collecting wild food, rather than by farming
- 42. **wear away -** to become thin and disappear after repeated use or rubbing
- 43. **the arrival of something -** the time when a new idea, product etc. is first used or discovered
- 44. **antiquated** old-fashioned or unsuitable for modern society
- 45. **consecutive** events, numbers, etc. follow one after another without an interruption
- 46. **engrossed** absorbed
- 47. **plait** to join three or more pieces of hair
- 48. **bride** a woman who is about to get married
- 49. **obsess** to think about something or someone all the time
- 50. **skull** the bone of your head
- 51. **oral diseases** diseases of the mouth
- 52. **by no means -** not at all
- 53. **plague -** to cause pain or difficulty to someone or something over a period of time
- 54. **acupuncture** a treatment for pain and illness in which special needles are put into the skin at particular positions

- 55. **therapeutic** having a healing effect
- 56. **undertake -** to do or begin to do something
- 57. **forefront** the most important or leading position
- 58. **treatise** a formal piece of writing that deals with a particular subject

1. In some countries, buildings of historical value are being demolished to give way to modern buildings. Do you think that it is better to preserve the old historical outlook of buildings or it is better to incorporate only new styles of architecture? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this situation. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Lesson 10: Information Technology

- 1. **the latest -** the most recent news or technical development
- 2. **patent -** the official legal right to make or sell an invention for a particular number of years
- 3. **prototype** the first one made of a machine or system
- 4. **silicon chip** a small piece of silicon that is used in computers, calculators, and other electronic devices
- 5. **telecommunications** the sending and receiving of messages over distance, especially by phone, radio, and television
- 6. **vision -** an idea or mental image of something
- 7. **cutting edge** the most recent stage in the development of something
- 8. **cyber -** involving, using, or relating to computers, especially the internet
- 9. dated old-fashioned: out-of-date.

- 10. **labour-saving -** a device or method that saves a lot of effort and time.
- 11. **portable -** light and small enough to be easily carried or moved
- 12. **virtual -** made, done, seen etc on the Internet or on a computer, rather than in the real world
- 13. **access** to get information, esp. when using a computer
- 14. **revolutionize** to completely change something so that it is much better
- 15. **scroll** to move text or other information on a computer screen in order to see a different part of it
- 16. **surpass** do better than; be greater than; excel
- 17. **live up to something -** to be as good as something
- 18. **takeover** to begin to have control of something
- 19. **awash** there is a large amount of something
- 20. be a tribute to to be a clear sign of the good qualities of
- 21. **redundant -** unnecessary
- 22. **guise** the appearance of someone or something
- 23. **date** to say how long something has existed or when it was made
- 24. **dump** deposit or dispose of (rubbish, waste, or unwanted material)
- 25. **tricky** difficult to do or deal with
- 26. awkward clumsy; not well-suited to use; not easily managed; embarrassing

1. Do you think that technological advancement has brought more harm than good? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer. What technologies did you use to help you in your studies? Describe how it has helped you. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

- 2. With the latest technological advancements, dating is now possible online. Would you recommend online dating for your single friends? What are the advantages and disadvantages of online dating? Site some examples to support your answer.
- 3. All inventions and discoveries like the discovery of fire and electricity have impacts on our lives so much so that people can no longer live without them. To what extent do you agree or disagree?
- 4. The internet has a bigger impact on people's lives because it is more popular than television. Do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support you position.
- 5. Is it good for children to start using computers from an early age and spend long hours on it? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages. Explain your choice by using specific reasons and details.

