

UNIT 11

The Developing World and Global Warming

- (a) First, complete the collocations by matching up the partial phrases in **Column A** with their complements in **Column B**. Where in doubt, select the strongest collocation.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) two-tiered		(i) countries
(b) resource-rich		(ii) diamonds
(c) the general		(iii) a blind eye
(d) injection		(iv) administrations
(e) blood		(v) some restraint
(f) corrupt		(vi) populous
(g) turning		(vii) the finger at
(h) the greater		(viii) good
(i) point		(ix) of funds
(j) show		(x) the financial rewards
(k) carbon		(xi) footprint
(l) reaped		(xii) protection
(m) environmental		(xiii) the fruits
(n) enjoy		(xiv) society

- (b) Now, use the completed collocations to fill in gaps **1 - 15** below. There are 15 gaps and 14 collocations so you will need to use one collocation twice. You will not need to change the word forms.

We live in a **1.** _____ today, of this there can be no doubt. And never is that more apparent than when we compare industrialised nations with the developing world. Call it the **2.** _____ global _____ then, if you will. In essence, we have a situation now where, ironically, the **3.** _____ of Africa are the most impoverished. They, it seems, are the victims of mass exploitation by the West. Only recently, some of the travesties caused by Western greed and materialism were exposed, such as the lucrative underground trade in so-called **4.** _____. But it doesn't end there. What we all too often see is Western nations doing slightly shady deals with **5.** _____ in the impoverished regions of the world and simply **6.** _____, knowing full well that the proceeds of such deals will be siphoned off into Swiss bank accounts while the ordinary people on the ground continue to endure deplorable living conditions and constant suffering never to benefit from this potentially life-saving **7.** _____. By continuing to trade with and support corrupt governments, the West is giving its tacit approval to what is going on. It is, essentially, condoning the gross exploitation of **8.** _____ of Africa and parts of Latin America by an elite few in power.

And as it contributes to their suffering, the West also has the audacity to demand these impoverished nations' complicity when it comes to solving the Global Warming crisis; it expects them to lower their **9.** _____ and limit the extent of their industrial progress for **10.** _____. This is more than a little rich coming from those whose harmful activities and recklessness it was caused this environmental crisis in the first place. It is more than a little hypocritical for the industrialised world to **11.** _____ less-developed countries now and demand that they **12.** _____ and develop an environmental conscience. The West has already **13.** _____ of its exploitation of Mother Earth, so what right have we to ask others to suffer while we continue to **14.** _____ of their cheap labour and our industrial superiority?

We have no right whatsoever to ask this sacrifice of them; they are as deserving of a better future as we are, and if we genuinely expect them to give up their push for progress on an industrial level in the name of **15.** _____, then we must compensate them fairly for their loss - and not simply by transferring money to the rich and powerful, but by ensuring that financial aid reaches every man, woman and child who desperately needs it.

- (c) In the context of the above text (b), find a phrase that means the following

1. silent and unofficial but clear endorsement of something _____

2. transactions that probably have a less than honest worthy/purpose _____