

## UNIT 9: PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT

*Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.*

1. If you ask me, \_\_\_\_ waste is a much bigger problem than ordinary household waste.  
A. industrial      B. business      C. working      D. manufacturing
2. Do you know what CFC \_\_\_\_?  
A. sets in      B. does up      C. stands for      D. gets down
3. There's been a \_\_\_\_ in Germany and a village was completely destroyed.  
A. flood      B. drizzle      C. shower      D. smog
4. Dinosaurs have been \_\_\_\_ for millions of years.  
A. endangered      B. extinct      C. threatened      D. disappeared
5. As towns grow, they tend to destroy the surrounding \_\_\_\_ areas.  
A. urban      B. commercial      C. land      D. rural
6. During the last hundred years we have done great \_\_\_\_ to the environment.  
A. injury      B. pollution      C. damage      D. hurt
7. There are lots of things we can all do to \_\_\_\_ the environment.  
A. enhance      B. protect      C. make      D. build
8. Environmentalists are furious with the American Government for delaying measures which will reduce greenhouse gas \_\_\_\_.  
A. exhaust fumes      B. smokes      C. wastes      D. emissions
9. The government is introducing strict new rules on the dumping of \_\_\_\_ by industry.  
A. pesticides      B. exhaust fumes      C. toxic waste      D. emissions
10. Farmers contribute to environmental damage by spraying \_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_, which stay in the soil for years.  
A. agriculture – pesticides      B. agriculture - fertilizers  
C. crops – fertilizers      D. crops - pesticides
11. The gradual rise in the Earth's temperature is known as \_\_\_\_.  
A. greenhouse effect      B. global warming      C. ozone layer      D. acid rain
12. The \_\_\_\_ that are produced by factories and cars are allowing more \_\_\_\_ from the sun to reach earth.  
A. gases – radiation      B. gases - light      C. gas – light      D. gas - radiation
13. As the Earth gets hotter, the Arctic and Antarctic \_\_\_\_ will slowly melt and the level of the oceans will rise.  
A. snowballs      B. avalanches      C. ice caps      D. icebergs
14. There will be \_\_\_\_, too. Some areas will become wetter while others will become much drier.  
A. weather changes      B. weather forecasts      C. climatic changes      D. climate changes
15. Thousands of acres of forest are being cut down every year and the \_\_\_\_ of many animals are being destroyed.

A. natural resources      B. natural habitats      C. ways of life      D. living surroundings

16. Many of the world's largest cities are \_\_\_\_ and some are permanently covered by a \_\_\_\_.

A. heavily polluted - polluted cloud      B. heavy pollution - polluted cloud  
C. heavy pollution - cloud of pollution      D. heavily polluted - cloud of pollution

17. Make sure your car runs on unleaded petrol and your home uses sources of \_\_\_\_ energy.

A. recycling      B. reused      C. renewable      D. recyclable

18. Scientists have found holes in the \_\_\_\_, particularly over Antarctica.

A. ice caps      B. polar ice      C. ozone layer      D. greenhouse

19. Greenpeace is an international group that protests against anything which is a \_\_\_\_ to the environment.

A. threat      B. threaten      C. threatening      D. threatener

20. If government don't \_\_\_\_ global warming, more natural disasters will occur.

A. achieve      B. promote      C. discourage      D. prevent

21. There's has been a steady rise in the average temperature around the planet over the last hundred years or so, and the majority of scientists put it \_\_\_\_ to human activity.

A. down      B. back      C. up      D. across

22. However, some scientists argue that the historical evidence shows that over time the Earth heats \_\_\_\_ and cools \_\_\_\_ naturally.

A. up - away      B. away - down      C. up-down      D. down - up

23. It is predicted that over the next few decades many species will die \_\_\_\_ as once fertile areas turn to desert.

A. off      B. out      C. up      D. down

24. Most of the air pollution results \_\_\_\_ the burning of fossil fuels, motor vehicles, factories, aircraft and rockets.

A. in      B. to      C. on      D. from

25. Environmental pollution is becoming an \_\_\_\_ serious problem that needs to be taken care of as soon as possible.

A. increasingly      B. increasing      C. increase      D. increased

**Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

26. We are facing severe environmental pollution despite the fact that many world organizations are working hard to reduce it.

A. heavy      B. destructive      C. harmful      D. serious

27. Water pollution is a result of dumping pollutants such as detergents, pesticides, oil, and other chemicals in rivers, which makes the water unclean.

A. substances      B. stuffs      C. contaminants      D. wastes

28. Stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature.



A. coexist peacefully with    B. fall in love with    C. agree with    D. cooperate with

29. WWF was set up in 1961 and had its operations in areas such as the preservation of biological diversity.

A. difference    B. abundance    C. variety    D. plenty

30. The seashore was much polluted because of the amount of waste left there. All this rubbish is killing fish and other marine life.

