Unit 8

A Choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

1 A serious concern for our planet is the gradual and constant increase in the Earth's surface temperature known as ___ warming or the Greenhouse Effect.
   a coastal **b** torrential **c** global

2 The burning of fossil ___, such as coal used in power stations and petrol or diesel used in cars, causes air pollution which is then trapped in the atmosphere.
   a fuels **b** flames **c** fumes

3 Similarly, ___ caused either by forest fires or the cutting down of trees for timber extraction, reduces the amount of oxygen released into the atmosphere.
   a agriculture **b** deforestation **c** climate

4 As rainfall patterns reduce in some areas, this may result in ___ and famine.
   a drought **b** draught **c** evaporation

5 As a result of global warming, sea ___ have risen, flooding some areas and in some places islands have started to disappear altogether.
   a resources **b** levels **c** gases

6 Extreme weather patterns have been observed in the last decade, with an increase in the number of hurricanes that have huge wind speeds and cause torrential ___ and severe floods.
   a rainfall **b** moisture **c** downpours

7 The planet's fragile ___ could be protected by using renewable sources of cleaner energy.
   a ecosystem **b** greenhouse **c** desertification

8 Many species of fauna and flora are under threat of extinction and unless we do something now they may be ___ altogether.
   a blocked out **b** worn away **c** wiped out

9 We must stop the overfishing of certain areas in the oceans in order to provide a safe ___ for the fish to breed in and replenish their stocks.
   a delta **b** current **c** habitat

10 Cleaner sources of energy, for example, solar ___ from the sun should be used in cars and factories as a cleaner and safer alternative source of energy.
   a wave **b** power **c** resource

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in bold.

1 If you buy an aerosol can, make certain that it is _____ friendly. **ENVIRONMENT**
2 The _____ worked hard to protect the rare species of rhino. **CONSERVE**
3 _____-modified food has many more disadvantages than advantages. **GENE**
4 _____ energy from recycled domestic and industrial waste should be encouraged. **RENEW**
5 Many animal and bird species are under threat of becoming _____. **EXTINCTION**
6 The _____ warned of increased torrential rainfall as the hurricane approached. **METEOROLOGY**
7 An increase in _____ diversity will encourage the survival of species under threat. **BIOLOGY**
8 Soil _____ is often caused by reckless deforestation as there are no healthy tree root systems left to hold the top soil down. **ERODE**

C Circle the correct answers.

1 If we don't stop destroying the natural habitat of the white rhino, it soon **will become / would become** extinct.
2 Unless we do something now, the hole in the ozone layer **will get / is getting** bigger.
3 We must recycle waste and use clean renewable energy sources, if we **want / wanted** to save our planet.
4 If people cut down trees and destroy the rainforests, then the land **will become / would become** arid and useless.
5 Providing we **drove / drive** electric or hybrid cars, there would be less pollution.

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6 The air quality in cities would have improved if **there was** / **had been** a reduction of greenhouse gases.
7 Providing we protect our dwindling fish stocks, they **will be** / **would be** overfished.
8 If you **switch** / **switched** off all your lights, you would conserve electricity.
9 If the huge meteor **hadn't hit** / **will hit** Earth, the dinosaurs might have survived.
10 We can't install solar panels on our roof unless we **would find** / **find** the money to invest in them.

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