Lesson 11: Mental & Physical Development

- 1. adolescent Characteristic of a teenager; not fully grown up
- 2. **concept -** a principle or idea
- 3. **consequence -** a result of a particular action or situation
- 4. **imagination** the ability to create pictures in your mind
- 5. **infancy** the time when someone is a baby or a very young child
- 6. **milestone** an important event in the development or history of something or in someone's life
- 7. **peer -** [usually plural] a person of the same age, status, or ability as another specified person.
- 8. **social skills -** skills required for successful social interaction.
- 9. **toddler -** a young child who has just learnt to walk
- 10. **cognitive** connected with mental processes of understanding

- 11. **clumsy -** awkward in movement or manner
- 12. **fond -** to like someone or something very much
- 13. **full-grown** completely grown
- 14. **rebellious -** somebody who breaks the rules
- 15. **acquire** to obtain or begin to have something
- 16. **imitate** to copy the speech or behaviour, etc. of someone or something
- 17. **look back (on) -** to think about what happened in the past
- 18. **master -** to learn or understand something completely
- 19. **reminisce** to talk or write about past experiences that you remember with pleasure
- 20. **throw a fit/tantrum -** to experience and show a strong feeling of anger, especially suddenly
- 21. **visualise** to imagine or remember someone or something by forming a picture in your mind
- 22. **bear in mind -** to remember someone or something
- 23. **broaden the mind -** to increase a person's knowledge, experience, or interests. widen.
- 24. have something on your mind to be worrying about something
- 25. **it slipped my mind** to forget something that you had to do
- 26. **keep an open mind -** to wait until you know all the facts before forming an opinion or making a judgment
- 27. my mind went blank cannot remember anything
- 28. **make a choice -** to select; to separate and take in preference.
- 29. **shoelace** a thin string or strip of leather used to fasten shoes
- 30. **mimic** copy, imitate
- 31. **overly -** too; very

- 32. **unparalleled** having no equal; better or greater than any other
- 33. **spurt -** to flow out suddenly
- 34. **infinity** time or space that has no end
- 35. **grasp** to understand something, especially something difficult
- 36. **overindulge** to allow yourself or someone else to have too much of something enjoyable, especially food or drink
- 37. displeased annoyed or unhappy
- 38. **overdue** late; not done or happening when expected or when needed
- 39. **enquire** to ask for information
- 40. **unassisted** unsupported by other people
- 41. **momentarily -** for a very short time
- 42. **tantrum** a sudden period of extreme anger
- 43. **spontaneous** happening naturally, without planning or encouragement
- 44. **obstacle** something that makes it difficult for you to achieve something

- 1. Tuition for healthy children usually has top priority in most countries. However, teaching students with disabilities or mental issues is more difficult and even more important to support and develop. Which viewpoint do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 2. In some countries, physical education is a compulsory subject for the leaving certificate. Some people suggest that this practice be abolished? Which view do you agree with? Explain your choice, using specific reasons and details.

Lesson 12: Modern Times

- 1. **brand -** a type of product made by a particular company
- 2. **demographics -** statistical data relating to the population and particular groups within it.
- 3. **globalization** the development of closer economic, cultural, and political relations among all the countries of the world
- 4. **hindsight** understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened
- 5. **icon -** a person or thing regarded as a representative symbol or as worthy of veneration.
- 6. **identity -** who or what somebody/something is
- 7. **implication** a likely consequence of something
- 8. **joint venture -** a business or business activity that two or more people or companies work on together
- 9. **monopoly** the exclusive possession or control of the supply or trade in a commodity or service.
- 10. **modernization** the process of adapting something to modern needs or habits.
- 11. **multiculturalism** the belief that different cultures within a society should all be given importance
- 12. **projection** a calculation or guess about the future based on information that you have
- 13. **proportion** the number or amount of a group or part of something when compared to the whole
- 14. **ethnic** relating to a particular race of people
- 15. **exotic -** exciting and unusual because it is connected with foreign countries
- 16. **long-term** continuing a long time into the future
- 17. **sceptical** doubting that something is true or useful
- 18. **subsequent** later; following; coming after
- 19. wealthy rich

