

Unit 8

A Choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

1 A serious concern for our planet is the gradual and constant increase in the Earth's surface temperature known as ___ warming or the Greenhouse Effect.
a coastal b torrential c global

2 The burning of fossil ___, such as coal used in power stations and petrol or diesel used in cars, causes air pollution which is then trapped in the atmosphere.
a fuels b flames c fumes

3 Similarly, ___ caused either by forest fires or the cutting down of trees for timber extraction, reduces the amount of oxygen released into the atmosphere.
a agriculture b deforestation c climate

4 As rainfall patterns reduce in some areas, this may result in ___ and famine.
a drought b draught c evaporation

5 As a result of global warming, sea ___ have risen, flooding some areas and in some places islands have started to disappear altogether.
a resources b levels c gases

6 Extreme weather patterns have been observed in the last decade, with an increase in the number of hurricanes that have huge wind speeds and cause torrential ___ and severe floods.
a rainfall b moisture c downpours

7 The planet's fragile ___ could be protected by using renewable sources of cleaner energy.
a ecosystem b greenhouse c desertification

8 Many species of fauna and flora are under threat of extinction and unless we do something now they may be ___ altogether.
a blocked out b worn away c wiped out

9 We must stop the overfishing of certain areas in the oceans in order to provide a safe ___ for the fish to breed in and replenish their stocks.
a delta b current c habitat

10 Cleaner sources of energy, for example, solar ___ from the sun should be used in cars and factories as a cleaner and safer alternative source of energy.
a wave b power c resource

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in bold.

1 If you buy an aerosol can, make certain that it is _____ friendly. ENVIRONMENT

2 The _____ worked hard to protect the rare species of rhino. CONSERVE

3 _____-modified food has many more disadvantages than advantages. GENE

4 _____ energy from recycled domestic and industrial waste should be encouraged. RENEW

5 Many animal and bird species are under threat of becoming _____. EXTINCTION

6 The _____ warned of increased torrential rainfall as the hurricane approached. METEOROLOGY

7 An increase in _____ diversity will encourage the survival of species under threat. BIOLOGY

8 Soil _____ is often caused by reckless deforestation as there are no healthy tree root systems left to hold the top soil down. ERODE

C Circle the correct answers.

- 1 If we don't stop destroying the natural habitat of the white rhino, it soon **will become / would become** extinct.
- 2 Unless we do something now, the hole in the ozone layer **will get / is getting** bigger.
- 3 We must recycle waste and use clean renewable energy sources, if we **want / wanted** to save our planet.
- 4 If people cut down trees and destroy the rainforests, then the land **will become / would become** arid and useless.
- 5 Providing we **drove / drive** electric or hybrid cars, there **would be** less pollution.

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- 6 The air quality in cities would have improved if **there was / had been** a reduction of greenhouse gases.
- 7 Providing we protect our dwindling fish stocks, they **will be / would be** overfished.
- 8 If you **switch / switched** off all your lights, you would conserve electricity.
- 9 If the huge meteor **hadn't hit / will hit** Earth, the dinosaurs might have survived.
- 10 We can't install solar panels on our roof unless we **would find / find** the money to invest in them.