

# SAVE THE WORLD



What will happen to the earth in the future? Scientists believe that over the next 10,000 million years, earthquakes and volcanoes will get rarer. The earth will become flatter, with no high mountains, and shallow oceans will cover most of the planet.

The sun will run short of the hydrogen it uses for fuel and become much larger than it is now. This will heat up the earth, evaporating water from the seas and the oceans will get dry. Eventually the sun will cool down, leaving the earth as a dead frozen planet.

Man might make our planet uninhabitable long before any of this happens. For example, a large scale nuclear world war would make life on earth impossible.

Or we may increase the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere so that it forms a barrier that lets heat in but doesn't let it out. Carbon dioxide is produced by burning

wood, coal, and petrol and is absorbed by forests. So we must avoid burning too much fuel and cutting down too many trees. Another danger to our earth is caused by the release of chemicals known as CFCs which are used in refrigerators and aerosol sprays. These rise into the atmosphere and damage the ozone layer, which protects us from harmful radiation from the sun.

Fortunately, a lot of people with very useful ideas recognize these dangers and are working to protect our planet. Our earth is a delicate and beautiful planet, so we must take good care of it. It is all we have.

## A. SAY WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F). CORRECT THE FALSE ONES.

1. In the future there won't be any water in the oceans. ☐

2. The surface of the earth will be just like it is now. ☐

3. In the end, the temperature of the earth will be extremely high. ☐

4. When some natural disasters occur Man will no longer exist. ☐

## B. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES ACCORDING TO THE TEXT.

1. According to scientists, it will be very difficult \_\_\_\_\_

2. Burning too much fuel and cutting down too many trees \_\_\_\_\_

3. The ozone layer \_\_\_\_\_