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Part 1

Choose the answer A, B, C or D that best completes each space in the text.

Machu Picchu

This essay will give a brief description (1) the Inca city of Machu Picchu, in modern day Peru. It will argue that this ancient city is one of the (2) important archaeological sites in South America. Machu Picchu is a city located high up in the Andes mountains in Peru. It is thought that it was built between 1460 and 1470 (3) an Inca ruler, although we cannot be certain because no written records survive.

It is (4) that it had any military or commercial functions because it was built so high up and in such an inaccessible place. What is more, there is no archaeological or written evidence that it was an administrative centre. Therefore, (5) more likely that it had some religious (6) cultural function.

There are about 200 buildings at Machu Picchu, including houses, storage structures, temples, and other public buildings. It is clear that they were planned and constructed (7) great care and precision. The buildings are made (8) extremely hard stone, yet they fit on top of each other so perfectly that it is impossible to put a thin knife blade (9) the stones. This feat of construction has led archaeologists to speculate (10) the type of tools which could have been used to cut the stone so perfectly.

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1.
A. from
B. by
C. at
D. of

2.
A. more
B. most
C. very
D. much

3.
A. by
B. from
C. with
D. at

4.
A. unlike
B. not like
C. unlikely
D. likely

5.
A. is
B. it
C. its
D. it is

6.
A. or
B. and
C. but
D. with

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7.

- A. with
- B. by
- C. from
- D. at

8.

- A. on
- B. by
- C. of
- D. in

9.

- A. among
- B. between
- C. through
- D. beside

10.

- A. for
- B. with
- C. on
- D. about

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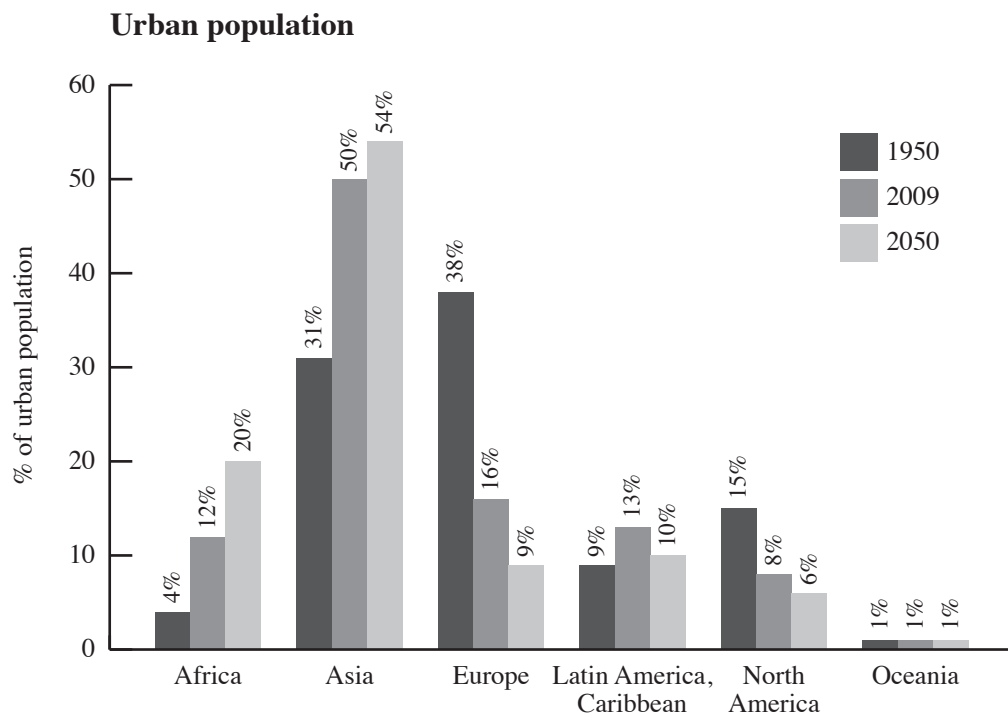
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Part 2

Describe the graph. Write **150** words. Use the information below to explain differences in the graph.

- Changes in birth rates
- Changes in job opportunities
- Differences in society between regions



Source: *UN Department of Economics and Social Affairs, 2009*

You can use this space to write a plan for Part 2 (this is not marked):

Turn over to write your answer.

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Part 3

Write a short essay about the following topic. Write **250** words. Use the information below in your answer. You may add your own ideas.

Topic: Many people believe that life was better 50 years ago than today. Compare and contrast then and now. In your conclusion state when you would prefer to live, and why.

Include information about:

- Employment opportunities
- Housing
- Social and cultural life
- Infrastructure – transport and technology
- Cost of living
- Pollution
- Crime

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