Active English Discussion 2

Unit 2. Progress

A. Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What does the word "automobile" mean?

a) A type of food
b) A type of vehicle
c) A type of building
d) A type of computer

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2. Penicillin is most commonly used to:

a) Treat a cold
b) Treat bacterial infections
c) Treat headaches
d) Treat allergies

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3. Which of the following is an example of an "invention"?

a) The telephone
b) A tree
c) A mountain
d) A river

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4. What is a "resource"?

a) Something you do for fun
b) A natural material or supply used to make things
c) A form of government
d) A famous artist

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5. Which of the following is a "mineral"?

a) Water
b) Iron
c) Oxygen
d) Sunlight

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6. The term "the Industrial Revolution" refers to:

a) The invention of the wheel
b) A period when machines replaced human labor in factories
c) The discovery of electricity
d) The first flight to the moon

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7. What is "fuel"?

a) A type of music
b) A material used to produce energy or heat
c) A kind of food
d) A form of entertainment

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8. What is "smog"?

a) Clean air
b) A mixture of smoke and fog that causes pollution
c) A type of plant
d) A kind of animal

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9. What does the term "side effect" mean?

a) A positive result of a medication
b) A surprise outcome of an action or medication, often unwanted
c) A technique used in cooking
d) A way to relax

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10. "Overpopulation" refers to:

a) Having too many people in one area
b) A lack of resources
c) A high level of pollution
d) A reduction in the number of people

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11. What does "overfish" mean?

a) To fish in a sustainable way
b) To fish too much, leading to the depletion of fish stocks
c) To fish only for sport
d) To fish in the ocean

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12. Which of the following is an example of "sustainable development"?

a) Building a skyscraper without considering the environment
b) Using solar power to reduce energy waste
c) Cutting down trees to make paper
d) Throwing trash into the ocean

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13. "Renewable" resources are:

a) Resources that can be used up and never replaced
b) Resources that can be replenished naturally
c) Resources that are very expensive
d) Resources that are dangerous

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14. What does "poverty" mean?

a) Having a lot of money
b) A state of being extremely poor
c) A type of luxury
d) A kind of food

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15. What does it mean to "get rid" of something?

a) To store something
b) To fix something
c) To remove or dispose of something
d) To build something

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16. "Life expectancy" refers to:

a) The number of years a person is expected to live
b) The age at which a person starts working
c) The number of children a person has
d) The amount of money a person earns

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17. What does the phrase "pay the price" mean?

a) To spend money on something
b) To face negative consequences for an action
c) To receive a gift
d) To earn a reward

B. On a separate sheet of paper, make a five-sentence paragraph answering the question, "How can I help save the earth for future generations?"

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