- 20. **contribute** give (something, especially money) in order to help achieve or provide something.
- 21. **dwindle** become smaller and smaller; shrink
- 22. **urbanization** the process by which more and more people leave the countryside to live in cities
- 23. **ethnicity** a large group of people who have the same national, racial, or cultural origins, or the state of belonging to such a group
- 24. **astounding -** very surprising or shocking
- 25. **ridiculous** stupid or unreasonable
- 26. **commentator -** a person on radio or television who describes and discusses news events, sports, books, or other subjects
- 27. **bug** (1) a very small insect. (2) a mistake or problem in a computer program
- 28. **flatten off/out -** to stop rising or falling, and stay at the same level
- 29. **meddle** to try to change or have an influence on things that are not your responsibility
- 30. **unfold** to happen as time passes.
- 31. **factor in -** take into account
- 32. **project** to calculate an amount or number expected in the future from information already known
- 33. **GDP** Gross Domestic Product: the total value of goods and services produced by a country in a year
- 34. **embrace** to accept something enthusiastically
- 35. **compound** to make a problem or difficult situation worse

- 1. Some people think that in modern society one needs to focus on their career while leaving personal development and values behind. What do you think is more important? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- 2. Many modern shopping centres are now becoming more popular than local market shops. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this consumer behaviour? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your position.
- 3. The most popular modern media is the internet. Do you think it will replace all other available media of communication? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Lesson 13: School Life

- 1. **assignment -** a piece of work that is given to someone as a part of their job
- 2. controversy a disagreement, often a public one
- 3. **curriculum** all the courses given in a school, college, etc.
- 4. **dissertation -** a long piece of writing on a particular subject, especially one that is done in order to receive a degree at college or university
- 5. **findings** information that has been discovered esp. by detailed study
- 6. **funding -** money given by a government or organization for an event or activity
- 7. **graduation** finishing a degree or other course of study at a university or school
- 8. **grant -** a sum of money given by the government, a university, or a private organization to another organization or person for a special purpose
- 9. **junior school -** a school in the UK for children who are seven to eleven years old
- 10. **kindergarten -** a nursery school; a school for children between the ages of about two and five
- 11. **learning disorder -** a disorder found in children of normal intelligence who have difficulties in learning specific skills

- 12. **lecturer -** someone who teaches at a college or university
- 13. **nursery -** a place where small children are cared for while their parents are at work
- 14. **resource** something that can be used to help you
- 15. **scholarship** money given to someone to help pay for that person's education.
- 16. **scope** the range of a subject covered by a book, programme, discussion, class, etc.
- 17. **syllabus** a plan showing the subjects or books to be studied in a particular course
- 18. **tutor -** a teacher paid to work privately with one student or a small group
- 19. **eligible -** being able or allowed to do it
- 20. **mixed** including both sexes
- 21. **relevant** connected with what is happening or being discussed
- 22. **seniors** older people, usually retired
- 23. **studious** someone who enjoys studying or spends a lot of time studying
- 24. **adopt -** to accept or begin to use something
- 25. **conduct -** to organize and perform a particular activity
- 26. **consider -** to think about something carefully
- 27. **overcome** to control or defeat something
- 28. **review -** to consider something in order to make changes in it, study it, or give an opinion about it
- 29. **struggle** to work hard to do something
- 30. **distraction** something that prevents someone from giving their attention to something else
- 31. **protractor** a device for measuring and drawing angles, usually shaped in a half circle
- 32. **dyslexia** word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read

- 33. **knit** to join together
- 34. **artefact -** an object that is made by a person, such as a tool or a decoration, especially one that is of historical interest
- 35. **internship** on-the-job training
- 36. **placement -** a temporary position or job in an organization
- 37. **daunting -** making you feel slightly frightened or worried about your ability to achieve something
- 38. **specialization** the limiting of one's study or work to one particular area, or a particular area of knowledge

- 1. School curriculum is selected by the central education authority rather than by the teachers, parents and students. Some believe that the latter should take part in the choice. Which viewpoint do you agree with? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.
- 2. Some students do very well at school and never have problems while others fall behind. Are they capable of handling this challenge themselves or should teachers and parents help them? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.
- 3. Doing an enjoyable activity with a child can develop better skills and imagination than reading. To what extent do you agree? Use reasons and specific examples to explain your answer.
- 4. University students nowadays have too much freedom and do not study enough. To what extent do you agree and disagree? Explain your opinion, using specific reasons and examples.

