

UNIT 9.2 – READING

VI. Choose the word in the box to complete the text.

aquatic	accumulated	catchment	pollutants	sustain
containing	discharged	rubbish	channels	insecticides

RIVER POLLUTION

River pollution occurs when (1) _____ are not removed from sewage and are discharged into the river. River water is a very important source of freshwater required to (2) _____ life. We need a constant supply of fresh water for drinking, cooking and washing. Animals living near the river, as well as fishes and (3) _____ plants, also depend on clean river water.

When heavy rainfall occurs, pollutants (4) _____ within the boundaries of the (5) _____ area may be washed into river (6) _____. These pollutants include a variety of agrochemicals like fertilizers and (7) _____.

Waste water (8) _____ cleaning detergents, oil and other pollutants like industrial waste may be (9) _____ into the river channel through our drainage systems. Industrial waste may contain sulfur, resulting increasing the acidity of the river water. Sometimes, (10) _____ such as plastic bags and bottles, are washed into the river channel.

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

There are many ways that (1) _____ helps the environment, and even the smallest step can have significant results.

The environmental problem of (2) _____ is a difficult issue to fix. As more waste is put into landfills, the bigger the problem gets. Wastes that are not biodegradable or are slow to decompose can (3) _____ in landfill sites for centuries, often emitting gases that could be harmful to the environment. Keeping paper out of landfills is just one way that recycling helps the environment.

Recycling items often uses less energy than manufacturing products from natural sources. Making paper that is using recycled pulp, (4) _____, is much less energy intensive than using new wood. While there are benefits to growing trees because of the carbon dioxide that they consume, it will be the damage (5) _____ is done to the environment by putting paper in landfills and using energy to produce new items.

Waste in landfills emit gases as it rots. This can pollute the environment. Anyone who has passed a landfill site (6) _____ hot weather will be familiar with the unpleasant smell and flies that can be found near a landfill site. Reducing the items in landfills will help to (7) _____ the pollution that it causes. Recycling wastes also typically emits less carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, thus reducing the carbon footprint of a product.

(8) ____ benefit of recycling is that there is often a significant cost saving to be made when using recycle goods. Recycling leaves and grass, for instance, is a great way to make compost. (9) ____ homemade compost is obviously a lot cheaper than buying compost and this is a useful way to save money. Saving money through recycling ultimately helps the environment.

Recycling is just one of many ways that we can help the environment. Every step that we take, however small, is one more towards helping and supporting the environment in which we live. Getting everyone involved, from children to adults, can help produce a better environment for many (10) ____ to come.

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| 1. A. recycling | B. extinction | C. disappearance | D. discharge |
| 2. A. hills | B. mountain | C. landfills | D. landscapes |
| 3. A. remain | B. effect | C. cause | D. attack |
| 4. A. so | B. but | C. although | D. for instance |
| 5. A. who | B. which | C. that | D. x |
| 6. A. most | B. during | C. almost | D. nearly |
| 7. A. last | B. reduce | C. increase | D. stretch |
| 8. A. Others | B. Other | C. Another | D. Further |
| 9. A. Using | B. Recycled | C. Concluded | D. Made |
| 10. A. houses | B. generations | C. places | D. trees |