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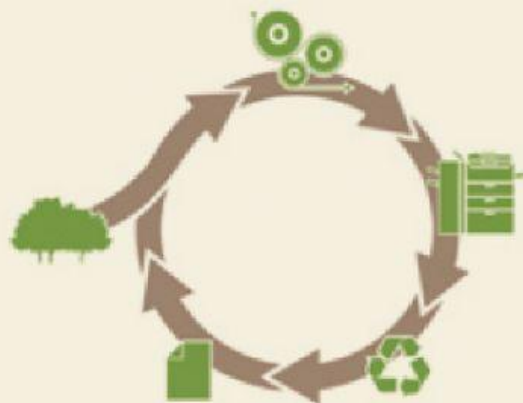
Paper is very important in our lives. We use paper to write, print, decorate, make books, make money and many other things.

Paper is very old. Chinese people made paper 2000 years ago.

Basically, paper comes from trees. We can make different types of paper depending on the characteristics of the trees: tree species, climate and geographic location.

Trees living in cold climates are very strong because they grow very slowly. We can use these types of trees to make newspapers - the pine tree is a good example of a strong tree.

Other tree species are not very strong, for example, eucalyptus, and we cannot use them in many industrial applications.



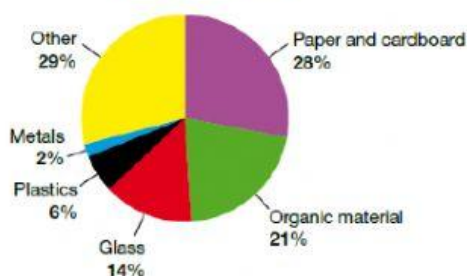
Paper can be recycled many times depending on the type of paper. But when paper is contaminated with chemicals, it is more difficult to recycle.

Today on our planet, 30 per cent of paper fibres come from recycled paper and cardboard.

1. How old is paper?
 - a. It is 2000 years old
 - b. It is 1000 years old
 - c. It is 30 years old
 - d. This information is not in the text
2. Basically, paper comes from...
 - a. plastic
 - b. oil
 - c. trees
 - d. minerals
3. Cold climates produce...
 - a. strong trees
 - b. pine trees and eucalyptus
 - c. trees that are not very strong
 - d. trees that grow quickly
4. Contaminated paper is...
 - a. easy to recycle
 - b. difficult to recycle
 - c. impossible to recycle
 - d. very strong
5. What percentage of paper fibres comes from recycled paper?
 - a. Fifty per cent
 - b. Forty per cent
 - c. Thirty per cent
 - d. Three per cent
6. Which is the best title for the picture that illustrates the text?
 - a. Making paper
 - b. The cycle of paper
 - c. Paper in the office
 - d. Writing paper
7. The symbol  means...
 - a. recycling
 - b. using
 - c. producing
 - d. transporting

Look at the chart carefully.

Recycling percentages



8. According to the chart, which sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)?

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. We recycle a lot of paper and cardboard. | ☐ | ☐ |
| b. We recycle more organic material than plastics. | ☐ | ☐ |
| c. We don't recycle glass. | ☐ | ☐ |

