

TEXT 1 : Sustainable Development

The best definition of Sustainable development was presented by the report Our Common Future (also known as the Brundtland Report):

"**Sustainable** development is development that meets the needs of the present without **compromising** the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Sustainable development is thus the ability to meet the needs of the present while **contributing** to the future generations' needs. It focuses on two goals:

- To improve the quality of life for all of the Earth's citizens.
- To stop **using up** the natural resources beyond the capacity of the environment to supply them indefinitely.

Green development is generally differentiated from sustainable development in that Green development prioritizes what its proponents consider to be environmental sustainability over economic and cultural considerations. In addition to that, sustainable development has underlying concepts: the concept of needs in particular the essential needs of the world's poor, to which **overriding** priority should be given; and the idea of limitations imposed by the state of technology and social organization on the environment's ability to meet present and future needs. There is an additional focus on the present generations' responsibility to improve the future generations' life by restoring the previous ecosystem damage and resisting to contribute to further ecosystem damage.

Sustainable development **requires** action on the part of world states, governments and people. The **detrimental** situation of the environment, the enormous stress upon our natural resources and the huge gap between developed and underdeveloped countries, necessitate practical strategies to reverse the trends. The World Commission on Environment and Development suggested seven critical objectives for environment and development policies that follow from the concept of sustainable development:

Reviving growth

Changing the quality of growth

Meeting essential needs and **aspirations** for jobs, food, energy, water and **sanitation**

Ensuring a sustainable level of population

Conserving and enhancing the resource base

Reorienting technology and manage risk

Including and combining environment and economics considerations in decision-making

These recommendations are still valid; not to do things differently is dangerous and condemnable. Slow actions would be detrimental.

EXERCISES

A: QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT (T/F)

1. Sustainability is about mostly today ()
2. Green development is different from sustainable development ()
3. Sustainable development can be achieved by a few countries' efforts ()

B: GUESS THE MEANING

1. Traditional agriculture is not **sustainable** anymore as it creates damage and harm for the soil and living creatures in it.
A) continual B) tiring C) wasteful
2. China had to **reorient** her foreign policy according to the new situation.
A) damage B) corrupt C) modernize
3. We must **ensure** all the participants will be at the meeting hall on time.
A) contradict B) ignore C) assure
4. He had never any **aspiration** to earn a lot of Money so he had a very simple and modest life.
A) hate B) ambition C) indifference
5. To **revive** his flagging career, the famous actor started a new movie.
A) destroy B) recover C) deaden
6. Smoking is **detrimental** to your health
A) harmful B) friendly C) profitable
7. This new discovery is believed to **contribute** to all humanity's well-being.
A) grant B) receive C) neglect
8. The country which produces **enormous** quantities of coal, iron and steel, is a dominant actor in the World politics.
A) miniature B) ordinary C) immense
9. Great achievements **require** great effort and self-commitment.
A) answer B) offer C) call for

10. The attempts to find a **compromise** between the rival companies were in vain so they decided to go to law.
A) refusal B) misunderstanding C) arrangement
11. The lack of clean water and **sanitation** were the main reasons for the fast spread of the illness.
A) cleanliness B) dirtiness C) filth
12. The President used his veto to **override** the committee's decision
A) nullify B) approve C) validate

C: MATCH THE SYNONYMS

REQUIRE – ASPIRATION – OVERRIDE – REVIVE – USE UP – DETRIMENTAL - ENORMOUS

1. Renew
2. Consume
3. Immense
4. Overrule
5. Need
6. Ambition
7. Harmful.....

D: MATCH THE ANTONYMS

REORIENT – ENSURE – USE UP – DETRIMENTAL – CONTRIBUTE – SANITATION –
ASPIRATION – COMPROMISE – SUSTAINABLE – REQUIRE – ENORMOUS - REVIVE

1. Eliminate
2. Refusal
3. Subtract
4. Risky
5. Dirtiness.....
6. Stall
7. Store
8. Destroy
9. Helpful
10. Compromise
11. Small

