GAPPED TEXT: PRACTICE 1

Do you know that recycling done on an everyday basis could actually help our planet Earth to a large extent? (1) _____. The benefits of recycling are many, from reducing the effects of industrial production to saving energy.

Almost everybody is used to receiving junk mail via snail mail. Imagine, most of these documents are completely worthless and discouraging the usage of this would save at least 150,000 trees annually as these would not be cut down for the requirement of paper. We all know the importance of trees in the ecological cycle. Most companies therefore resort to recycled papers or the Internet to propagate their message. Do you know that every ton of paper saves at least 17 trees? (2) _____ .

Using the concept of recycling can also help to reduce the greenhouse effect. Gas emissions occur due to the manufacturing, use and also the disposal of products that are non-biodegradable. If the greenhouse gas emissions reach dangerous concentration levels, it leads to changes in the temperatures globally, changes in the levels of the sea and other bizarre climatic conditions. Therefore, recycling can help reduce the need to manufacture paper, plastics, metals and glass. This would save energy needed to manufacture new products.

Using recycled products would also reduce the number of materials (which are non-biodegradable) that end up in the landfills. (3) _____. This is very harmful for the environment.

Plastics are equally hazardous to planet Earth. The reduction in the use of plastics would help in the conservation of energy. (4) _____. If plastics are to be buried, these can last for at least 700 years. So, the next time you use plastic cups or even polystyrene foam cups, give a thought to the amount of waste you are adding to the environment. Resist the use of such elements, always carry your own bags for shopping and reuse and recycle such products whenever possible.

Are you aware that recycling one pound of steel could power a 60-watt light bulb for more than one day? Most aluminium companies would benefit with the concept of recycling as they can save approximately 19 million barrels of oil. This itself can give enough energy to supply electricity to about 18 million households for a period of one year! Astounding, isn't it? An ideal situation would be when every individual realises his/her own responsibility and practises the concept of recycling. (5) _____

A. Plastics prove to be very difficult to dispose.
B. This can begin even at home.
C. Then, one can certainly have hope for the future of this planet.
D. However, we need not only depend on government regulations to begin recycling in our own homes
E. So, avoid the unnecessary use of paper and if needed, stick to recycled paper.
F. Hence you can use the concept of recycling even let your imagination and creativity run wild.
G. Materials that end up in landfills tend to decompose and cause the release of methane gas.

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