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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/273/2021_2022__E6_96_B0_E6_89_98_E7_A6_8F_E4_c81_273238.htm 本期话题:Some people

prefer to live in a small town. Others prefer to live in a big city.

Which place would you prefer to live in? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.参考范文:----1---- I grew up in a small town and then moved to a big city, so I have experienced the good and bad sides of both. I never thought that I would like living in a big city, but I was wrong. After ten years of living in one, I can't

imagine ever living in a small town again.独特经历，不同视角，给人以轻松自然的关怀的感觉

Small towns and big cities both have some problems in terms of(用...的话；按照，从...方面来说)transportation. In a small town, you have to own a car to ensure a comfortable living. You can't get around without one because there isn't any kind of public transportation. Big cities generally have heavy traffic and expensive parking, but there you have a choice of taking public transportation. It's not free, but it's often cheaper than driving when you consider gas and time. Especially if you don't have a car, you're better off in the city.客观评价，各有千秋，不过言语中透出对城市的更爱

I love the excitement of big cities. Small towns have a slow pace. Large cities mean you have to adapt to a variety of situations, like finding a new route to work or trying a new restaurant. I enjoy that challenge very much. Another part of the excitement of city living is the variety of cultural activities available. There is a wide assortment(An assortment is a group of similar things

that are of different sizes or colours or have different qualities.) of theatre, music and dance performances available in big cities. These things are rare in small ones.城市刺激，有激情，乡村更显闲适The final thing I like about large cities is the diversity(The diversity of something is the fact that it contains many very different elements)of the people. The United States is made up of people of different races, religions, abilities, and interests. However, you seldom find such a variety of people in a smaller town. I think that living in an area where everyone was just like me would quickly become boring.大城市丰富，有内容Of course, security is a concern, and that's one area where small towns are superior to big cities. Still, I would rather be a bit more cautious and live in a large city than to feel secure but bored.安全问题，作者宁愿牺牲一点安全，也不愿感到寂寞----2----Where should we live? Some may choose to live in big cities, while others like the natural and quiet surroundings in countryside. As far as I am concerned, I would like to live in a big city because living in a big city has more advantages than living in countryside.平白如题To begin with, the city is the symbol of human civilization and there are many facilities for living, recreation and health care. Therefore, living there is more convenient than living in countryside. For example, we can find a plenty of malls around our neighborhood, where we can buy everyday necessities at a low price. Furthermore, people concern more about their health and safety than other things in their lives. In big cities, medical facilities and emergency services are easily accessible than in countryside. Big cities also have convenient transportation and

utility systems. They also offer faster Internet connections. These all make our life easier in big cities. 人类文明成果，所以方便---医疗，网络

In addition, we can take part in a variety of events in big cities. Human beings like to live together and need to interact with each other. In a big city, the population density is high therefore there are always plenty of social activities, sports events and concerts. There are more recreational places in big cities, such as opera houses, movie theatres, clubs, and swimming pools. You will have many kinds of entertainment in big cities, and meet many people. In countryside, however, the life may be dull and quite, and you may only have a few neighbors. Living alone with few activities can easily cause mental diseases. 可以参加的活动方面，城市显胜，又引出心理健康方面

Some may argue that the pollution in cities makes people sick. However, with automobiles and modern highways we can easily take a break to expose to fresh air in countryside and sunshine on the beach. 城市污染是个问题，但城市的发达又提供了减少这个问题的方法---方便的到户外

In conclusion, I strongly hold that living in big cities is much better than living in countryside because of the advanced facilities and social activities in cities. Moreover, the autos and highways enable us to enjoy the natural and quiet surroundings in countryside. ----3----

In English, there is a well-known fairy story about a poor country boy, Dick Whittington, who goes to London because he believes that the streets of that city are “ paved (If a road or an area of ground has been paved, it has been covered with flat blocks of stone or concrete, so that it is suitable for walking or driving on.) with gold ” . The

story is a tale of “ from rags to riches (You use rags to riches to describe the way in which someone quickly becomes very rich after they have been quite poor.) ” . Dick eventually becomes the Lord (In Britain, Lord is used in the titles of some officials of very high rank) Mayor of London. Like the hero of that story, I always find wonder and adventure in cities. 由故事引入，表明城市的吸引力 Cities contain a great assortment of people. Whenever I walk around a shopping precinct (A shopping precinct is an area in the centre of a town in which cars are not allowed.) at midday on a weekend, I am fascinated by all the different types of people hurrying around the shops. Sometimes, I just sit on a public bench and simply watch the variegated (Something that is variegated consists of many different parts or types. (FORMAL) 色彩斑斓) streams of shoppers. Today, in the age of globe-trotting (If you trot somewhere, you move fairly fast at a speed between walking and running, taking small quick steps.) transport and communications, city life is more mixed than it has ever been. Capital cities are not cosmopolitan (A cosmopolitan place or society is full of people from many different countries and cultures) , and eager to attract foreign trade and currency. There is a contemporary (Contemporary things are modern and relate to the present time.) English joke which tells that “ you can never find an Englishman in London ” . 城市中人们多种多样，也是全球化的需要 (为什么说这个？请看下文) Whether rightly or wrongly, governments and local authorities usually build public amenities (Amenities are things such as shopping centres or sports facilities that are provided

for peoples convenience, enjoyment, or comfort.) in the big cities. Money is invested in transport, libraries, parks and museums. Often, countries will compete with each other for the best “ show-case ” building. Malaysia has built a skyscraper that is taller than anything in New York. In large countries, region (A region is a large area of land that is different from other areas of land, for example because it is one of the different parts of a country with its own customs and characteristics, or because it has a particular geographical feature.) will compete against region: New York against Chicago, Shanghai against Hong Kong and Beijing.城市之间，地域之间，互相竞争（为什么说这个？请看下文） All of this is good for the citizen. The magic of the Dick Whittington story is rekindled (If something rekindles an interest, feeling, or thought that you used to have, it makes you think about it or feel it again.) in me when I enter a library in a magnificent building. If a person is at university studying art or music, a large city usually offers galleries (A gallery is a place that has permanent exhibitions of works of art in it.) and public performances. Even as a teenager, I appreciated the worth of living in a city because two or three times a year there was a rock concert by a favorite band.城市的竞争提高人们的生活质量Architecture is the urban landscape. If a person has an appreciation of architecture, a city can be as visually exciting as the Himalayas. A modern metropolis (A metropolis is the largest, busiest, and most important city in a country or region.) is a mountain range of height, light and solidness. And then there are the old buildings: the quaint (Something that is quaint is attractive because it is unusual and

rather old-fashioned.) , unspoiled side-street or shops and homes from a distant age. If a person lived all of his life in one large city, he would continue to discover its architectural secrets into his old age. 建筑是城市的景观，对学建筑的人来说别有意义 Man is a social animal. He talks, mixes and creates. Cities offer the libraries, universities and cafe bars for him to meet others of his kind. 人是社会动物，最好还是呆城市 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com