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By the 18th century steam engine had started industrial revolution. Before the use of steam engines there had only been simple machines that required a ^{large} lot of manual workforce. People had been traveling on horseback or on foot. But with the new invention, steam locomotives were constructed and people could reach distant destinations much faster. Steamboats replaced sailing ships on the sea. Steam engines were used to pump the water from underground mines that had been flooded so more coal was mined and then used in iron production. Previously ^{the} majority of people had lived in rural areas, but factories were built in cities and they needed a lot of workers so people moved to urban areas which expanded rapidly. ^{the} ^{lives} ^{of} people became easier and richer because factories made ^a huge quantity of goods like cooking utensils, porcelain and clothing so the prices dropped significantly. Previously life expectancy had been really low and the revolution helped to increase it. This led to a rise of population growth. Literacy was also improved because of the invention of ^{the} paper machine. People were more aware of the events happening then because of the newspapers than they had been before.

either:
"a lot of
manual work"
or
"a large manu
workforce"

life (singular)
lives (plural)

Nice!

Excellent use of tenses

Good vocabulary and

development of ideas...

little to add... see above

Thanks, J-

Excellent.