



English 11th Form – Extra practice

I. Talking about pollution and the environment requires a special vocabulary.

Complete the following definitions with the appropriate word / Expression.

- The process of making the water, air, soil dirty. **P** _____
- Fuels such as coal or oil, that were formed over millions of years from the remains of plants or animals.
F _____ **F** _____ .
- Chemical compound released as a result of the burning of fossil fuels like coal, gas or oil. **C** _____
D _____ .
- A process that occurs when gases in Earth's atmosphere trap the Sun's heat, keeping the temperature warmer than it would otherwise be. **G** _____ **E** _____
- All human beings . **H** _____
- Transformation of used materials (glass, cans, paper and some plastics) to be used again, reducing pollution and energy. **R** _____
- Warming up of the climate caused by the penetration of ultra-violet(UV) radiation through holes in the ozone layer, which may lead to the melting of polar ice and subsequent floods and to the desertification of already hot and dry climates. **G** _____ **W** _____
- The protection in the atmosphere a hundred miles from the Earth, which stops most of the dangerous ultraviolet radiation from reaching us. **O** _____ **L** _____ .

II. Conditional Sentences

A. Complete the sentences, using the correct tense of the verbs in brackets. Make any necessary changes.

- If the degradation of forests carries on at present rate, _____ (*there to be*) few unprotected forests left in 40 years' time.
- Unless I am very much mistaken, water pollution _____ (*increase*).
- I can't help him unless he _____ (*tell*) me what the problem is.
- If I _____ (*be*) you, I'd walk to school everyday.
- It would have been better if the government _____ (*spend*) the money on recycling projects.
- If the Parliament had passed a law against water pollution, fish _____ (*not die*).
- _____ (*you / do*) me a favour if I asked you ?
- It might be a good idea if we _____ (*write*) a report about ozone layer.

B. Rewrite the following sentences starting them as suggested and making the necessary transformations.

- Join the "Buy Nothing Day" campaign and you will tune into life.
If you _____ into life.
- People spend too much in the developed countries. Some natural resources are getting scarce.
If people _____ getting scarce.
- The English organized a "Buy Nothing Day". Many people got aware of the excessive expenditure.
If the English hadn't _____ of the excessive expenditure.
- I'm not a world leader. I can't stop the destruction of the earth.
If I _____ the destruction of the earth.

5. Unless the population growth slows down, pollution will increase.
If _____, pollution will increase.
6. I don't have the power. I can't ban all cars from city centres.
If I _____ from city centers.
7. You didn't write to WWF, so they didn't send you the information.
If you _____ you the information.

III. So / Such (a/ na)that

A. Complete the following sentences with so / such a/an.

1. Our reaction to climate change has been _____ slow that the consequences will be a lot worse.
2. Celebrities give _____ visibility to some humanitarian causes that these become spread all over the world.
3. UNICEF is _____ well-known organisation that most people know something about what it does.
4. Nowadays people are _____ selfish that they are unable to stop and look around them.
5. We couldn't react as everything happened _____ quickly.
6. He's _____ amazing cook that I always ask him for recipes.
7. We've had _____ much rain lately that the river almost flooded.
8. Sarah and Ed are _____ crazy people! I never know what they are going to do next.

B. Rephrase the sentences to replace such with so and vice versa, depending on the context.

- a) There's so much potential in renewable energies that we should invest more money in them.
Renewable ... _____ that we should invest more money in them.
- b) Extreme weather events already have such a strong impact that millions of people are affected all across the globe.
- c) The _____ that millions of people are affected all across the globe.
- d) We live on such a unique planet that it may be the only one in our galaxy that sustains life.
The planet where we live _____ that it may be the only one in our galaxy that sustains life.
- e) The consequences of droughts in Portugal will be so severe that we may have to ration water in the near future.
Droughts _____ that we may have to ration water in the near future.