

Q1 : Complete the lyrics in this song

Title :Big Yellow Taxi

By : Counting Crows ft. Vanessa Carlton (Original version by Joni Mitchell)

They _____ paradise
And put up a parking lot
With a pink hotel , a boutique
And a swinging _____

(*)Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've _____
Till it's gone
They paved paradise
And _____ a parking lot

They _____ all the trees
Put 'em in a tree museum
And they _____ the people
A dollar and a _____ to see 'em

Repeat (*)

Hey farmer farmer
Put away your _____
I don't care about spots on my apples
_____ me the birds and the bees
Please!

Repeat (*)

Listen,late last night
I heard the screen door _____
And a big yellow taxi
Took my girl away

Repeat Chorus (*)

They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot

Q2 Match the correct vocabularies with their meaning.

a)Paved
b)DDT
c)Charged
d)Slam
e)Put up

A colourless chemical that is used for insect control in crop production.
To ask an amount money for a service rendered , a good supplied or an activity.
A sudden loud noise
To build a structure in an empty space
To cover an empty area with concrete or bricks.

Q3 : Read the lyrics again and try to answer all the questions below in your own words.

What is the tone of this song? Explain your answer

Q4 : Below are the themes discussed by the songwriter in this song except :

- a) The feeling of regret when a person takes things or someone for granted.
- b) Specific concern of using harmful pesticide in crop or fruit production.
- c) Natural disaster casualties.
- d) Environmental issues in urban areas.

Q5 : How does this song make you feel? Why?

Q5) Below are the environmental issues discussed by the songwriter in this song except :

- a) Deforestation
- b) Air Pollution
- c) Land Pollution
- d) Effect on marine life.

Q6) Complete the table by listing down two causes and effects of these environmental issues.

Types of environmental issues	Causes	Effects
a) Climate Change	- -	- -
b) Deforestation	- -	- -
c) Endangered species	- -	- -

