

# ***“Building global cities” → reading comprehension & written expression***

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*Read the text a first time, and then answer the following questions:*

## **I) First contact with the text**

a) What type of document is that?

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b) Do you know what the “OECD” is?

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c) What is the general subject of this article?

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## **II) Line 1 to 7.**

a) Line 1: explain what you understand by “networked world”. Use your own words.

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b) Why can we say that cities today are “dynamos driving globalization”?

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c) According to the article, what are the two principal features of global cities?

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d) According to the article, what can you say about the evolution of global cities during the last 50 years?

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**III) Line 8 to 13.**

a) What are the positive aspects of urban areas?

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b) What are the negative aspects of urban areas? Can you think of other negative ones?

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**IV) Line 14 to 23.**

a) What are the anti-pollution measures mentioned in the text?

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b) Pick out another negative aspect of urban areas; imagine a way to improve this aspect.

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