**5. London and other cities (Location, population, area, places of interest, history, transport, economy and others) and Means of transport**

**Location :**

London is the capital and the most populous city of both England and the United Kingdom which is standing on the River Thames in the south east of the island of Great Britain.

London is divided into 33 boroughs. The boroughs are divided into 3 parts.

it’s the City, Inner London and Outer London

**Population :**

The population of London is over 9 million inhabitants. Most people in London are British. However, London also has many immigrants who have come from many different countries. They speak many different languages and have different religions and cultures. Lots of them stay in London because of business. Many people visit London as tourists.

**Places of interest :**

A)T*he Tower of London* :

is a 900 years old castle and fortress in central London that is notable for housing the Crown Jewels and for holding many famous and infamous prisoners.

B)*Tower bridge* :

is one of the most famous bridges in London and one of many must-see landmarks in London with a glass floor and modern exhibitions..

C) *Trafalgar Square*  :

Largest square in London, whitch reminds Admiral

D) *National Gallery* :

The greatest collection of Western paintings from 13th century till now; next to it is National Portrait Gallery

E) *Buckingham Palace* :

Official residence of the royal family and the largest royal office in the world.

**History** :

London was founded by the Romans, who named it Londinium.

There was a plague epidemic in 1665, but thanks to a great fire in 1666 which destroyed almost the whole city, it was an end of the illness.

**Transport :**

The city has a huge network of transport systems including trains, metros (underground) and five main airports.

**Economy** :

London is a major world financial centre with a number of banks and the well/known London Stock Exchange.

**Other cities :**

*A )Oxford and Cambridge* :

Oxford and Cambridge are both famous university towns. And their universities are among the oldest in the world.

B) *Liverpool* :

Liverpool draws thousands of music fans every year as it is the place where The Beatles were formed.