

## Unit 7: Reading and writing

Read the passage and choose the correct answer for each question:

### Effects of noise pollution

Generally, there are three major effects of noise pollution. Firstly, long exposure to noise will (21) \_\_\_\_\_ people's eardrum, which may result in a (22) \_\_\_\_\_ hearing loss. Secondly, (23) \_\_\_\_\_ noises affect aquatic (24) \_\_\_\_\_ in one way or another. For example, noise pollution is (25) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of injuries and deaths to (26) \_\_\_\_\_. Thirdly, health effects of noise (27) \_\_\_\_\_ anxiety and stress. Some people feel stressed and tired (28) \_\_\_\_\_ they listen to loud music (29) \_\_\_\_\_ karaoke bars every day. In short, the consequences can be very (30) \_\_\_\_\_.

21. A. cause	B. make	C. pollute	D. damage
22. A. bad	B. polluted	C. permanent	D. long
23. A. too	B. excessive	C. much	D. so
24. A. animals	B. food	C. objects	D. things
25. A. making	B. causing	C. resulting	D. leading
26. A. dogs	B. monkeys	C. whales	D. donkeys
27. A. including	B. to include	C. includes	D. include
28. A. because	B. due to	C. because of	D. so
29. A. to	B. between	C. from	D. in

Rewrite the second sentence in such a way that it has the same meaning as the one before it:

31. You can't have a good health unless you exercise more.

If \_\_\_\_\_.

32. Visual pollution happens when there are too many telephone poles, advertising billboards, or shop signs.

Too many \_\_\_\_\_.

33. Unless we take action immediately, the air will become completely polluted.

If we \_\_\_\_\_.

34. Herbicides kill both weeds and aquatic plants.

Both weeds and aquatic plants die \_\_\_\_\_.

35. The environment is now in danger because many people do not respect it.

If many people \_\_\_\_\_.

36. The water is contaminated, so people get more diseases.

Since \_\_\_\_\_

37. My uncle suffered from lung cancer because he breathed in unclean air.

Because of \_\_\_\_\_

38. Unless people stop throwing rubbish in the street, the street won't look attractive.

The street will look \_\_\_\_\_

39. Because it rained heavily, the road in front of my house was flooded.

Due \_\_\_\_\_

40. Too much use of electric lights in cities may cause light pollution.

Light pollution may result \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the sentences, using the correct form of the words in brackets:**

6. The disposal of \_\_\_\_\_ sewage in rivers and oceans leads to water pollution. (treat)

7. Water pollution can be caused by \_\_\_\_\_ substances from factories. (poison)

8. Cutting down trees causes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ damage. (environment)

9. Sewage from the market may make water in rivers and lakes \_\_\_\_\_. (contaminate)

10. There is a link between exposure to \_\_\_\_\_ and cancer. (radiate)

**Combine each pair of sentences into one, using the words in brackets.**

16. I am a member of the anti-pollution program in my school. I often go to school by bus. (so)

17. The trees in this area were cleared off. Public facilities would be constructed. (because of)

18. Fresh, clean water is very important to life. No one can live long without it. (since)

19. Kim never cleans her room. Her mother is complaining. (because)

20. Many aquatic animals are dead. The water is polluted. (due to)

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### **Types of pollution**

In total, there are eight sources of pollution in the modern world, which put negative effects on the natural world and the health of human beings.

#### *Air Pollution*

Air pollution comes from many sources such as vehicle exhaust, and construction. Several effects are smog increases, higher rain acidity, and higher rates of asthma.

#### *Water Pollution*

Water pollution can be caused by improper waste disposal and littering. Some effects of water pollution are decreasing the quantity of drinkable water, and affecting aquatic life.

#### *Soil Pollution*

Soil pollution sources include poisonous waste, sewage spills, household dumping and littering. Soil contamination can lead to loss of wildlife habitat.

#### *Noise Pollution*

Noise pollution can come from traffic, airports, railroads, construction, and concerts. Hearing loss is one example of noise pollution effects.

#### *Radioactive Pollution*

Sources of radioactive contamination include nuclear power plant accidents, and improper nuclear waste disposal. Radiation pollution can cause birth defects, cancer, and other health problems.

#### *Thermal Pollution*

Thermal pollution may be caused by power plants, air pollution, and deforestation. As temperatures increase, wildlife populations may be unable to recover from quick changes.

#### *Light Pollution*

Sources include large cities, billboards and advertising. If it is near residential areas, light pollution can decrease the quality of life for residents.

#### *Visual Pollution*

Visual pollution can be caused by other pollution or just by undesirable, unattractive views. It may lower the quality of life, or affect property values and personal enjoyment.

21. What is the main topic of the passage?

- A. types of pollution
- B. ways to protect the environment
- C. the current environment
- D. environment in the future

22. How many kinds of pollution are there in the world now?

- A. 7
- B. 8
- C. 9
- D. 11

23. Which of the following is *not* the effect of air pollution?

- A. It increases smog.
- B. It increases rain acidity.
- C. It increases rates of asthma.
- D. It causes birth defects.

24. What is the effect of water pollution?

- A. It makes water drinkable.
- B. It increases the amount of clean water.
- C. It increases the quantity of water
- D. It decreases the amount of clean water.

25. Soil pollution may be caused by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. traffic
- B. vehicle exhaust
- C. billboards
- D. sewage

26. Noise pollution can lead to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. cancer
- B. birth defects
- C. hearing loss
- D. asthma

27. Because of increased temperature, it can be \_\_\_\_\_ for wildlife species to recover from quick changes.

28. If light pollution happens near places where many people live, it can \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. lower the quality of life
- B. create better living standard
- C. cause health problems
- D. affect aquatic life

29. Unattractive views can make people feel \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. aware
- B. stressed
- C. excited
- D. happy

30. Any kinds of pollution can affect our lives \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. in a positive way
- B. in a better way
- C. in a bad way
- D. in a neutral way