Lesson 14: Space

1. **asteroid** - one of many large rocks that circle the sun

- 2. **cosmos** the whole universe, especially when you think of it as a system
- 3. **crater -** a large hole in the top of a volcano
- 4. **debris** broken or torn pieces of something larger
- 5. **exploration** the activity of searching and finding out about something
- 6. **galaxy -** large isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way
- 7. **horizon** the place in the distance where the earth and sky seem to meet
- 8. **launch -** an occasion when a ship is put into water, or a spacecraft is sent into space, for the first time
- 9. **meteor -** a piece of rock or other matter from space that produces a bright light as it travels through the atmosphere
- 10. **outer space -** the universe beyond the earth's atmosphere (= the air surrounding the earth).
- 11. **simulator -** a piece of equipment that is designed to represent real conditions, for example in an aircraft or spacecraft
- 12. **solar system** the sun and the group of planets that move around it
- 13. **spacecraft** a vehicle used for travel in space
- 14. **space shuttle** a vehicle that takes people into space and comes back to Earth again
- 15. **cosmic -** pertaining to the universe; vast
- 16. **gravitational** involving gravity
- 17. **lunar -** of or relating to the moon
- 18. **meteoric** relating to or caused by a meteor
- 19. **outer -** at a greater distance from the centre
- 20. **terrestrial** relating to the earth
- 21. **uninhabitable** not habitable (= suitable to live in)
- 22. **unmanned** does not have a person inside it

- 23. **acclimatize** to (cause to) change to suit different conditions of life, weather, etc.
- 24. **colonize** to send people to live in and govern another country
- 25. **propel -** to cause something to move forward
- 26. **sustain** to keep something in operation; maintain
- 27. **undergo -** experience or be subjected to (something, typically something unpleasant or arduous)
- 28. **acrophobia -** fear of heights
- 29. **feasible -** able to be made, done, or achieved
- 30. in terms of used to describe which particular area of a subject you are discussing
- 31. **thunderstorm** a storm with thunder and lightening
- 32. **barely -** only just
- 33. **scramble** to climb up, down, or over something quickly and with difficulty
- 34. **fellow -** a member of an official organization for a particular subject or job
- 35. **eventuality** a possible happening or result
- 36. **contemplate** to spend time considering a possible future action
- 37. **cathedral** a very large, usually stone, building for Christian worship
- 38. **foresee** to know about something before it happens
- 39. **shield** something or someone used as protection or providing protection
- 40. **realm** an area of interest or activity
- 41. **faith -** complete trust or confidence.
- 42. **frontier -** an area that is being explored

1. Modern trends in early education focus on an array of practical school projects rather than developing traditional skills through maths, science and similar subjects. Which do you consider the better approach and why? Explain your choice, using specific reasons and details.

Lesson 15: Arts

- 1. art appreciation understanding the qualities of great art
- 2. **appealing -** attractive or interesting
- 3. **aesthetics** the formal study of the principles of art and beauty
- 4. **artefact -** an object that is made by a person, such as a tool or a decoration, especially one that is of historical interest
- 5. **ballerina** a female ballet dancer
- 6. **ballet -** a type of dancing where carefully organized movements tell a story or express an idea
- 7. **carving -** a shape or pattern cut into wood or stone or the skill of doing this
- 8. **conception -** an idea about what something is like, or a general understanding of something
- 9. **concert -** a performance of music by one or more musicians
- 10. **crafts** skill and experience, especially in relation to making objects
- 11. **emotion -** a strong feeling such as love or anger
- 12. **exhibition** a collection of things shown publicly
- 13. **expression** the act of saying what you think or showing how you feel using words or actions
- 14. **festival** an organized set of special events, such as musical performances or plays
- 15. **inspiration** someone or something that gives your ideas for doing something

