

## Tasks Video Unit 5 – Coffee, cotton, catchy beats

- a) Read the debate about the positive and negative aspects of globalisation. For each gap, choose the sentence that fits best.

Liz: Hey, have you ever thought about how globalisation affects our lives?

Taylor: Yeah, I mean, I guess globalisation is literally everywhere. But is it all good?

Liz: Not necessarily, but there are advantages. Take Ethan, for instance. He's got this amazing mix of cultures in his family, and he's spending his exchange year in Europe. ... **1**

- 1. His parents' friends live in Australia, and he can talk to them on his phone.
- 2. It's like he's carrying a piece of every country in his pocket with that phone of his.
- 3. It's kind of cool, though. He's got a global identity.

Taylor: True, but isn't there a downside? Let's go back to Ethan. Happily sipping on his coffee, not thinking about deforestation at all!

Liz: God Almighty! The production and transportation of coffee beans contribute to environmental issues like deforestation, pesticide use, and a massive carbon footprint. ... **2**

- 1. I think that's a small price to pay for enjoying coffee from different parts of the world.
- 2. It's like we're sipping on environmental problems with every cup.

Taylor: That's heavy. It's easy to overlook the positive side. What about cultural exchange and global coffee culture?

Liz: Totally! Ethan's background and his exchange year in Europe showcase what's decent about globalisation. ... **3**

- 1. It's like a celebration of diversity, with different coffee traditions enriching global culture.
- 2. But wait, isn't global coffee culture just spreading the same coffee house chains everywhere?

Taylor: Hmm, fair point. Speaking of chains. I think you cannot not talk about fast fashion and a massive water footprint. ... **4**

- 1. I think that's just a small part of the bigger picture.
- 2. Like, every piece of clothing we wear has a hidden water cost.

Liz: Exactly! The rapid production of clothing to keep up with trends contributes to this huge water footprint. But then there's the aspect of international connections, like Ethan talking to his parents' friends in Australia on his phone. ... **5**

- 1. That's just a way to distract us from the environmental impact of global trade.
- 2. It shows how easy and connected our lives have become thanks to globalisation.

Taylor: Very interesting point. But what about pop music? What's your take on that?

Liz: Ah, the McDonaldisation of the entertainment industry. ... **6**

- 1. It's cool, though. We all dance to the same universal beat.
- 2. I think that takes away the uniqueness of different music styles from around the world.

Taylor: Tough call. Globalisation seems to have both its perks and downsides.

- b) Read the debate again and use different colours to highlight an attributive adjective after a noun, the comparative form of an adjective, an adverb modifying a verb, an adverb modifying an adjective, an adverb modifying another adverb and an adverb commenting on a whole sentence.

- c) Take a random object out of your school bag and research what this object tells you about globalisation. Tell your classmates about your findings.



## Key

### a) and b)

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### c) individual answers