

Test_Unit_5

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GRAMMAR

1 Match the sentence halves.

It's not enough to ruminate over reasons why the area is in decline;

As a result of cheaper labor, increased automation, and less unionization in other parts of the world,

By the middle of the 20th century, globalization and foreign monetary agreements meant that coal and steel

In the past, manufacturers in the Rust Belt had little or no competition, yet they

Some experts suggest that economic decline can be slowed down or even reversed, either by diversifying the industry and introducing more cutting-edge technologies

or by introducing financial incentives such as tax reductions or incentive payments.

were cheaper to import than produce domestically.

manufacturing bases have been moved overseas.

failed to expand and thus were unable to compete when faced by challenges from their international counterparts.

we must also consider what can be done about it.

Score: / 5

2 Check (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the incorrect sentences.

- 1 Regeneration can improve the lives of local residents, breathe new life into local businesses, and to encourage new businesses to relocate to the area. ☐
- _____
- _____
- 2 Rather than flattening and rebuilding the old station, the developers worked with skilled architects to retain the architectural and industrial heritage of the area. ☐
- _____
- _____
- 3 Regeneration can stimulate the local economy for homeowners but at the same time force only poorer residents but also their offspring out of the area since they no longer have any chance of getting on the property ladder. ☐
- _____
- _____
- 4 A downside of regeneration is that gentrification forces poorer residents out of the area because they can either afford to live in the area, nor to shop in the newly established upmarket retail outlets. ☐
- _____
- _____
- 5 It's been said that the government is spending more money on helping high earners get on the property ladder than on building affordable housing for low-income workers. ☐
- _____
- _____

Score: / 5

3 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 Not only/But can the development of tourist attractions encourage visitors to an area that is in decline, but it can also provide local employment opportunities.
- 2 To create a successful tourism industry, it's essential to consider *how attractions are maintained/why attractions are maintained* as well as how they are promoted.

- 3 If tourist attractions are not managed long term, they will *either/neither* be sustainable nor promote a positive image of the area.
- 4 Tourism can attract wealth to an area, *and/yet* it doesn't automatically result in better-paid employment.
- 5 Areas that attract a viable tourism industry invariably do *better/better than* places that are unable to pursue this option.

Score: / 5

VOCABULARY

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

The second half of the 20th century witnessed the decline of traditional industries such as coal and steel. This has severely (1) _____ many towns and cities, which saw their once (2) _____ local economies decline due to insufficient job opportunities. The (3) _____ from this is that rather than face unemployment, much of the labor force has been forced to relocate to other parts of the country in search of work. Many critics feel that in the long run this is (4) _____ and demonstrates a disregard for family life. Perhaps the solution is for industry in the "rust bucket" towns to diversify in order to (5) _____ the cycle of decline, and rebuild local economies.

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|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 A diversified | B impacted | C relocated |
| 2 A booming | B domestically | C unsustainable |
| 3 A integral | B panel | C fallout |
| 4 A somewhat | B integral | C unsustainable |
| 5 A curtail | B disregard | C accomplish |

Score: / 5

5 Complete the words in the sentences. The first letter is given, and there is one space for each letter.

- 1 Increased competition from overseas has forced many large companies to
 r _____ and dispose of some of their factories in order to survive.
- 2 When their children leave home, couples are increasingly deciding to
 d _____ to smaller accommodation.

- 3 As we get older, many of us will have difficulty climbing stairs, so perhaps building more
b _____ would be a good idea.
- 4 While importing goods from other countries often means lower prices for consumers, its
impact d _____ is fewer jobs for the home country's
workforce.
- 5 Throughout the world, people are moving from the countryside to cities in search of
work, but then they find there are i _____ houses
and jobs for them.

Score: / 5

6 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

accomplish dispose of disregard integral somewhat

- 1 In the past, asbestos was used for insulation in many buildings; it has since been
discovered to be highly dangerous and so is being removed. However, it is important to
_____ it carefully.
- 2 Most countries are seeking to improve their infrastructure, but given financial
constraints, it can take a long time to _____ this.
- 3 Some people think that officials show total _____ for the feelings of local
residents when putting forward plans for developing town centers.
- 4 It's essential to ensure that consideration of transportation links is an _____ part
of any planning process.
- 5 Although developers are eager to build quickly, they are _____ constrained by the
availability of skilled workers.

Score: / 5

READING

Read the text about rural retirement.

As many people migrate to urban areas in order to find work, the logical extension is that when they reach retirement, the wise choice would be to relocate to the countryside, where life is cheaper, healthier, and safer. However, for many older people, the choice is not so clear-cut.

In comparison to the cities, the country tends to be significantly cheaper to live in. Lower demand means that property is less expensive and rents are lower. Selling a city property and downsizing to something simpler and less costly in the country can free up capital to use as a retirement fund or to help offspring. For some, the attractions are not only the privacy but also the tranquility of country living. Towns and cities are so packed with people, it is almost impossible to go out without being seen day and night. Much lower population density in the countryside means that streets and roads are much quieter and it is possible to avoid other people. Other benefits include living a slower, simpler life closer to nature. In addition to being in close proximity to woods and rivers, residents are more likely to have a yard where they can grow their own fruit and vegetables or keep bees. The next most common argument is that country life is safer—there is less crime, and people are friendlier and look after each other in a way that doesn't happen in a city.

However, the situation is not so simple. While property prices might be lower in the country, other prices are higher. Without reliable public transportation, people are dependent on their cars, and distances are greater, resulting in increased transportation costs. This also means higher prices in the stores. Winters are colder, and older, remote properties require more heating and may become inaccessible in winter. Some people have discovered that they actually get less privacy in the countryside, where in a short time everyone knows and is known to all others, and they miss the anonymity of city life, where you can be seen but not noticed.

Further, life may not be as healthy and safe in the country as people think. Where traditional farming is unsustainable, industrial agriculture can produce pollution and toxic fumes. Living farther away from a hospital means that emergency help takes longer to arrive. And, less contact with friends and family can lead to depression.

In conclusion, life in the country is often neither cheaper, healthier, nor safer than life in a city. What people expect and what they experience can be quite different.

7 Check (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 People grow their own food in the country because they live far from stores. ☐
- 2 There is often insufficient public transportation in the countryside. ☐
- 3 Some rural properties can be hard to reach in winter. ☐

- 4 Living in a close, rural community only brings benefits. ☐
- 5 People sometimes have unrealistic ideas when they retire to a village. ☐

Score: / 5

8 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 Property in rural areas is _____.
A always noticeably cheaper
B usually much cheaper
C sometimes a bit cheaper
- 2 Some people move to the countryside to _____.
A create space for others in the capital city
B open a guest house
C give money to their children
- 3 One reason that rural houses cost more to heat is that _____.
A they are not as well built as modern city houses
B they can't be reached easily
C the people who live there are older
- 4 The smell from neighboring modern farms can be _____.
A natural
B unpleasant
C dangerous
- 5 People in cities _____.
A are watching other people
B are oblivious of their neighbors
C avoid contact with other people

Score: / 5