- 16. **intimacy -** a situation in which you have a close friendship or sexual relationship with someone
- 17. **literature** writing that has lasting value as art
- 18. **performing arts -** acting, singing, dancing, and other forms of public entertainment
- 19. **portrait -** a painting, photograph, or drawing of a person
- 20. **venue** the place where a public event or meeting happens
- 21. **abstract** paintings, designs etc. consist of shapes and patterns that do not look like real people or things
- 22. accomplished skilled
- 23. **burgeoning** developing quickly
- 24. **classical** traditional in style or form
- 25. **distracting** preventing concentration or diverting attention; disturbing
- 26. **eclectic** consisting of different types, methods, styles, etc.
- 27. **electric -** very exciting
- 28. **fundamental** basic; primary; essential
- 29. literary connected with literature
- 30. **mundane** very ordinary and therefore not interesting
- 31. **passionate** full of emotion
- 32. **vivid** brightly coloured or (of descriptions or memories) producing clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
- 33. **choreograph** to arrange how dancers should move during a performance
- 34. **depict** to represent or show something in a picture, story, movie, etc.; portray
- 35. **provoke -** to cause a reaction, especially a negative one
- 36. **transcendent -** going beyond ordinary limits

- 37. **impulse -** a sudden strong wish to do something
- 38. **neurological** relating to nerves
- 39. **hardwired** the way of behaving etc that is a natural part of a person's character
- 40. **push through -** to make a plan or suggestion
- 41. **throng -** a crowd or large group of people
- 42. **behold** to see or look at someone or something
- 43. **enigmatic** mysterious and impossible to understand completely
- 44. **tingle** to have a slight stinging feeling
- 45. **thrill** a sudden feeling of excitement
- 46. **glimpse -** a short, quick view
- 47. **curvaceous** having an attractively curved body shape used about women
- 48. **deft -** skilful and quick
- 49. **showcase** to show the best qualities or parts of something
- 50. **dine -** to eat dinner
- 51. **scenery -** the general appearance of natural surroundings
- 52. **intricate** complex; containing many small parts or details that all work or fit together
- 53. **justifiable -** understandable
- 54. **consensus -** general agreement; opinion reached by a group
- 55. **explicit** clear and exact
- 56. **comparison** the act of comparing two or more people or things
- 57. **institutionalize** to send someone, especially someone who is not able to live independently, to live in an institution
- 58. **rote learning -** learning something in order to be able to repeat it from memory, rather than in order to understand it

- 1. Should the government support artists, such as, musicians, writers, and painters? Is it economically beneficial or is it just a waste of money? Why or why not?
- 2. Do you agree or disagree that governments should spend money on other things than art even though art helps develop quality in people's life? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.
- 3. Do you agree or disagree that governments should spend money on other things than art even though art helps develop quality in people's life? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.

Lesson 16: Media

- 1. **author** the writer of a book, article, play, etc.
- 2. **bias** the fact of preferring someone or something
- 3. **censorship** the act of censoring books, films, etc.
- 4. **current affairs -** political news about events happening now
- 5. **exposé -** a public report of the facts about a situation, especially one that is shocking or has been kept secret
- 6. **exposure** the attention that someone or something gets from newspapers, television etc
- 7. **free press -** a press having the freedom to operate without interference or censorship
- 8. **ideology** the set of ideas and beliefs of a group or political party.
- 9. **mass media** newspapers, television, radio, and the internet
- 10. **newsstand** a small structure where newspapers and magazines are sold

- 11. **paparazzi -** photographers who follow famous people in order to take photographs they can sell to newspapers
- 12. **publicity** notice or attention given to someone or something by the media
- 13. **relevance** the degree to which something is related or useful to what is happening or being talked about
- 14. **safeguard** a rule, agreement etc that is intended to protect someone or something from possible dangers or problems
- 15. **tabloid** a type of newspaper that has smaller pages, many pictures, and short reports
- 16. **attention-grabbing -** attracting people's notice; striking
- 17. **biased** unfairly preferring one person or group over another
- 18. **celebrity** someone who is famous, especially in the entertainment business
- 19. **distorted** changed from the usual, original, natural, or intended form
- 20. **entertaining -** funny and enjoyable
- 21. **factual** based on facts
- 22. **informative -** providing a lot of useful information
- 23. **intrusive** affecting someone in a way that annoys them and makes them feel uncomfortable
- 24. **investigative** intended to examine a situation in order to discover the truth
- 25. **mainstream** (of beliefs or behaviour) common and shared by most people
- 26. **sensationalist** a person who presents stories in a way that is intended to provoke public interest or excitement, at the expense of accuracy.
- 27. **superficial** (of a person) never thinking about things that are serious or important
- 28. **unbiased** able to judge fairly because you are not influenced by your own opinions
- 29. **well-informed -** having a lot of knowledge
- 30. **exploit -** to use something in a way that helps you

