

The development of the London underground railway Reading Passage

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- 1 population
- 2 suburbs
- 3 businessmen
- 4 funding
- 5 press
- 6 soil
- 7 FALSE
- 8 NOT GIVEN
- 9 TRUE
- 10 TRUE
- 11 FALSE
- 12 FALSE
- 13 NOT GIVEN

Time limit: 00:19:53

1. Questions 1-6

Complete the notes below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes **1-6** on your answer sheet.

The London underground railway

The problem

- The **1** of London increased rapidly between 1800 and 1850
- The streets were full of horse-drawn vehicles

The proposed solution

- Charles Pearson, a solicitor, suggested building an underground railway
- Building the railway would make it possible to move people to better housing in the **2**
- A number of **3** agreed with Pearson's idea
- The company initially had problems getting the **4** needed for the project
- Negative articles about the project appeared in the **5**

The construction

- The chosen route did not require many buildings to be pulled down
- The 'cut and cover' method was used to construct the tunnels
- With the completion of the brick arch, the tunnel was covered with **6**

2. Questions 7-13

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes **7-13** on your answer sheet, write

TRUE if the statement agrees with the information

FALSE if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information on this

7 Other countries had built underground railways before the Metropolitan line opened.

3. **8** More people than predicted travelled on the Metropolitan line on the first day.
4. **9** The use of ventilation shafts failed to prevent pollution in the tunnels.
5. **10** A different approach from the 'cut and cover' technique was required in London's central area.
6. **11** The windows on City & South London trains were at eye level.
7. **12** The City & South London Railway was a financial success.
8. **13** Trains on the 'Tuppenny Tube' nearly always ran on time.