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### The World's Best City

Vancouver is the world's most desirable place to live, according to a new survey. This Canadian city was one of four locations in that country to rank at the top of the list, which looked at conditions in 127 cities. The study evaluated nearly 40 indicators in five categories: stability, healthcare, culture, environment, education and infrastructure.

Firstly, personal risk was examined. This meant deciding on the probability of being a victim of crime or not. The infrastructure of the city was also studied, giving points for the quality of the public transport system, the roads, the schools and hospitals, and streets free of litter. They also looked at the availability of goods and services and the cost of living. This meant deciding how easy it is to buy what you need or want.

Several Canadian cities, along with Geneva and Venice, ranked well because they are considered safe and offer a high standard of living. The main worry for people living in those cities concerned the weather. "In the current global political climate, the most appealing destinations are those with the lower perceived threat of terrorism," said the author of the report. Of the European cities, Berlin and Helsinki were considered safe and scored well. Africa and the Middle East ranked the worst because of terror attacks, crime and economic and political instability. Interestingly, all the cities at the top of the list were in Canada, Australia and Western Europe. Finally, Vancouver in Canada was voted as the best place to live.

### QUESTIONS

**1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.**

- Ten cities in Canada scored at the top of the list of the world's best cities.
- One of the indicators of the survey was the wealth of the population.
- The inhabitants of Geneva worry more about the weather than their safety.
- No Australian cities ranked well in the survey.

**(Puntuación máxima 4 puntos)**

**2. In your own words and based on the ideas in the text, answer the following questions.**

- Describe the factors used to measure the world's best city.
- Why do people not want to live in Africa?

**(Puntuación máxima 2 puntos)**

**3. Find the words or phrases in the text that mean:**

- rubbish (paragraph 2)
- principal (paragraph 3)

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- c. present (paragraph 3)
- d. attractive (paragraph 3)
- e. danger (paragraph 3)
- f. due to (paragraph 3)

**(Puntuación máxima 1,5 puntos)**

**4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given.**

- a. The cities \_\_\_\_\_ ranked high on the survey were clean and safe. The cost of living in Madrid is cheaper \_\_\_\_\_ in London.
- b. We \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Africa last year. South Africa is \_\_\_\_\_ (interesting) country in Africa but crime is high.
- c. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to Canada next year, you \_\_\_\_\_ (find) many desirable cities to live in.
- d. He wants \_\_\_\_\_ (open) a travel agency in Madrid. People like \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the sites in this city.
- e. European cities are \_\_\_\_\_ (safe) than cities in the Middle East. It is (easy) \_\_\_\_\_ to buy what you want in Canada than in Africa.

**(Puntuación maxima 2,5 puntos)**

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