

Unit 9. PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT

PART 3: READING

I. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only one word in each space.

home	balance	way	warming	forests
ecosystems	value	of	amount	life

PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY

Protecting biodiversity is now very essential since biodiversity is crucial for reducing climate pollution. If we don't protect biodiversity, the effects could be as harmful as the effects of global (1) itself. This is especially true with tropical (2)- they are critical to fighting climate change and (3)to more species than any other ecosystem type. In other words, protecting biodiversity is essential for our well-being, and biodiversity helps to (4)the nature.

Biodiversity is an important part of sustainable development. As we know, sustainable development is considered as a major target for industry as well as planning system. However, the only (5)to achieve this target is to protect biodiversity. Tiny plants that grow also absorb large (6)of carbon dioxide. That is why protecting diversity is essential.

In fact, biodiversity protection is very much important since biodiversity is a fundamental component of (7)on Earth. It creates complex (8)that could never be reproduced by humans. The (9)of that biodiversity is immeasurable, and thus must be protected. Finally, we both want and need biodiversity. We continue harming the natural environment without realizing the impact. We should be aware (10)protecting biodiversity.

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

World Environment Day which is (1) ____ on 5th June every year in an important day in the calendar of the United Nations. It is one of the ways the United Nations uses to advocate for environmental (2) ____ and call for political action.

Every year, UNEP (the Environment Program of the United Nations) develops a theme which is used globally to raise (3) ____ and call for support from governments, organizations, and individuals from all over the world.

The theme for 2015 was "Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care". This would also serve as the slogan for the World Environmental Day 2015. The meaning of this theme and slogan is that we have five (4) ____ with more than seven billion people combined. Although we have about 7 billion people, we just have one planet that we live and survive. The surface area is limited, shelter and food also limited. If we continue using the available natural (5) ____ as we do today, our future generations may be (6) ____ to go hungry and without homes. This is why it is of vital importance to consume (7) ____ food that is available with care. Stop the wastage and use whatever resource that is available according to need, not greed.

"Join the race to make the world a better place" is the theme and (8) ____ for 2016 UN World Environment Day. This slogan (9) ____ a clear message and asks everyone to get involved (10) ____ making the world a better place to live in.

1. A. found B. acted C. held D. celebrated

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| 2. A. experience | B. protection | C. decrease | D. pollution |
| 3. A. feature | B. activity | C. ability | D. awareness |
| 4. A. areas | B. continents | C. plants | D. stars |
| 5. A. sources | B. resources | C. balances | D. increase |
| 6. A. had | B. made | C. forced | D. accused |
| 7. A. which | B. whatever | C. who | D. what |
| 8. A. slogan | B. flag | C. poster | D. brand |
| 9. A. requests | B. asks | C. carries | D. depends |
| 10. A. from | B. to | C. within | D. in |