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Listening (10 points)

How Is Life Different for Billionaires?

Answer the questions or fill in the gaps.

1. What does the psychological theory of "the Happiness Paradox" tell us?

2. Which billionaire is said to live frugally?

3. Where does Warren Buffet live?

4. Who is Ingvar Kamrad?

5. How many hours a day did the co-founder of Google, Larry Page, sometimes work?

6. Elon Musk, the owner of Tesla, tries to never work on.....?

7. Elon is kind of addicted to.....

8. How many billionaires were there in 2017?

9. What is the name of Mukesh Ambani's skyscraper?

10. How many storeys does this building contain?

Reading (10 points)

The Silicon Valley elite's latest status symbol: Chickens

Adapted from *The Washington Post*

SAN FRANCISCO - Johan Land has a life that stands out even among Silicon Valley's tech elite: he's the lead product manager at Waymo (formerly known as Google's self-driving car project), a job that keeps him glued to computer screens and fixated on the future.

Excelling at his work, Land said, requires an obsessive focus on it. But maintaining that passion – especially with his fourth child on the way – means knowing when to detach. Land's secret to success: relaxing with a glass of wine in the backyard alongside his wife, kids and the family's 13 chickens and three sheep.

It's mindless, he said, but far from banal.

"It's a fascinating thing to sit and watch the animals because instead of looking at a screen, you're looking at the life cycle," Land said. "It's very different from the abstract work that I do."

In America's rural and working-class areas, keeping chickens has long been a thrifty way to provide fresh eggs. In recent years, the practice has emerged as an unlikely badge of urban modishness. But in the Bay Area – where the nation's pre-eminent local food movement overlaps with the nation's tech elite – egg-laying chickens are now a trendy, eco-conscious humblebrag on a par with driving a Tesla.

While the rest of the nation spends \$15 on an ordinary chicken at their local feed store, Silicon Valley residents might spend more than \$350 for one heritage breed, a designation for rare, non-industrial birds with genetic lines that can be traced back generations. They are selecting for desirable personality traits (such as being affectionate and calm — the lap chickens that are gentle enough for a child to cuddle), rarity, beauty, and the ability to produce highly coveted, coloured eggs.

Leslie Citroen, 54, is one of the Bay Area's most sought-after "chicken whisperers," who does everything from selling upscale chickens and building coops to providing consultation to backyard bird owners. Her services cost \$225 an hour. Want a coop and walk-in pen (known as a run)? You can expect to pay \$4,000 to \$5,000 for a standard set-up.

Citroen’s clients are usually men in their 30s and 40s, with young families. After spending their days in front of computers, they long for a connection to nature. What they want most of all, she said, is a “rainbow assortment” of beautiful, coloured eggs in various shades of blue, olive green and speckled brown.

Why?

“Because it shouts out, ‘These eggs did not come from Whole Foods or Walmart — these eggs came from my backyard,’” Citroen said. “It’s a total status symbol.”

At least one of Citroen’s clients has a personal chef who cooks for her chickens. Because they eat their birds’ eggs — if not the birds — chicken health is a top priority, Citroen said. Her clients spend “thousands” for surgeries and X-rays to keep them alive after predator attacks and illnesses.

Citroen’s 19-year-old son, Luca, who grew up around the family business, puts it this way: “Being able to say you have chickens says, ‘I have a backyard,’ and having a backyard says, ‘I have space.’ And having space means you have money, especially when it comes to Silicon Valley real estate.”

New owners start off with a standard breed like a Leghorn, a Barred Rock or Rhode Island Red, before upgrading to something more exotic and ornamental like a Silkie, a Jersey Giant, a golden laced bearded Polish chicken or a Dorking, an endangered British breed with a sweet disposition and roots that stretch back to the Roman Empire.

1. Name another status symbol mentioned in the text.

2. How much might Silicon Valley residents pay for one chicken?

3. How much does Citroen earn per hour?

4. Name two shops selling eggs mentioned in the text.

5. Name two breeds of chickens.

6. How old are chicken owners usually, and what is their sex?

7. What is Johan Land's position, job?

8. How much would a coop and walk-in pen cost?

9. How does Johan Land like to relax in his backyard?

10. Who are the basic residents of Silicon Valley? (1st paragraph)
