A **Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow.** 2.3.1(b), 3.1.1(a)

Tropical rainforests are found near or around the equator. 70% of the plants in the rainforests are trees. The trees have straight trunk and thin bark because there is no need to protect **them** from water loss or freezing temperature. Rainfall is plentiful here and the climate is hot and humid.

Tropical rainforests play an important role in regulating the water level and climate. During the day, the trees take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen into the atmosphere. The trees act as air filter. They filter the polluted air. That's why the air in the forest is fresh and clean.

Today, one-third of the rainforests have been destroyed. They are cleared for farming, mining, building houses and other development. The forest destruction has affected the world's climate because more carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere. Also, many animals, insects, birds and plants are destroyed. Some animal species become endangered due to loss of habitat.

For the sake of our future generations, we should preserve the tropical rainforests. Mankind should reduce cutting down trees. Plant more trees instead to balance the forest ecosystems. People should be more aware of their environment and do their best to save the earth.

1 Where can we find tropical rainforests?
A In the forest **B** Near the equator **C** Near the river **D** In cold places

2 The word **them** in paragraph 1 refers to the _____.
A trees **B** leaves **C** animals **D** plants

3 What causes some animal species to become endangered?
A Cold climate **B** Hot climate **C** The rainfall **D** Loss of habitat

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