- 31. **invade** to enter a place by force, often in large numbers
- 32. **publicize** to make information about something generally available
- 33. **corruption -** illegal, bad, or dishonest behaviour, especially by people in positions of power
- 34. **pride oneself on -** be especially proud of a particular quality or skill
- 35. **reveal** to make known or show something usually secret or hidden
- 36. **ill-informed** knowing less than you should about a particular subject
- 37. **comply** to act according to an order, set of rules or request
- 38. **alarming -** causing worry and fear
- 39. **underreport** fail to report (something) fully
- 40. **relegate** to put someone or something into a lower or less important rank or position
- 41. **media hype -** publicity
- 42. **impartial** not supporting any of the sides involved in an argument
- 43. **invasive** (especially of an action or sensation) tending to intrude on a person's thoughts or privacy; spreading
- 44. **reality TV** television programs in which real people are continuously filmed, designed to be entertaining rather than informative.
- 45. **glamorous -** attractive in an exciting and special way
- 46. **rectify** to correct something or make something right

1. Some people think the media – television and films – negatively affect people's behaviour. Others do not think so. How do you think the media affects people's behaviour? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

2. The most popular modern media is the internet. Do you think it will replace all other available media of communication? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

Lesson 17: Travel

- 1. **countryside** the land and scenery of a rural area.
- 2. **destination** the place that someone or something is going to
- 3. **effect -** a change that is caused by an event, action etc
- 4. **inhabitant -** a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
- 5. **itinerary** a detailed plan or route of a journey
- 6. **journey** a trip, esp. over a long period or a great distance
- 7. landscape everything you can see when you look across a large area of land
- 8. **luggage** the cases, bags etc that you carry when you are travelling
- 9. **peak -** the highest, strongest, or best point, value, or level of skill
- 10. **trend -** general tendency or direction
- 11. **village -** a group of houses and other buildings that is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside
- 12. **adventurous -** willing to take risks or to try out new methods, ideas, or experiences
- 13. **budget -** estimate of the amount of money that can be spent for different purposes in a given time
- 14. **breath-taking -** very exciting, impressive or surprising
- 15. **coastal -** near the coast
- 16. **cosmopolitan** containing people and things from many different parts of the world
- 17. **diverse** including many different types of people or things

- 18. **luxurious** very comfortable and expensive
- 19. **mountainous** having a lot of mountains
- 20. **picturesque -** (esp. of a place) attractive in appearance
- 21. quaint attractive because of being unusual and especially old-fashioned
- 22. **remote** far away in distance or time
- 23. **rough -** approximate, bumpy
- 24. **rural** happening in or relating to the countryside, not the city
- 25. **scenic** surrounded by views of beautiful countryside
- 26. **stunning -** extremely beautiful or attractive
- 27. **tough -** strong; not easily broken or made weaker or defeated
- 28. **unspoilt -** a beautiful place which has not changed for a long time and does not have a lot of new buildings
- 29. **urban -** of or in a city or town
- 30. **affect** to have an influence on someone or something
- 31. **fluctuate** to change or vary frequently between one level or thing and another

- 1. In many countries people tend to move overseas or move to a different part of their country after their retirement. Discuss why they do so and what the outcome of this situation is. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- 2. Some people prefer to use energy-saving modes of transportation like hybrid cars and bicycles. Others prefer the usual mode of transportation like buses and trains because it is fast and efficient. Which mode of transportation do you prefer and why? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.
- 3. Low-price airlines lack most of the conveniences of normal air plane flights. However, the prices of the tickets are usually lower. Discuss negative and positive aspects of having lower

rates of air plane tickets for travellers. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your response.

- 4. Is it good for families if parents need to travel a lot in their job or if they need to move to other cities? Is moving to a new location positive for children? Discuss your opinion and support it with specific reasons and examples.
- 5. Better driver education for better driving habits is more effective than heavier punishments for driving offences. To what extent do you agree or disagree? Use specific reasons and examples to support your position.

