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Class

Writing

Write an essay about the event on your country.

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Reading

In the 21st century, there are many conveniences, or things that make life easier, that we take for granted. An example of a convenience that we don't often think about today is street lights. They automatically turn on when it gets dark out and turn off when they are not needed anymore. Life has not always been so easy!

Beginning with the ancient Greeks and Romans and continuing up through the 15th century, oil lamps were usually used to light the streets. Every evening, at dusk, a person called a lamplighter walked through the streets, lighting each lamp. Then, at dawn, the lamplighter would walk back through the streets, snuffing out each light. During this time, link boys were also common. Link boys guided people through dark streets at night.

Many cities continued to use oil lamps or candles until 1792, when gas lighting was invented. Then the city of London became the first city to light their streets using gas. But these lights continued to need a lamplighter. It wasn't until the end of the 19th century

that electric lighting was invented. The first city to be lit up by "electric candles" was Paris. This is one of the reasons that Paris was nicknamed "The City of Lights."

Finally, by the mid-1900s, most city streets around the world were lit by electric lights. No longer did anyone have to light the lights by hand, and they automatically turned on and off when needed. How convenient!

In the future, we can expect the technology of street lights to continue to change. For example, many cities now are beginning to use solar-powered lights. But, one thing is for sure—we will continue to be surprised by new conveniences that are developed in the future. And we will always wonder—how did people in the past live without this?

A. Answer these questions:

1. When was gas lighting invented ?

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2. What are conveniences ?

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B. Write T for True and F for False

1. This reading is about the history of street lights.	T	F
2. Today, street lights are taken for granted.	T	F
3. London was nicknamed "The City of Lights."	T	F
4. The person who walked around lighting street lights was called a lighter.	T	F
5. In the past, link boys guided people through dark streets.	T	F
6. Dusk is the time of evening when the sun sets.	T	F
7. Many cities now are beginning to use solar-powered lights	T	F

C. Choose the correct answer:

1. The first city to be lit up by "electric candles" was (London – Paris – Rome).

Grammar

A. Choose the correct answer

1. Nawal: What are you doing? Sahar: I _____ my homework.			
A	have finished	B	am finishing
C	finish	D	finishing
2. On Mondays, I always _____ at the mall.			
A	stops	B	stop
C	stopping	D	is stopping
3. Samir goes to college in the U.S., but he _____ in Australia this year.			
A	is studying	B	studying
C	study	D	studies
4. Linda _____ in Dubai last week.			
A	arrives	B	is arriving
C	arrived	D	has arrived
5. Unemployment _____ since 2010.			
A	increases	B	is increasing
C	has increased	D	increased
6. Charles _____ his job last year.			
A	lost	B	lose
C	was losing	D	has lost
7. Tigers _____ on the endangered species list for a long time.			
A	are	B	been
C	are being	D	have been
8. When my grandparents _____ to Dubai, I was 7 years old.			
A	move	B	were
C	have moved	D	moved

B. Correct the form of the verb in brackets. Use the simple past and past progressive:

- Hans _____ (walk) to college when he saw Samir.
- In the past, large factories often _____ (cause) pollution.
- The students were waiting for the bus when it _____ (start) to rain .
- I _____ (go) to Pakistan last month.

C. Complete the sentences with the words in brackets. Use the simple present or the present progressive of the verbs.

- He _____ with his uncle until he can find his own place. (live)
- The water _____. Please turn it off. (boil).
- The scientists _____ the cause of the problem. (not/understand)
- _____ in your country in winter? (it/snow)

Vocabulary

A. Choose the correct answer

1. We do not know how global warming will affect our future.			
A	cause to end	B	start again
C	cause a change in	D	keep
2. It is important to establish laws to protect our environment.			
A	set up	B	practice
C	finish	D	come across
3. They will not launch the rocket until the weather is good.			
A	prepare for takeoff	B	send into space
C	prepare for landing	D	take apart
4. We should not take for granted that we will always have fresh water.			
A	accept as part of life	B	grant as a wish
C	keep a secret	D	forget about
5. to host means to			
A	produce a change	B	accept as part of life
C	provide a place for	D	send into space

B. Match:

1. transforming		determined to succeed
2. hub		businesses
3. vibrant		make more varied
4. thriving		open and honest
5. ambitious		prosperous and strong
6. enterprises		strong and active
7. diversify		center
8. transparent		changing completely

C. Fill the blank:

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- King Abdul-Aziz was a _____ leader,
- The first communications satellite was called _____ .
- All successful changes start with a _____ .