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31.1 Read these remarks by different speakers, and then answer the questions by writing the NAME of the person AT THE END OF THE QUESTION.

SYLVIA: We found that poisonous chemicals had been thrown into the river.

TOMAS: We have to protect everyone from illnesses caused by environmental problems.

MARCOS: We can collect glass and plastic from homes which can then be re-used.

GERARD: We are heading for a major disaster in terms of the pollution of the oceans.

ULLA: We must stop using this chemical. It can destroy plant and animal life.

1. Who mentions public health? _____
2. Who is complaining about people dumping toxic waste? _____
3. Who is talking about avoiding the use of something which is harmful to the environment? _____
4. Who is explaining about recycling household waste? _____
5. Who is sounding a warning about environmental catastrophe? _____

31.2 Complete each sentence using one word.

1. We looked out to sea and spotted some _____ wind farms.
2. Oil supplies are likely to _____ dry within the next 20 years.
3. It's absolutely _____ that we all do something to reduce global warming.
4. As a green organisation we only use architects who specialise in _____ design.
5. Continued use of fossil fuels will have _____ consequences in the long term.
6. The airline has a scheme where you can _____ your carbon emissions.

31.3 Rewrite the underlined part of each sentence using a collocation based on the word in brackets.

1. How far our food travels before we consume it _____ should be a concern for everyone.
(MILE)
2. Energy which comes from inexhaustible sources _____, such as wind, is our greatest hope for the future. (RENEW)
3. The region has experienced flooding over large areas _____ in recent years. (WIDE)
4. We have caused the world's climate to alter in a way that cannot be changed back _____.
(CHANGE)
5. We must do something to eliminate _____ the problem of toxic waste. (SOLVE)
6. We should all try to reduce the amount of carbon we emit _____ (FOOT)
7. Wind farms located out at sea _____ can provide a partial solution to the problem.
(SHORE)
8. The Minister chairs a committee aiming to improve the way we get rid of rubbish from our homes _____.
(DISPOSE)

31.4 Find and correct the collocation errors in these sentences. Write the CORRECTED WORD at the end of the sentence.

1. Temperatures expanded during the summer months and reached a record high. _____
2. We must change our way before its too late. _____
3. They now have a sun heating system in their house; it's very economical. _____
4. The desert experiences soaring heat during the day but is cold at night. _____
5. The weather designs have changed in recent years: winters are milder, summers are hotter.

6. He has one of those mixed cars which alternates between petrol and battery power. _____
7. The government must present green taxes so people who damage the environment pay more.

8. Vehicle transmissions are the main source of pollution in big cities. _____
9. We need to find alternative energy origins for private homes. _____