

I. Read the Extract A and Extract B and then answer the questions from 1 to 8:

Extract A: Life in a Suburban American Town

Extract B: An American Teen's Summer in the City:

1. What is Sarah's perspective on her suburban life?

Answer: B. She finds it peaceful and stable but sometimes longs for more excitement.

Explanation: Sarah enjoys the calm, predictable nature of suburban life but yearns for the excitement of life outside her town.

2. What is a significant feature of the suburban neighbourhood described in Extract A?

Answer: B. The neighbourhood is peaceful, with children playing outside and neighbours interacting.

Explanation: The suburban neighbourhood is described as peaceful, with neighbours often interacting and community events taking place.

3. How does Sarah feel about the people in her community?

Answer: B. She appreciates the familiarity of seeing the same people every day.

Explanation: Sarah appreciates the familiarity of her community, where everyone knows each other and interacts regularly.

4. How does the narrator in Extract B describe the noise of New York City?

Answer: B. The noise is constant and overwhelming.

Explanation: The narrator describes New York City's noise as being constant and overwhelming, coming from taxis, people, and other city sounds.

5. What activity do the narrator, and their friends enjoy in New York City?

Answer: B. Exploring different neighbourhoods and watching street performances.

Explanation: The narrator and their friends enjoy exploring various neighbourhoods, watching street performances, and experiencing the city's lively atmosphere.

6. What challenge does the narrator face in New York City?

Answer: A. Finding quiet places to relax.

Explanation: The narrator feels overwhelmed by the fast pace of life and finds it difficult to find quiet moments in the bustling city.

7. How is the pace of life in New York City described in Extract B?

Answer: B. Fast-paced and constantly moving.

Explanation: New York City is described as fast-paced, with a constant movement of people and activities.

8. What is the tone of Extract A?

Answer: B. Reflective and peaceful.

Explanation: The tone of Extract A is reflective and peaceful, as Sarah contemplates the quiet beauty of suburban life and her longing for something more.

II. Read the following Poem and answer the questions from 9 to 14:

The Forgotten Garden

9. What does the garden symbolize in the poem?

Correct Answer: A) Nature's cycle of death and renewal

Explanation: The garden symbolizes the natural process of growth, decay, and eventual rebirth, echoing themes of renewal.

10. What does "the flowers grew old" suggest?

Correct Answer: B) The flowers were neglected and faded

Explanation: The phrase suggests the passage of time, with the flowers losing their vibrancy as they age, reflecting the garden's decline.

11. How does the speaker describe the garden after time passes?

Correct Answer: C) Withered but not completely gone

Explanation: The garden has aged, withered, and faded, but there is still a sense that life exists beneath the surface.

12. What is meant by "there's a spark of life that no one believes"?

Correct Answer: C) There is hope and potential even in forgotten places

Explanation: The "spark of life" represents hope and the possibility for renewal, even when others may have lost faith in it.

13. What does "life finds a way" suggest about the garden?

Correct Answer: C) *Even in difficult circumstances, life can thrive*

Explanation: "Life finds a way" suggests that even in challenging or neglected circumstances, renewal and growth are possible.

14. What is the poem's central message?

Correct Answer: B) *There is always hope for renewal and growth*

Explanation: The poem's theme is about resilience and the possibility of change, even in seemingly hopeless situations.

III. Read the text below, which consists of few paragraphs (questions 15 – 20). For questions 15 – 20, choose the option (A – G) which best summarises each paragraph. There is one extra option which you do not need to use.

The Importance of Biodiversity

Answers: 15 – C 16 – G 17 – D 18 – A 19 – E

IV. Read the four extracts below on the theme of change.

For questions 20–29, choose the option (A, B, C, or D) which you think best answers the question.

Answers and Explanations

20. Extract A - The writer shares a personal story about moving to a new city and how it reshaped their understanding of change.

21. Extract B - The writer questions the assumption that all change is beneficial, providing historical examples.

22. Extract C - Malala Yousafzai's story is used as an example of someone who embraced and led change.

23. Extract A - The passage suggests that change is not always dramatic but can be gradual and meaningful.

24. Extract B - The reference to the industrial revolution places change in a historical context.

25. Extract A - The writer reflects on how they initially expected change to feel one way but experienced it differently.

26. Extract B - The discussion of technological and industrial shifts provides a non-human example of change.

27. Extract D - The light-hearted tone about resisting smartphones adds humour to the theme of change.

28. Extract B - The writer argues that not all change is positive and that questioning it can be important.

29. Extract C - The story of Malala demonstrates how initial struggle, and opposition can lead to meaningful change.