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**Admission
Grade 10**

Read the text and complete the assignments.

A great place to live

What do you look for when deciding where to live? Many people never move from their home town, of course. Others move because of a job. Some, though, think carefully about the lifestyle they are looking for. It may be somewhere affordable or a place with a vibrant arts and music scene. They may want an iconic skyline or narrow cobbled streets and small local shops. Would you prefer clean air or a bustling cosmopolitan city?

Amazingly, whatever your tastes or desires, you may be surprised to learn that Zurich, in Switzerland, has all these things and more. That's why, in many surveys, it comes first in the list of best cities in Europe in which to live and is only just behind Melbourne, Australia, as the best city in the whole world. Better even than traditionally popular cities such as Vancouver, Singapore and Montevideo.

Zurich is Switzerland's largest city with a population of about 400,000. However, 30 percent of the population were born overseas so it is a very multicultural city. People from abroad are attracted by the job opportunities, high salaries and low rates of taxation, the world class schools and universities and the overall high standard of living.

Of course, this is Switzerland so prices are high, and finding affordable accommodation in the city centre may be difficult. However, the city has excellent public transport and, as it isn't too sprawling, it is easy to get from one part of the city to another quickly and comfortably. Therefore, residents can take advantage of lower accommodation costs further from the centre.

Zurich is also a very green city with many parks and breathtaking views of the Alps in the distance. Between the city and the mountains there are lakes where you can swim, sail or go kayaking in safety.

It should be no surprise that Zurich has some excellent shops, which are modern and clean. There are also restaurants to suit all tastes and budgets. Culture lovers will be impressed by the huge variety of cultural institutions in the city including opera, ballet, theatre, museums, art galleries and concert halls. There are also attractions for young people with many clubs and a thriving alternative music scene. Not many people realise that Europe's biggest techno event is held in Zurich as is the Caliente Festival, the largest Latin cultural event on the continent.

So, are there any drawbacks to living in the city at all? Some parts of the city have a reputation for crime although the levels are high only in comparison with the rest of the city. It is still much safer than other big cities in Europe. Drivers also complain that the roads are very congested but public transport is so efficient that there is really no need to drive in the city at all. In fact, traffic is slow because, unlike in other cities, trams, cyclists and pedestrians are given priority over cars – making life even easier for non-car drivers. That's probably why the percentage of the population who don't have a car has risen from 40 percent to 45 percent in the last decade.

All in all, you can find a great standard of life in Zurich.

Task 1. Read the text. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)? (1 point each/5 points)



- 1 Surveys show that Zurich is the fifth best place in the world in which to live. _____
- 2 The majority of Zurich's population are Swiss. _____
- 3 It can be difficult to travel around the city. _____
- 4 You have to get out of the city before you can see the Alps. _____
- 5 There are more car owners in the city than non-car owners. _____

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Task 2. Match the words from the text with the definitions give. (0.8 point each/4 points)

1. breath-taking	A. the whole number of people living in a country or a region
2. pedestrian	B. having a cost that is not too high
3. affordable	C. astonishing
4. population	D. a period of ten years
5. decade	E. a person going on foot

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Task 3. Decide which answer, A, B, C or D, best fills each gap. (0.4 point each/2 points)

Last summer I decided to go on a special summer camp for overweight teenagers. I knew that I needed to (1) ___ some weight, and I thought it might be a fun way to do it. My parents offered to drive me to the camp, but I decided to travel (2) ___ train because this was something I wanted to do on my own. When I (3) ___ my destination after a three-hour train journey, I was feeling quite nervous. However, I soon relaxed. There were fifteen other teenagers there, all with the same aim – to get fitter and healthier. We spent the first day just socialising (4) ___ each other and getting to know each other, then began a two-week programme of exercise and lessons on food and nutrition. I loved it! I came home lighter, fitter and much happier. And the best bit was the football match we played against the staff – I (5) ___ the winning goal!

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| 1 A lose | B give | C fall | D decrease |
| 2 A in | B on | C by | D with |
| 3 A got | B reached | C arrived | D achieved |
| 4 A at | B to | C for | D with |
| 5 A scored | B beat | C won | D achieved |

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Task 4. Complete the reported speech. Use the word in capitals. (1 point each/5 points)

- 1 'I want to go there tomorrow,' I explained. THAT
I explained _____ there the following day.
- 2 'Do you have any experience in graphic design?' they asked her. IF
They asked her _____ in graphic design.
- 3 'Don't worry about it,' I told him. TO
I told him _____ about it.
- 4 'Where do you live?' I asked him. HE



I asked him _____.

5 'I'm sorry,' Tom says. THAT

Tom says _____ sorry.

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Task 5. Put the verb in the correct tense form. (0.4 point each/5 points)

1-2. Jessica _____ (never fall) in love until she _____ (meet)

Ben two years ago.

3-4. Bruce _____ (not stop) studying until he _____ (cover)

all of the exam topics.

5-7. When the old woman _____ (hear) that her

grandson _____ (arrest) for robbery, she _____ (shock).

8-9. When Megan _____ (have) problems at school, her

parents _____ (usually help) her to cope with them.

10-12. We _____ (wait) for the bus for nearly half an hour, but

it _____ (not arrive) yet so I don't think we _____ (be able to) attend
the meeting on time.

13-14. When Sarah _____ (graduate) from university next year,

she _____ (study) English for nearly four years.

15-17. While the children _____ (play) by the lake, one of

them _____ (drop) his ball and _____ (try) to get it out himself.

18. Tomorrow at around 7.30 pm, I _____ (drive) through America.

19. Builders _____ (finish) the Millennium Dome by the end of the year 2000.

20. When I had another look I realized the shirt in the laundry _____ (shrink).

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