

G9_2nd Mid-term READING

I. Use the words given in the box to fill in the blanks to make a meaningful passage. There is one extra word that you don't need to use:

recycling/ nothing/ list/ vegetables/ something/ save/ trouble/ polluting/ taking.

Our environment is in (1) _____. Modern ways of living and today's industries are (2) _____ it. Most people think there is (3) _____ they can do. This is not true. Everyone can do something to help (4) _____ our environment. Here is a (5) _____ of things you can do.

- Help to cut pollution by (6) _____ the bus to work instead of your car.
- Buy fruit and (7) _____ that have not been treated with pesticides.
- Recycle all your cans, bottles, and paper. There should be a (8) _____ center somewhere near your home, so take them there.

Most of the world's energy comes from the sun. The sun's energy is in wood, oil, and other things that people use for energy.

II. Read the following passage and choose the item (a, b, c, or d) that best answers each of the questions about it.

On the fourth, Thursday in November, in houses around the United States, families get together for a feast or a large meal. Almost all families eat turkey and cranberry sauce for this meal and have pumpkin pie for dessert. This feast is part of a very special day, the holiday of Thanksgiving.

In 1620, the Pilgrims made a difficult trip across the ocean from England. They landed in what is now Massachusetts. In England, the Pilgrims had not been allowed to freely practice their religion. So, they went to the New World in search of religious freedom. The Pilgrims' first winter was very hard. Almost half the group died of cold, hunger, and disease. But the Native Americans of Massachusetts taught the Pilgrims to plant corn, hunt, and fish. When the next fall came, the Pilgrims had plenty of food. They were thankful and had a feast to give thanks. They invited the Native Americans to join them. This was the first Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving became a national holiday many years later because of a woman named Sarah Hale. For forty years Sarah Hale wrote to each president and asked for a holiday

of Thanksgiving. At last, she was successful. In 1863 President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a holiday.

How much is Thanksgiving today like the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving? In many ways they are different. For example, historians think that the Pilgrims ate deer, not turkey. The idea of Thanksgiving, though, is very much the same: Thanksgiving is a day on which we celebrate and give thanks.

Question 46: According to the passage, why did the Pilgrims leave their homeland?

- a. They want to find a new land that other people do not know.
- b. They want to freely practice their religion.
- c. They want to make a vacation.
- d. They want to find a place to lurk.

Question 47: When did Thanksgiving become a national holiday?

- a. On the fourth Thursday in November
- b. In 1620
- c. In 1863
- d. In the fall of 1620

Question 48: Who declared Thanksgiving a holiday?

- a. The Pilgrims
- b. The Native Americans
- c. President Lincoln
- d. Sarah Hale

Question 49: Why was the first Thanksgiving celebrated?

- a. Because the Pilgrim wanted to give thanks to the Native Americans for their help.
- b. Because they had plenty of food.
- c. Because they wanted to have a feast.
- d. Because they wanted to invite the Native Americans to go to their party.

Question 50. Which of the following is not true?

- a. On the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving is celebrated.
- b. On Thanksgiving Day, Americans eat deer, not turkey.
- c. Almost half the Pilgrims died during the first winter.
- d. The Pilgrims invited the Native Americans to join them for a feast.