



English 11th Form – Extra practice

I. Talking about pollution and the environment requires a special vocabulary.

Complete the following definitions with the appropriate word / Expression.

1. The process of making the water, air, soil dirty. **P** _____
2. Fuels such as coal or oil, that were formed over millions of years from the remains of plants or animals.
F _____ **F** _____.
3. Chemical compound released as a result of the burning of fossil fuels like coal, gas or oil. **C** _____
D _____.
4. A process that occurs when gases in Earth's atmosphere trap the Sun's heat, keeping the temperature warmer than it would otherwise be. **G** _____ **E** _____
5. All human beings. **H** _____
6. Transformation of used materials (glass, cans, paper and some plastics) to be used again, reducing pollution and energy. **R** _____
7. Warming up of the climate caused by the penetration of ultra-violet(UV) radiation through holes in the ozone layer, which may lead to the melting of polar ice and subsequent floods and to the desertification of already hot and dry climates. **G** _____ **W** _____
8. The protection in the atmosphere a hundred miles from the Earth, which stops most of the dangerous ultraviolet radiation from reaching us. **O** _____ **L** _____.

II. Conditional Sentences

A. Complete the sentences, using the correct tense of the verbs in brackets. Make any necessary changes.

1. If the degradation of forests carries on at present rate, _____ (*there to be*) few unprotected forests left in 40 years' time.
2. Unless I am very much mistaken, water pollution _____ (*increase*).
3. I can't help him unless he _____ (*tell*) me what the problem is.
4. If I _____ (*be*) you, I'd walk to school everyday.
5. It would have been better if the government _____ (*spend*) the money on recycling projects.
6. If the Parliament had passed a law against water pollution, fish _____ (*not die*).
7. _____ (*you / do*) me a favour if I asked you ?
8. It might be a good idea if we _____ (*write*) a report about ozone layer.

B. Rewrite the following sentences starting them as suggested and making the necessary transformations.

1. Join the "Buy Nothing Day" campaign and you will tune into life.
If you _____ into life.
2. People spend too much in the developed countries. Some natural resources are getting scarce.
If people _____ getting scarce.
3. The English organized a "Buy Nothing Day". Many people got aware of the excessive expenditure.
If the English hadn't _____ of the excessive expenditure.
4. I'm not a world leader. I can't stop the destruction of the earth.
If I _____ the destruction of the earth.

5. Unless the population growth slows down, pollution will increase.
If _____, pollution will increase.
6. I don't have the power. I can't ban all cars from city centres.
If I _____ from city centers.
7. You didn't write to WWF, so they didn't send you the information.
If you _____ you the information.

III. So / Such (a/ na)that

A. Complete the following sentences with so / such a/an.

1. Our reaction to climate change has been _____ slow that the consequences will be a lot worse.
2. Celebrities give _____ visibility to some humanitarian causes that these become spread all over the world.
3. UNICEF is _____ well-known organisation that most people know something about what it does.
4. Nowadays people are _____ selfish that they are unable to stop and look around them.
5. We couldn't react as everything happened _____ quickly.
6. He's _____ amazing cook that I always ask him for recipes.
7. We've had _____ much rain lately that the river almost flooded.
8. Sarah and Ed are _____ crazy people! I never know what they are going to do next.

B. Rephrase the sentences to replace such with so and vice versa, depending on the context.

- a) There's so much potential in renewable energies that we should invest more money in them.
Renewable ... _____ that we should invest more money in them.
- b) Extreme weather events already have such a strong impact that millions of people are affected all across the globe.
- c) The _____ that millions of people are affected all across the globe.
- d) We live on such a unique planet that it may be the only one in our galaxy that sustains life.
The planet where we live _____ that it may be the only one in our galaxy that sustains life.
- e) The consequences of droughts in Portugal will be so severe that we may have to ration water in the near future.
Droughts _____ that we may have to ration water in the near future.