

Read the passage and choose the best word or phrase from among the four choices for each blank. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer.

Tiny Houses

Some people believe that when you are choosing what type of house to live in, “Bigger is Better.” However, many people around the world are starting to do something different. They are building “tiny” houses. There are many reasons for building smaller houses. One of the main reasons is that people are worried about the (1). Large houses usually use a lot of electricity and gas, which hurts the environment. This is because electricity requires a lot of coal, and we will run out of natural gas in the future. On the other hand, tiny houses can be ten times smaller than normal houses! This means that the negative effect on the environment will be much less.

The other big reason, as you may have guessed, is that small houses (2). The average owner of a tiny home in the U.S. has more money saved in the bank than the average owner of a normal house. Owners of tiny houses often use their money to travel and to see new things.

Tiny houses are good for the environment and cheaper than normal houses, but there are also (3) that come with buying a very small house. One challenge is that owners have very little space for their “stuff.” Another challenge is that it is difficult to have visitors because tiny houses usually don’t have guest rooms. There are good points and bad points about having a tiny house. Would you like to live in one?

- (1) 1 health of the environment
2 distance from their workplace
3 people in the neighborhood
4 monthly rent prices

(1) ① ② ③ ④

- (2) 1 are much cheaper
2 fit fewer people
3 attract more insects
4 have smaller gardens

(2) ① ② ③ ④

- (3) 1 community organization
2 business opportunities
3 strange health problems
4 some difficulties

(3) ① ② ③ ④