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Pre – Test

Identify the meaning of the underlined words in each sentence. Choose from the choices below.

- _____ 1 He owns several successful businesses but this company is the **jewel in the crown**.
- a. successful part b. least valuable
- _____ 2 He limited his losses by **diversification** of his product line.
- a. sameness b. varying and different
- _____ 3 The documents contain a **blueprint** for reforming the public school system.
- a. original b. plan; design; outline
- _____ 4 He just jumped in whenever I was in a **compromising** situation.
- a. expose to danger or embarrassment b. better
- _____ 5 The design of the car is very **futuristic**.
- a. magical b. inventive; innovative
- _____ 6 The war has badly damaged the country's **infrastructure**.
- a. basic foundation of a system b. result
- _____ 7 They seldom left the **confines** of their homes.
- a. expansion b. bounded; limited
- _____ 8 They proudly declared themselves as part of a new **autonomous** province.
- a. having the freedom to govern itself
b. dependent
- _____ 9 The rent of the house is **relatively** high.
- a. somewhat; sort of b. particularly
- _____ 10 He's a director who tries to keep his films right on the **cutting edge**.
- a. at the latest or most advanced stage
b. undeveloped stage

01

Reading



The **jewel in the crown** of the Kingdom's Vision 2030 **diversification** program is undoubtedly Neom which will cost an estimated 500 billion dollars to construct alone. Neom claims to be a **blueprint** for tomorrow in which humanity progresses without **compromising** the health of the planet.



The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman announced the launch of the nation's first **futuristic** and fully animated business zone Neom in 2017. Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 outlines 1.8 trillion dollars in investment in **infrastructure**, education, housing and health care over 10 years in a bid to develop the private sector and create new jobs. The goals of Vision 2030 are to enhance the effectiveness of Saudi Arabia and improve the quality of life for its citizens, increase the nation's income, and diversify the economy by creating new industries. The new city Neom is named from a combination of the Greek word for new and the Arabic term for future covering a total area of over 26, 500 square kilometers larger than Kuwait or in fact Israel. Neom will exist entirely outside the **confines** of the current Saudi judicial system and governed by an **autonomous** legal system that investors will draft up. This high-tech business hub is to be located in the Tabuk province in the north-western part of Saudi Arabia along the Red Sea Coast.



Neom's official website, which seems like something out of a Sci-Fi novel, claims that the first phase of the mega territory will be completed by 2025. Neom will consist of three major regions namely Octagon, Trojena, and the Line. *(stops at 3:11)*

The region has been selected because of its relatively mild climate. The project is expected to generate 380 thousand jobs and contribute 48 billion US dollars to the Kingdom's GDP by 2030. The goal of the project is to demonstrate that the Kingdom has the capacity to develop large-scale urban centers that can serve as economic hubs even as it continues to produce a majority of its energy needs through oil and gas. The future city is being designed to maximize the use of renewable energy and employ **cutting edge** technology. Initial plans for the city include drone taxis, a Jurassic Park style amusement park, and a giant artificial moon that lights at night. The reports state that the futuristic city-state is being built using artificial intelligence and clean energy sources. The planners of the city have said that they would provide bullet trains and a hyperloop for transportation but residents would be encouraged to use bicycles.

02

Activity

A1 | Pair Me Up

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

Jewel in the Crown	1 _____
Diversification	2 _____
Blueprint	3 _____
Compromise	4 _____
Futuristic	5 _____
Infrastructure	6 _____
Confines	7 _____
Autonomous	8 _____
Relatively	9 _____
Cutting Edge	10 _____

A	boundaries; limit
B	having the freedom to govern oneself
C	somewhat; sort of
D	at the latest or most advanced stage
E	basic foundation of a system
F	inventive; innovative
G	to expose in danger
H	plan; design; outline
I	enlarging or varying
J	most valuable or successful part

A2 | Right Words

Complete the sentence by choosing the word that fits the context. Choose from the box below.

jewel in the crown

blueprint

confines

compromising

futuristic

autonomous

diversification

infrastructures

relatively

1 Neom claims to be a _____ for tomorrow in which humanity progresses without _____ the health of the planet.

3 Mohammed bin Salman announced the launch of the nation's first _____ and fully animated business zone Neom in 2017.

2 The region has been selected because of its _____ mild climate.

4 The _____ of the Kingdom's Vision 2030 _____ program is undoubtedly Neom which will cost an estimated 500 billion dollars to construct alone.

03

Speak Up

You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.

1

Do you think that Vision 2030 will succeed? Do you think this is attainable? Why? Why not?

2

What can you say about this futuristic city state that is being built by artificial intelligence?

3

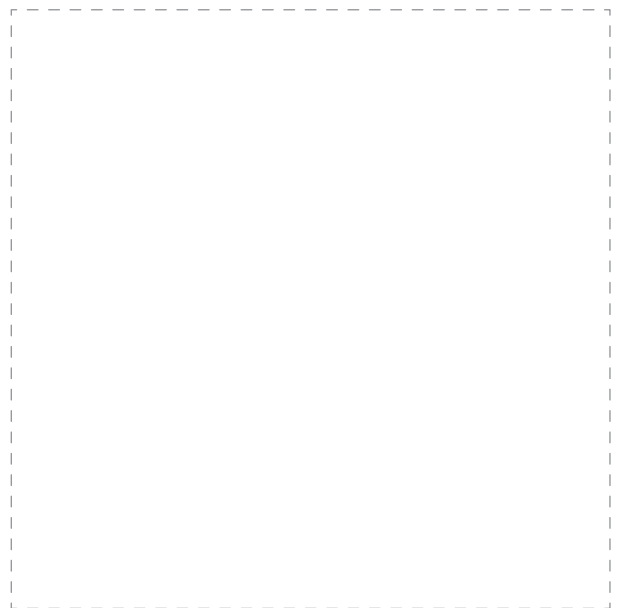
If you could come up with an economic vision, what would it be?




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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Vision without execution is delusion.



The Creative Box: Draw something, write something, do anything to this box – let yourself be free with the box. 

KEY ANSWERS

1J 2I 3H 4G 5F 6E 7A 8B 9C 10D

1 blueprint, compromising – 2 relatively – 3 futuristic – 4 jewel in the crown, diversification

LESSON SUMMARY

READING + LISTENING + SPEAKING

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