

**A- Read the following text.**

## **How to Save Petrol and the Environment**

We are all aware of the need to protect the environment but sometimes it's difficult for us to do the right thing. For example, if you're a motorist the convenience of jumping in the car to go somewhere is balanced against the knowledge of how harmful each journey can be. But did you know that making a few simple changes to your driving habits will not only do less damage to our world but will also save you money and could even be good for your health?

### **Do you really need to take the car?**

Try making more use of public transport. If the service is frequent and reliable you'll soon get used to using buses and trains. In fact, for shorter journeys why not take the opportunity to get into shape and go on foot.

### **Share the journey**

How often do you see cars with just one occupant with the driver making the same journey as others living nearby? Why not car share and half the cost of the journey? There are several websites where people can swap details and make arrangements to meet up.

### **Change your habits**

When you must use the car plan your journey so you can go to all the places you need to visit rather than taking the car out again and again. If you get caught in a traffic jam, switch off the engine when you're stationary for a long time. Try not to brake too sharply or accelerate too quickly as this will lead to you using up more fuel. On cold mornings don't warm up the engine before you start your journey and when you next put fuel in your car think about whether you really need to fill up the tank. All that extra weight will put more pressure on the engine.

### **Servicing**

Make sure you carry out basic maintenance like checking the tyre pressure regularly. Finally, keep your car regularly serviced so that it runs as efficiently as possible.

Steps like this will save you money and help you do your bit to protect the environment.

**A- Are these sentences *TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)?***

1. Drivers don't care about the environment.
2. Changing the way you drive has more than one benefit.
3. The service on public transport is always good.
4. You should walk when going somewhere nearby.
5. If you travel with someone else it will save you money.
6. Avoid sharing personal details on the Internet.
7. Try to make one journey rather than lots of short ones.
8. Braking quickly is the safest way to drive.
9. Don't leave the car running before you start a journey.
10. Filling the car with fuel will save you money.