Lesson 18: Urbanisation

- 1. **challenge -** something needing great mental or physical effort in order to be done successfully
- 2. **compromise -** an agreement between two sides
- 3. **dilemma -** a difficult choice between two things
- 4. **megacity** a very large city
- 5. **migrant -** a person that travels to a different country or place, often in order to find work
- 6. **overpopulation** when there are too many people living in a particular place
- 7. **poverty -** the state of being poor
- 8. **setback -** a problem that delays or prevents progress, or makes things worse than they were
- 9. **slum -** a very poor and crowded area, especially of a city
- 10. **adequate -** as much as is needed; fully sufficient
- 11. **booming -** increasing; having a rapid economic growth
- 12. **catastrophic** extremely harmful; causing financial or physical ruin
- 13. **decent -** socially acceptable or good

- 14. **double-edged -** something that acts in two ways, often with one negative and one positive effect
- 15. **one-sided** not balanced or fair
- 16. **long-sighted -** able to see things clearly that are far away but not things that are near you
- 17. **overpriced** too expensive
- 18. **overworked** having to work too much
- 19. **short-sighted -** (1) a person who can only clearly see objects that are close to them. (2) not thinking enough about how an action will affect the future.
- 20. **staggering** shocking because of being extremely large
- 21. **address** to give attention to or deal with a matter or problem
- 22. **aggravate** to make (an injury, problem, etc.) more serious or severe.
- 23. **deteriorate** get gradually worse
- 24. **exacerbate** to make worse
- 25. **exclude** to keep out or omit (something or someone)
- 26. **flourish** to grow or develop successfully
- 27. **linger** to stay somewhere longer than expected
- 28. **raise** (here) to begin to talk or write about a subject that you want to be considered
- 29. **remedy** to do something to correct or improve something that is wrong
- 30. **resolve** to solve or end a problem or difficulty
- 31. **worsen** to become worse
- 32. **amend -** to change for the better; to correct
- 33. **exclusion** the act of not allowing someone or something to take part in an activity or to enter a place
- 34. **inclusion** the act of including someone or something as part of a group, list, etc.

- 35. rag a torn piece of old cloth
- 36. **mount -** to gradually increase, rise, or get bigger
- 37. **scarce** not easy to find or get
- 38. cast-offs things, usually clothes, that you no longer want
- 39. **ubiquitous** found or existing everywhere
- 40. **apparel** clothes, esp. of a special type
- 41. **tradesman** a man who buys and sells goods, especially someone who owns a store
- 42. **pawnbroker -** someone whose business is to lend people money in exchange for valuable objects. If the money is not paid back, the pawnbroker can sell the object.
- 43. **nascent -** in the earliest stages of development
- 44. **wholly -** completely
- 45. **chronically** in a long-lasting or habitual and problematic way.
- 46. **disposal** the act of getting rid of something, especially by throwing it away
- 47. **sewage -** waste and liquid from toilets
- 48. **neglected** not receiving enough care or attention
- 49. **dust-yard -** an example system of organised, municipal-wide solid waste management
- 50. **immortalize** to cause someone to be remembered for a very long time
- 51. **spring up -** to start to exist suddenly
- 52. **filth** disgusting dirt
- 53. **merchant -** a person whose business is buying and selling goods for profit
- 54. **bug** (1) a very small insect. (2) a mistake or problem in a computer program
- 55. **cinder -** a very small piece of burnt wood, coal etc
- 56. **notorious** famous for something bad

- 57. **hereditary -** a quality or illness that is passed from a parent to a child
- 58. **of the first order -** very important; considerable of its kind
- 59. **in the eyes of somebody -** in another person's opinion
- 60. **incinerator** a device for burning waste material

- 1. Although more and more people use public transport, some city streets are still overcrowded with traffic. How can this problem be solved? Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.
- 2. People are more mobile nowadays. They seldom live in one city all of their lives. Why do you think this is happening? What are the consequences of this trend? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of this situation. Provide specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

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