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Part 1 — The City You Currently Live In

1. What city do you currently live in? Do you like this city? Why?
2. What amenities does your current city have that you enjoy?
3. What is your favorite place in your home city? Do you think your city is big or small?
4. Are there any famous landmarks in your city or nearby?
5. What would you like to see in your city that is currently not available?

Part 2 – Other Cities

6. What makes a city big or small – population or area? What do you think is a big city?
7. Do you prefer small quiet cities or large busy cities?
8. Which mode of transportation do you prefer; bus; subway; personal car; uber/taxi, bicycle or other?
9. Which city from your home country do you like the most?
10. What famous landmarks do tourists visit in your country?
11. Which city would you really like to visit? What is the most beautiful city you know?
12. Which do you think is better – a compact city with tall buildings that is easy to get around or a city that covers a larger area and has lots of open spaces like parks?
13. What is the most interesting city you have visited? Which city would you recommend?
13. What city has a good reputation for food and restaurants?
14. What is one city you would never want to live in, and why?

Part 3 – General Questions About Cities and City Life

15. Why are people attracted to live in large cities? What makes a city a good place to live?
16. What are the worst problems that big cities have: traffic; noise, pollution, or costs?
17. How does public transportation help a city? What is the future of public transportation?
18. What are some things that can make a city beautiful?
19. Do you prefer modern cities or historic cities? Should older cities be modernized?
20. Are historical landmarks important? Are statues of famous people a good or bad idea?
21. If you could design a city, what would it look like? How can cities change over time?

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Useful City Vocabulary

- city — a large town
- capital city — the main city of a country
- downtown — the center of a city
- neighborhood — a small area of a city
- population — the number of people in a place
- traffic — many cars on the road
- public transportation — buses, trains, subways
- landmark — a famous or important place
- monument — a building or statue made to remember something
- tower — a tall building
- bridge — a structure that goes over a river or road
- museum — a place with art or history
- palace — a large home for kings or queens
- temple — a place for religious worship
- amenities — a desirable or useful feature or facility of a building or place

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