

1 No part of our environment has escaped the effects of pollution. All over the world, our land, air and water have been contaminated by an increasing number of waste materials and substances that issue daily from factories ,homes and vehicles .In some cases ,such waste is only an eyesore which spoils the beauty of our surroundings; while in other cases ,it is a serious threat to our health and can result in death.



2 Some of the most dangerous waste substances are, without a doubt ,those produced by factories. Industrial waste often contains toxic substances that can kill plant and animal life. When there is no proper government control , factories allow these substances to pour into rivers ,while their chimneys fill the atmosphere with poisonous fumes ,sometimes in areas no more than a few kilometres from heavily populated cities.



3 Nuclear waste is even more hazardous than industrial waste. Although everything is done to ensure that it is buried safely at great depths ,the fact remains that plutonium waste continues to be dangerously radioactive for 24000 years ,while uranium waste remains so for 700 million years.

4 In towns and cities ,the use of fossil fuels (oil,coal and gas) for heating results in large amounts of carbon dioxide filling the atmosphere .Though some cities have been made “smokeless zones” where no coal or oil fires are allowed ,the exhaust fumes from vehicles on the roads has meant that air pollution continues to be a major problem.

5 But ,if we stop to think ,each of us is guilty of polluting our environment to some extent .Almost everything we buy today comes in some sort of container or packaging ,made of paper ,plastic, glass or aluminium which we usually throw away .Besides being expensive to collect ,many of these materials –especially plastic, glass and aluminium-are very difficult to get rid of and lie in huge dumps on the outskirts of many cities ,one of the ugliest types of pollution .Attempts have been made to encourage factories to recycle these materials ,but a few have shown any interest.

6 How much longer can we allow such pollution to continue? Scientists tell us that the increased amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere may soon have disastrous effects .They fear that it will raise average temperatures around the world and cause the polar ice caps to melt .If this happens ,they say the level of the world’s oceans will rise by twelve to eighteen (four to six meters),and vast populated areas of our planet will be covered by water .Can we afford to make such risks by continuing to pollute our environment?

I-COMPREHENSION (15 POINTS) BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A-Which of the following would be the best title for the text? (2pts)

- 1-The importance of recycling. 2-Industrial waste. 3-A threat to our planet.

The best title is

B-Answer these questions (3pts)

1-What are the main contaminants of the environment ?.....

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2-What are fossil fuels? Why are they used ?.....

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3-Why will the level of the world's oceans rise?.....

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C-Are these statements true or false? Justify (3pts)

1-Industrial waste is worse than nuclear waste.....

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2-"Smokeless zones" are not polluted.....

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3-Recycling waste has excited lots of factories.....

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D-Complete the sentences with information from the text . (2pts)

1-Factories continue to pour their waste into rivers, because

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2-Plastic,glass and aluminium are difficult to get rid of and lie in huge dumps on the outskirts of many cities. Also,.....

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E-Find in the text words that mean the same as (3pts)

1-come from (paragraph 1).....

2-leads to (paragraph4).....

3-the places where rubbish is thrown away (paragraph5).....

F-What do the underlined words in the text refer to? (2pts)

1-Their (paragraph2).....2-They (paragraph6).....

II-LANGUAGE

(15 POINTS)

A-Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the list:

(3pts)

Ignorance jokes humorists playwrights tricks knowledge

1-Rachid enjoys playing.....on his friends.

2-Hassan Elfad is perhaps one of Morocco's most liked

3-Fightingin the countryside is one of the current government's top priorities.

B-Put the verbs in brackets in the right form.

(3pts)

1-At last my parents managed (find).....a holiday that suited all of us.

2-I am tired. I'd rather (rest).....for a few minutes.

3-My little sister is not used to (tell).....lies.

C-Rewrite the sentences beginning with the words given.

(2pts)

1-Meriem did not find her cell phone. Maybe she left it in the changing room.

Meriem may.....

2-Yahya studies hard. He wants to get his degree with distinction.

Yahya studies hard so that.....

D-Put the words in brackets in the correct form .

(3pts)

1-The whole class roared with (laugh).....when their teacher told them a joke.

2-My cousin is studious. He always gets enormous (please).....out of reading.

3-Young people must be empowered to become (resource).....citizens.

E-Match each expression with its appropriate function.

(4pts)

1-Would you mind sending me that video on Facebook?	a- disagreeing.
2-Ali's mother has finally approved of his hanging out.	b-asking for opinion.
3-How do you feel about the president's future policies?	c-agreeing.
4-The job applicant took a taxi in order to be in time for the interview.	d-expressing purpose.
	e-making a request.

1.....2.....3.....4.....

III-WRITING

(10 POINTS)

Task 1

Complete the following paragraph.

(4pts)

Cities have recently grown larger and are receiving more people from the countryside. There are various reasons for this phenomenon. First ,.....

.....Second,.....

.....What's
more.....

.....Finally,.....

Task 2

7. Are you for or against students having a part time job? Write a short article to the magazine stating arguments for and arguments against part time jobs, then express your opinion. (6pts)

(6pts)

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Dear editor,