

THE ENVIRONMENT

1 GRAMMAR RECOGNITION (10 marks)

Read the following passage. Put the correct word from the list below in each blank. You may use some words more than once.

so so much so many too too much too many enough

Save the Earth!

We are all slowly destroying the earth. The seas and rivers are ¹ **too** dirty to swim in. There is ² smoke in the air that it is unhealthy to live in many of the world's cities. In one well-known city, for example, poisonous gases from cars pollute the air ³ that traffic policemen have to wear oxygen masks.

We have cut down ⁴ trees that there are now vast areas of wasteland all over the world. As a result, farmers in parts of Africa cannot grow ⁵ to eat. In certain countries in Asia there is ⁶ little rice. Moreover, we do not take ⁷ care of the countryside. Wild animals are quickly disappearing. For instance, tigers are rare in India now because we have killed ⁸ for them to survive. However, it isn't ⁹ simply to talk about the problem. We must act now before it is ¹⁰ late to do anything about it. Join us now. Save the Earth. This is ¹¹ important to ignore.

2 GRAMMAR PRODUCTION (5 marks)

Read the following letter and write one word or more in each blank.

Dear Sir,
There are now ¹ **so** many cars in the centre of Newtown ² it is becoming impossible to park. There are no large car parks at all and there are ³ parking spaces on the streets. It is also getting ⁴ dangerous for people to do their shopping in the city centre. The situation is ⁵ bad that many people are beginning to go shopping in Dartford and Redfern. The streets in the centre of Newtown aren't wide ⁶ for all the cars and buses which pass through.

Yours faithfully,
Sue Davies

3 GRAMMAR PRODUCTION (5 marks)

Read the following conversation. Complete the second sentence in each pair so that it means the same as the first sentence.

- 1 A The road is so narrow that cars cannot park here.
The road is too narrow for cars to park here.
- 2 B They ought to make it wider at this point
It is _____
- 3 A There is too little space here to make the road wider.
There isn't _____
- 4 B It is possible to cut down a lot of the trees on both sides.
A lot of _____
- 5 A But there aren't enough trees here in any case.
But there are too _____
- 6 B Even a few trees can make it too dark for drivers to see clearly.
Even a few trees can make it so dark _____

4 VOCABULARY (10 marks)

Read the following paragraph carefully.

The world's oceans are so vast that they can cope with the present levels of **pollution**. However, little is known about the long-term **effects** of such slow poisoning. The most serious **problem** of modern times is that man is destroying the earth's natural **resources** and **transforming** huge areas into **wasteland**. As a result, it is becoming extremely difficult to grow enough to feed the world's rapidly increasing **population**. A way of **protecting** all the **wildlife** on the earth must also be found as many species are in danger of disappearing completely from the face of the earth. The dangers, however, are not confined solely to the land and the sea. The smoke in the **atmosphere**, for example, is increasing so much that the amount of sunlight has been reduced in many cities. Man's whole **environment** is being changed in a serious way.

For each of the following dictionary definitions, write down the correct word (printed in bold type) in the passage.

wildlife

- 1 birds, animals, fish which are not tame
- 2 keeping something safe from harm
- 3 the process of making something dirty or impure

- 4 barren area, desert _____
- 5 the air, water and land in which we live _____
- 6 completely changing in form or nature _____
- 7 wealth, goods or products people can use _____
- 8 the air surrounding the earth _____
- 9 the number of people living in a place _____
- 10 difficulty which needs attention and thought _____
- 11 results, consequences _____

5 READING (10 marks)

Read the following passage. Write true (T) or false (F) for each of the sentences below, according to the information given. If the information is not given, put a question mark (?).

A combination of sewage, salt, air pollution, sun, sand and wind may destroy the huge statue on the outskirts of Cairo. This statue of the sun god has the body of a lion and the face of a human being. It is five thousand years old, but it is too badly damaged to be completely saved.

The statue has already been dug out of the sand three times. However, the latest problems are much more serious. First, there are no proper drains and water pipes in the neighbourhood and the underground passages round the statue have become blocked. Too much water has been running into the stone statue for several years. As a result, tiny pieces of salt have been left on the stone and have damaged it.

Secondly, air pollution from the increasing amount of traffic in Cairo is also destroying the ancient statue. The air is so full of poisonous gases that it is making the stone crumble and decay even faster.

Thirdly, the statue is being damaged by extremes of temperature. For example, although the air is very cold at night, during the day the stone of the statue becomes very hot under the strong sun. Other natural forces such as severe sandstorms also attack the statue.

Finally, the tourists who visit the statue every day also cause a lot of damage.

- 1 ☐ ? The statue of the sun god was built for religious reasons.
- 2 ☐ The statue is in the centre of Cairo.
- 3 ☐ Part of the statue looks like a lion and part like a person.
- 4 ☐ The statue was built 5,000 years ago.
- 5 ☐ People have covered the statue with sand on three occasions in the past in order to save it.
- 6 ☐ The underground passages round the statue are full of waste and water.

- 7 ☐ Small pieces of salt have been put on the stone of the statue to prevent further damage.
- 8 ☐ Cars, buses and lorries have polluted the air near the statue.
- 9 ☐ High temperatures damage stone far more than low temperatures.
- 10 ☐ People have used the statue to hide from their attackers in the past.
- 11 ☐ Fortunately, little damage is caused by visitors to the statue.

6 READING (10 marks)

Read the paragraphs below and the summary which follows. Complete the summary by writing the correct word in each blank. (Write one word only.)

Air pollution is a cause of ill-health in human beings. In a lot of countries there are laws limiting the amount of smoke which factories can produce. Although there isn't enough information on the effects of smoke in the atmosphere, doctors have proved that air pollution causes lung diseases.

The gases from the exhausts of cars have also increased air pollution in most cities. The lead in petrol produces a poisonous gas which often collects in busy streets surrounded by high buildings. Children who live in areas where there is a lot of lead in the atmosphere cannot think as quickly as other children and are clumsy when they use their hands.

There are other long-term effects of pollution. If the gases in the atmosphere continue to increase, the earth's climate may become warmer. A lot of the ice near the Poles may melt and may cause serious floods.

Air ¹ pollution can make people ² _____. Consequently, some countries pass ³ _____ to control the quantity of ⁴ _____ in the air.

⁵ _____ causes particular damage to the body by harming the

⁶ _____, ⁷ _____ should not be used in petrol because it is bad for children's ⁸ _____ and makes them clumsy in using their hands. Poisonous gas from

⁹ _____ collects in those parts of cities where there are tall buildings. Pollution can also have an influence on the earth's ¹⁰ _____. The ice may melt near the North and South Poles, resulting in very bad ¹¹ _____.