

•VOCABULARY•

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. (6 points)

traffic jams	polluted	pedestrian streets
high-tech	subway system	urban

- Beijing is one of the most polluted cities in the world because of the traffic, industry, climate and size of the city. You can hardly breathe there some days.
- The _____ in the morning are terrible. You can spend hours waiting.
- The local authorities have spent a lot of money on the new _____ to make it easier to get around the city quickly.
- The mayor has designated a large downtown area for _____ where no cars can go.
- The new building is very _____ — all the doors, lights, and elevators are controlled by computers.
- _____ planners are people who design cities and towns.

2 Complete the two-word expressions with the words in the box. (6 points)

traffic	people	parking
shopping	subway	railroad

- subway system
- _____ -friendly
- _____ jam
- _____ station
- _____ lot
- _____ mall

•GRAMMAR•

3 Write the sentences in the present passive. (5 points)

- The local government maintains local roads.
Local roads are maintained by the local government.
- A professional company cleans the building.

3. The city permits graffiti in special places.

4. The hotel management doesn't allow animals to stay in the rooms.

5. Urban planners design high-tech solutions to solve the city's problems.

4 Write the questions in the past passive. (12 points)

- Did they build the towers in 2005?
Were the towers built in 2005?
- Did Guggenheim design the museum?

- Did they make the houses from good materials?

- Did Shakespeare write *Hamlet*?

- Did the company import those oranges from Spain?

- Did they produce those new CDs in Mexico?

5 Complete the sentences, using the correct form of the passive voice. (6 points)

- Their house was sold (sell) last week.
- We visited a city that _____ (build) on an island.
- When he was young, he _____ (not / allow) to stay out late.
- My friend _____ (invite) there for a vacation every year since 2003.
- Those novels _____ (not / publish) until last year.
- The new museum in Balboa, Spain, _____ (design) by Frank Gehry.

6 Write sentences about each event, using the past form of the passive voice. (10 points)

The Petronas Towers / Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	complete / 1998
The Oriental Pearl Tower / Shanghai, China	build / 1995
Indira Gandhi / India's first woman prime minister	elect / 1966
Sputnik / the world's first satellite	launch / 1957 / by Russia
The North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)	establish / 1994 / by Canada, Mexico, and the United States

- The Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur were completed in 1998.*
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

•READING•

7 Read the text and answer the questions. (5 points)

Building Big

Our modern architecture today is greatly influenced by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans. They constructed buildings that were bigger than anything the world had seen. Some of their most famous buildings, such as the Acropolis in Athens, were erected in honor of the gods. The Romans were expert bridge builders and many continue to stand today. The Pont du Gard bridge in France, built by the Romans in 14AD, is 250 m long. Later, many constructions in Europe were also famous for their size. St. Peter's Basilica in Rome remained the world's largest Christian church until 1989, when a bigger one was built in Africa, in the Ivory Coast.

Military defense has also influenced architecture. The Great Wall of China, which

is about 6,400 km long, was built in 221 — 206 BC to protect China from invaders. If it were straightened out, it would be long enough to cross the Atlantic Ocean from the British Isles to Canada.

In the modern world, bridges and skyscrapers keep increasing in size. The first skyscrapers were built in the city of Chicago, in the United States, during the 1880s. But in 1931, the Empire State Building in New York became the world's tallest building, at 381 m, for the next forty years. It was finally overtaken by the World Trade Center, at 417 m, in 1973. Since then even taller buildings have been constructed in Chicago, Malaysia, and Taiwan. Longer and longer bridges have also been attempted. The world's longest, at 1991 m, is the Akashi-Kaikyo Bridge in Japan. However, China is building even longer bridges today.

- Why was the Acropolis built?
It was built in honor of the gods.
- Where is the largest Christian church in the world today?

- Why was the Great Wall of China built?

- Where are the tallest skyscrapers in the world today?

- How long is the Akashi-Kaikyo bridge?

•COMMUNICATION•

8 Number the conversation in order. (5 points)

- No. Go straight ahead three more blocks. It's on your left.
- Can you tell me how to get there?
- It's only about a fifteen minute walk from here.
- Sure. Go straight ahead. Then turn right at the corner.
- 1 Excuse me. How far is it to the Hill museum?
- So the museum is right there?