



## GRADE 8 – TEST FOR UNIT 9.5

### IX. Choose the word which best fits each gap.

Many human activities over the last 200 years have been responsible (1) \_\_\_\_\_ polluting the air and damaging people's health. Automobile engines and power plants burn combustible (2) \_\_\_\_\_ like gasoline and coal and allow toxic gases and smoke to escape into the air. Some pollutants destroy the ozone layer, which is the thin blanket of gases that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Earth from the Sun's dangerous ultraviolet rays. Other pollutants contribute to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ warming by adding to the planet's natural greenhouse effect. Still others create acid rain, a phenomenon that has disastrous (5) \_\_\_\_\_ on lake and forest habitats. Air pollution is not limited to industrial areas. Depending on the direction of the wind and its force, air pollutants may (6) \_\_\_\_\_ spread to other countries very far from the source of the pollution. Big cities like Los Angeles and Mexico City are\* often covered by smog, a fog that occurs (7) \_\_\_\_\_ air pollution. In 1952, the City of London, England, was enveloped by smog so thick that people on the streets had to feel their way around by (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the walls of buildings!

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| 1. <b>A.</b> for           | <b>B.</b> of          | <b>C.</b> to          | <b>D.</b> with       |
| 2. <b>A.</b> chemicals     | <b>B.</b> means       | <b>C.</b> fuels       | <b>D.</b> matters    |
| 3. <b>A.</b> covers        | <b>B.</b> protects    | <b>C.</b> stops       | <b>D.</b> damages    |
| 4. <b>A.</b> environmental | <b>B.</b> thermal     | <b>C.</b> temperature | <b>D.</b> global     |
| 5. <b>A.</b> affects       | <b>B.</b> causes      | <b>C.</b> sources     | <b>D.</b> effects    |
| 6. <b>A.</b> never         | <b>B.</b> even        | <b>C.</b> ever        | <b>D.</b> hardly     |
| 7. <b>A.</b> because of    | <b>B.</b> in spite of | <b>C.</b> instead of  | <b>D.</b> due of     |
| 8. <b>A.</b> climbing      | <b>B.</b> walking     | <b>C.</b> touching    | <b>D.</b> putting up |