A. sea plants    B. sea mammals    C. water life    D. sea creatures

31. In 1986, the organization changed its name to *World Wide Fund for Nature*. However, it has operated under the original name in the US and Canada.

A. old    B. former    C. first    D. ancient

32. Some of WWF's missions are: conserving the world's biological diversity, ensuring the use of renewable natural resources, and promoting the reduction of pollution.

A. jobs    B. careers    C. tasks    D. actions

33. Air pollution is a consequence of fossil fuel burning by motor vehicles, factories, aircraft and rockets.

A. product    B. example    C. harm    D. result

34. The natural environment has been seriously influenced and degraded by human activities through many decades.

A. worsened    B. damaged    C. destroyed    D. reduced

35. Global warming is the gradual increase of temperature on the Earth's surface due to greenhouse effect.

A. steady    B. slow    C. sharp    D. abrupt

**Exercise 3. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) *OPPOSITE* in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

36. Fresh water is very important to life because no one can live without it. Yet it is one of the limited and most endangered natural resources on our planet.

A. Clean    B. Drinkable    C. Polluted    D. Running

37. One way to protect our environment from pollution is to reduce wasteful consumption.

A. costly    B. excessive    C. safe    D. economical

38. If you follow at least one of the tips, you can be proud of taking part in the preservation of water, one of the very important and limited natural resources on earth.

A. self-confident    B. self-satisfied    C. discontent    D. unpleasant

39. Soil pollution leads to lack of fertile land to grow enough food for an increasing population.

A. arid    B. rich    C. unclean    D. deserted

40. Global warming may lead to many negative changes, including harsher weather conditions.

A. more unbearable    B. milder    C. more extreme    D. more serious

**Exercise 4. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.**

41. "Why don't we have a look at some websites for more information about the environment?" – " \_\_\_\_ "

A. Yes, thanks.    B. Yes, why not?    C. It's my pleasure.    D. Do we?

42. " \_\_\_\_ " - "By bus."
- A. What did you take to get there?                      B. Did you get there by motorbike?  
C. How long did it take you to get there?                      D. How did you get there?
43. "Hi, Jack. \_\_\_\_ " - "Not bad. And you?"
- A. How's everything?      B. What's everything?      C. What do you do?      D. How do you do?
44. " \_\_\_\_ " - "That's a good idea."
- A. What about recycling water for gardening?                      B. Sorry, can I say something?  
C. Glad to work with you.                      D. Excuse me, I want to add something.
45. "Shall I empty the dustbin?" - " \_\_\_\_ "
- A. Make yourself at home.                      B. Nice to meet you!  
C. It's very nice of you to do so.                      D. Long time no see.
46. "Can I borrow your notes, please?" - " \_\_\_\_ "
- A. Well done!                      B. No, thanks.                      C. Yes, sure.                      D. Yes, I can.
47. "Would you like to join this Green Project with us?" - " \_\_\_\_ "
- A. Yes, I would                      B. Why not?                      C. I'd love to                      D. It doesn't matter.
48. "Where should we start with the project?" - " \_\_\_\_ "
- A. I never mind.                      B. I'm glad to hear that.  
C. Oh, that would be great.                      D. What about searching the webs?
49. "Hi, John. Congratulations!" - " \_\_\_\_ "
- A. I'm sorry.                      B. Thank you.                      C. My pleasure.                      D. You're welcome.
50. "Excuse me! Where is the recycling center?" - " \_\_\_\_ "
- A. Let me see.                      B. I'm not sure.                      C. Hold on, please.                      D. It's over there.
51. "Thanks for doing that." - " \_\_\_\_ "
- A. It's my pleasure                      B. Don't say that.                      C. Not at all.                      D. It's nice of you
52. "How long will the meeting last?" - " \_\_\_\_ "
- A. Half past ten.                      B. Since early morning.  
C. Once a week, usually.                      D. An hour or so, I expect.
53. " \_\_\_\_ " - "I'm going to make a table."
- A. Why is this recycled wood used?                      B. How is this recycled wood used?  
C. What's this recycled wood for?                      D. Whose is this recycled wood?
54. " \_\_\_\_ " - "It was very sunny and hot. We had a bit of a heatwave."
- A. Did you enjoy your holiday?                      B. How was the wave?  
C. What was the weather like there?                      D. How was the beach?

55. "Could you do me a favor, please?" – "\_\_\_\_\_"

A. Let me help you.

B. Sure. What can I do for you?

C. No, thanks. I'm fine.

D. Yes, go ahead!