

UNIT 7.1 - READING SKILL

I. Read the passage and complete the sentences. True (T) or false (F).

Air pollution is a serious problem in many cities. Motor vehicles, factories and other sources create so much air pollution that it may hang in the air like dirty fog. Air pollution threatens the health of the people who live in cities. City wastes cause water pollution when they are poured into the waterways. These wastes kill fish and make some areas unfit for swimming. In addition, many large cities have difficulties in disposing of their garbage. The amount of garbage grows each year, but places to put it are quickly filling up. Citizens, governments, industries, scientists, and business people must work together in different ways to gradually reduce pollution. For example, most cities have introduced recycling programmes.

- ☐ 1. Motor vehicles and factories are among some sources of air pollution.
- ☐ 2. Air pollution doesn't endanger people's health in some cities.
- ☐ 3. Air pollution is the only problem of the environment mentioned in this passage.
- ☐ 4. Garbage disposal is a problem in many large cities.
- ☐ 5. Everyone must cooperate to reduce pollution.
- ☐ 6. We can reduce pollution by recycling programmes only.

II. Choose the word or phrase among A, B, C or D that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

Light pollution is not (1) _____ serious as water or air pollution. (2) _____, it is the type of pollution that (3) _____ more in cities than in rural areas. In the past, we could sit out at night and (4) _____ at glittering stars in the sky and light from objects in the outer space. Nowadays, cities are covered with lights from buildings, streets, advertising displays, many of which direct the lights up into the sky and into many unwanted places. The real problem is that it is very (5) _____ to apply light to almost everything at night. Millions of tons of oil and coal (6) _____ to produce the power to light the sky. Eye strain, (7) _____ of vision and stress are what people may get from light pollution. (8) _____ light at night can harm our eyes and also harm the hormones that help us to see things properly.

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| 1. A. as | B. more | C. much | D. only |
| 2. A. Moreover | B. However | C. Therefore | D. Nevertheless |
| 3. A. happen | B. occur | C. occurs | D. is occurred |

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| 4. A. watch | B. see | C. spend | D. gaze |
| 5. A. waste | B. wasteful | C. wasting | D. wastes |
| 6. A. used | B. using | C. is used | D. are used |
| 7. A. lose | B. lost | C. loss | D. losing |
| 8. A. Very much | B. Too much | C. Too many | D. So many |

III. Combine the two sentences to complete the sentences.

1. It was cold. However, Tom still went swimming. **(although)**

2. John is very sad. He fails the final exam. **(because)**

3. My grandfather is very old. He is still young at heart. **(although)**

4. Tom gets a lot of money. He works hard. **(because)**