E: MATCH THE DEFINITIONS

SUSTAINABLE – REORIENT – ENSURE – ASPIRATION – REVIVE – DETRIMENTAL –
CONTRIBUTE – ENORMOUS – REQUIRE – USE UP – COMPROMISE – SANITATION –
OVERRIDE

1. settlement of differences by mutual concessions; an agreement reached by adjustment of conflicting or opposing claims, principles, etc., by reciprocal modification of demands.
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2. a strong desire, longing, or aim; ambition
3. able to be maintained or kept going, as an action or process
4. causing **detrimment**, as loss or injury; damaging; harmful
5. greatly exceeding the common size, extent, etc.; huge; immense
6. the development and application of **sanitary** measures for the sake of cleanliness, protecting health, etc.
7. to activate, set in motion, or take up again; renew
8. to finish (a supply); consume completely
9. To give (money, time, knowledge, assistance, etc.) to a common supply, fund, etc., as for charitable purposes
10. to have need of; need
11. to prevail or have dominance over; have final authority or say over; overrule
12. to secure or guarantee
13. to **orient** again or anew

F: FILL IN THE BLANKS

SUSTAINABLE – REORIENT – ENSURE – ASPIRATION – REVIVE – DETRIMENTAL
CONTRIBUTE – ENORMOUS – REQUIRE – USE UP – COMPROMISE – SANITATION
OVERRIDE

1. One of the aims of ethnography is to to an understanding of the human race.
2. The government devalued the currency to try to the flagging economy.
3. Sandra has the of going to medical school, but she isn't willing to put forth the effort needed to achieve such a dream.
4. Citizens in third world countries suffer from disease caused by a lack of systems.
5. To the safety of children, it is recommended that babies sleep on their back in their crib.

6. Kevin dreamed that he was being chased by an..... monster, and that it was drawing nearer to him with every passing second.
7. The creation of an efficient and..... transport system is critical to the long-term future of London.
8. If you..... further information, you should consult the registrar.
9. Long-acting drugs, like many sleeping pills, are especially..... to the elderly.
10. The Senate voted tothe president's veto.
11. I warn you not..... all the milk as we need some for breakfast.
12. China had to..... her foreign policy according to the new situation.
13. Encourage your child to reach abetween what he wants and what you want.

G: GRAMMAR QUESTIONS

1. Though scientists now point finger at the North Pacific, the exact mechanism unclear.
A) can –remains B) could – is remaining C) could – are remaining
D) can't – are remaining E) are able to – remains
2. While Furkan loves hamburger very much,
A) he sometimes thinks that it is nourishing
B) he eats hamburger everyday
C) there are a few fast food types he likes
D) I really abhor it
E) He has serious health problems
3. Some researchers believe schizophrenia is a single disorder, ---- others believe it is a syndrome based on numerous underlying diseases.
A) If
B) since
C) unless
D) while
E) because
4. Before ancient people found fire,,
A) they started cooking
B) they didn't know writing
C) they had eaten raw meat
D) providing traces of cooking food
E) they had started speaking

5. I almost couldn't attend most of the online lessons, I didn't know what to do and I was very anxious
- A) therefore
B) however
C) provided that
D) unless
E) since
6. The hanging gardens of Babylon which Seven Wonders of the World, trees, flowing water and exotic plant in the middle of desert
- A) Have been built / have been containing
B) Had built / contained
C) Was built / containing
D) Is built / to contain
E) Built / containing
7. When gold In California in 1848, the population of San Francisco, one of the major cities in the area, to 10.000
- A) is discovering / was jumping
B) has discovered / has been jumping
C) discover / jump
D) discovered / is jumping
E) was discovered / jumped
8. One of the most widely held superstitions is whistling indoors invites evils
- A) why B) whether C) when D) that E)
9., she has been unable to adjust all the fame
- A) When Lisa became a famous actress
B) Since she returned from her successful music tour
C) After she sings at the festival
D) Before Anna finished high school
E) Coming back to her hometown was harder than she thought