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The historical centre of London is now a relatively small area still known as the City, which covers only about 2.6 sq km (about 1 sq mi). The City is capitalised, to distinguish it from the larger metropolis. This is where London began as a Roman colonial town around AD 50, at the point where the Romans built the first bridge in London. Today this area is one of the world's leading financial centres. Most of the financial activities are crowded along Threadneedle Street, near the intersection known as the Bank, which includes the Bank of England, the Royal Exchange, and the Stock Exchange. The permanent residential population of the City is now less than 6.000, but about 350.000 commute there to work daily. The only large residential portion of the City is the Barbican Centre, a concrete complex of tower, parking garages, and pedestrian walkways located on the northern edge of the City. The Barbican was built to replace older buildings destroyed in World War II (1939 – 1945), when the Germans bombed London. Some of the City's older elegance remains despite the architectural chaos caused by the bombs and post – war developers. The most prominent landmark is Saint Paul's Cathedral, designed by English architect Christopher Wren to replace the original church, which was destroyed during the Great Fire of London in 1666. At the City's eastern boundary is the Tower of London, where the Crown imprisoned many important figures. It was begun in the 11<sup>th</sup> century by William the Conqueror.

**1. Indicate whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), and write down the part of the text that supports your answer.**

- The City is a very big area in the centre of London.
- Most of the people that live in the City reside in the Barbican centre.
- The City was heavily bombed during World War II.

**2. Answer these questions in your own words:**

- Who began the construction of London and when did it begin?
- What activity is the City famous for and where exactly does it take place?
- Why is the City not as beautiful as it once was?

**3. Choose the correct form from those given below:**

- London was ..... by bomb raids during World War II.

Shake      shook      shaken      shaking

- The City is ..... an important financial centre that everyone wants to work there.

Such      so      some      most

- More people commute to the City ..... reside in it.

That      than      like      as

**4. Finish each sentence so that it has exactly the same meaning as the one printed before it e.g. Eating fruit is healthy. >>> It is healthy to eat fruit.**

- My advice to you is not to drive in London. If I were you.....
- He said: "Don't smoke in the London underground". He told them.....
- They will tell us the secret of the Tower of London. We .....

**5. In 60 – 100 words, describe your favourite capital city of the world other than London.**