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UNIT 9: PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Reading Passage



Protecting the environment has become one of the most important issues in the modern world. Rapid industrial development and population growth have caused serious environmental problems such as air pollution, water contamination, and climate change. If we do not take action now, future generations may suffer from the consequences.

One major cause of environmental damage is the excessive use of natural resources. Forests are cut down for agriculture and urban development, leading to deforestation and loss of biodiversity. In addition, factories release harmful gases into the atmosphere, contributing to global warming. Plastic waste is another serious problem because it takes hundreds of years to decompose.

However, individuals can play an important role in protecting the environment. Simple actions such as reducing waste, recycling materials, and saving electricity can make a big difference. Using public transportation or riding bicycles instead of driving cars can help reduce carbon emissions. Schools can also educate students about environmental protection so that they become more responsible citizens.

Governments and organizations like the United Nations have launched many campaigns to encourage sustainable development. International agreements such as the Paris Agreement aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions worldwide.

In conclusion, protecting the environment is not only the responsibility of governments but also of every individual. By working together, we can create a cleaner and healthier planet for everyone.



I. MATCHING WORDS WITH DEFINITIONS



Words:

1. Deforestation
2. Biodiversity
3. Decompose
4. Emissions
5. Sustainable

Definitions:

- A. The variety of plant and animal life in a particular area
- B. Gases or substances released into the air
- C. Able to continue without harming the environment
- D. The cutting down of large areas of forests
- E. To break down naturally into smaller parts

Choose the correct answer and write A, B, C, or D.

1.
2.
3.
4.
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II. TRUE / FALSE STATEMENTS



1. Environmental problems are mainly caused by natural disasters.
2. Plastic waste decomposes very quickly in nature.
3. Individuals can contribute to environmental protection.
4. The Paris Agreement focuses on reducing greenhouse gases.
5. Only governments are responsible for protecting the environment.

III. MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS



1. **What is one major cause of environmental damage?**

- A. Reading books
- B. Excessive use of natural resources
- C. Playing sports
- D. Watching television

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2. **What happens when forests are cut down?**

- A. Air becomes cleaner
- B. Biodiversity increases
- C. Deforestation occurs
- D. Water becomes pure

3. **What can individuals do to help the environment?**

- A. Waste more electricity
- B. Drive more cars
- C. Recycle materials
- D. Cut down trees

4. **What is the goal of the Paris Agreement?**

- A. Increase plastic production
- B. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- C. Build more factories
- D. Encourage deforestation

5. **What is the main idea of the passage?**

- A. Environmental protection is unnecessary
- B. Only organizations can protect the Earth
- C. Everyone should help protect the environment
- D. Climate change does not exist

the end.