VOCABULARY SET 23: INCREASING FUEL COST

Vocabulary:

1. **combat** (v): chiến đấu, giải quyết, ngăn ngừa, giảm bớt
2. **conservation and recovery** (collocation): việc bảo tồn và phục hồi
3. **constitute** (v): cấu thành, tạo thành
4. **deterioration** (n): sa sút, hư hỏng, suy thoái
5. **diminish** (v): giảm bớt
6. **disavow** (v): chối bỏ
7. **discourage somebody from doing something** (collocation): ngăn cản, khiến ai nản lòng khi làm việc gì đó
8. **domestic and industrial equipment** (collocation): trang thiết bị gia đình và công nghiệp
9. **ease** (v/n): làm dịu, giảm bớt
10. **impose a law on something** (collocation): đưa ra luật mới về vấn đề gì đó
11. **remedy** (n): phương thuốc, cách chữa trị
12. **stringent** (adj): nghiêm ngặt, chặt chẽ
13. **the depletion of resources** (collocation): sự cạn kiệt tài nguyên

Exercises:

Task 1: Write sentences from given cues. Make changes to the cues when needed.

1. salary /I / earn / delivery driver / so / small / it / not / constitute / full income.

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2. when / news / band / breakup / surfaced / manager / had / disavow / any / part / undoing.

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3. as / rain / begin / diminish / we / head out / park.

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4. new / measure / introduce / ease / traffic congestion / city.

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5. eat / lot / sweets / result / deterioration / your / chew / ability.

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Task 2: Translate from Vietnamese to English

1. Vì khi đó tôi đang cắm trại trong rừng, tôi không tìm được cách chữa trị nào khác cho bệnh dạ dày ngoài việc ăn cây gừng bên rìa đường mòn.

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2. Những nhân viên cộng đồng đã dựng nơi trú ngụ và ngân hàng thực phẩm để giúp giảm bớt số lượng người vô gia cư đang dần tăng lên.

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3. Vấn đề cạn kiệt tài nguyên thường được nhìn nhận là do tình trạng quá tải dân số.

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4. Mới đây, thuế được đánh rất cao đối với thuốc lá.

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5. Các điều luật chống lại việc giết hại sinh vật trong danh sách có nguy cơ tuyệt chủng là một phần lớn trong kế hoạch bảo tồn động vật.

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Task 3: Fill in the blanks with suitable words/phrases

combat (v)	ease (v/n)
conservation and recovery (collocation)	impose a law on something (collocation)
constitute (v)	remedy (n)
deterioration (n)	stringent (adj)
diminish (v)	the depletion of resources (collocation)
disavow (v)	domestic and industrial equipment (collocation)
discourage somebody from doing something (collocation)	

The best way to solve the world's environmental problems is to increase the cost of fuel. Do you agree or disagree?

Addressing environmental problems has long been of paramount importance to the sustainable development of society. While not 1_____to the view that raising the price of fuel may help 2_____the problem of global warming, I contend that this policy is far from being the best 3_____for the 4_____of the environment in general.

I concede that making fuel more expensive is one way to slow down the increase in the overall temperature of the atmosphere.This policy may 5_____both individuals and businesses from overconsuming fuel, thus 6_____the amount of traffic and industrial emissions, which 7_____a considerable source of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and CFCs. It is widely believed that these gases trap heat in the atmosphere and cause global warming to occur. As a result, I agree that increasing fuel prices is a sensible measure to adopt.

I would, on the other hand, argue that the aforementioned measure must not be considered the exclusive approach to environmental problems. This is because it has little effect on various environmental degradation issues other than global warming, namely deforestation and overfishing. To be specific, higher fuel prices could not prevent biological resources from being overexploited for furniture and food processing industries. From my perspective, environmental problems can be better resolved through two actions.The first is mass-producing 8_____ using environmentally-friendly technology, including solar cells and electric motor engines, which produce no carbon emissions. The

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second is 9_____on the 10_____of natural resources, which may help mitigate a wide range of environmental problems, such as 11_____.

In conclusion, while acknowledging the environmental benefits of increasing the cost of fuel, I would claim that this is not the best way to 12_____the problem of environmental deterioration. There are more effective solutions to address environmental problems at large, such as applying green technology to the mass production of various kinds of equipment for both household and industrial use.

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