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Série : A

Epreuve de : Anglais

Durée : 03 heures

Code matière : 002

Coefficients : A1 = 2; A2 = 1

TEXT : ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

POLLUTION

The word "pollution" comes from a Latin verb "polluere" which means to profane, to make dirty or to degrade. To profane means to misuse what is sacred. Our earth is sacred as it is the temple of nature. Man regrets and misuses nature. He profanes the temple by his carelessness. This action is called "pollution".

In nature, some things are of vital importance for us; one of these is the ozone layer. What do you know about the ozone layer? The ozone layer is a gas layer useful to filter the UV sunbeams⁽¹⁾. It's a thin band of stratosphere floating above the earth at the altitude to 25 kilometres.

Another point is about the air. Why the air is so much important for us? The air is necessary for the survival of every living thing on earth. Without air, we could not breathe, we could not hear, we could not be protected from the UV sunbeams⁽¹⁾ and the daily temperature would be very hot. When we are using the pollution, we put in danger lives or everything.

What is the greenhouse effect⁽²⁾? The greenhouse effect happens in relation with the gas in the atmosphere, the most important is the dioxide of carbon. These gases keep the ray done by the warm earth under the sunbeams.

The greenhouse effect is a good thing for plants but if the quality of the gas (...) is in a reasonable amount.

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Notes:

(1)UV sunbeams) "rayons ultraviolets".

(2)greenhouse effect: "effet de serre"

QUESTIONS

A- READING COMPREHENSION : (7pts)

I- Re-arrange the following scrambled ideas according to the order they appear in the text : (1pt)

- a- Importance of the ozone layer.
- b- Definition of the greenhouse effect.
- c- Definition of pollution.
- d- Importance of the air.

II- Say if the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Justify your answer. (2pts)

- 1- The ozone layer filters the air. (1pt)
- 2- The greenhouse effect is not always good for plants. (1pt)

III- Choose the one best statement from the following: (1pt)

According to the text:

- a- Pollution is needed to protect us from UV sunbeams.
- b- The ozone layer is needed to protect us from UV sunbeams.
- c- The air is needed to protect us from UV sunbeams.
- d- The greenhouse effect is needed to protect us from UV sunbeams.

IV- **Find in the text:** (1pt)

- 1- an equivalent of "takes place" (0,5pt)
- 2- the opposite of "below" (0,5pt)

V- **Answer the following questions:** (2pts)

- 1- Why is the earth sacred? (1pt)
- 2- "When we are using the pollution, we put in danger lives or everything".
Do you agree on this statement? Why or why not? (1pt)

B- **GRAMMAR IN USE** (2pts)

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate grammatical items:

Last Saturday I went shopping. I bought that English dictionary....(1)....is on the table . I really need it for I am bad(2)....English . I wish I(3)....speak English very well. If I had learnt hard....(4)....school I could have spoken English fluently. I have been studying....(5)....two months at the American Center and I get.(6)....very well with my teacher. I'd....(7)....learn English than French. It is very important to know it for it is now an international....(8)....a scientific language.

C- **INDIRECT TEST OF SPEAKING** (4pts)

I- **Complete this dialogue:** (3pts)

Mike: (1).....to my birthday party?

Sarah: (2).....?

Mike: This Sunday.

Sarah: That sounds nice. Can I bring my friend Jane with me?

Mike: (3).....

Sarah: Oh, thanks Mike.

Mike: I haven't met her yet. (4).....?

Sarah: She's tall and dark-skinned. She's very good-looking.

Mike: (5).....?

Sarah: We're of the same age.

Mike: And (6).....?

Sarah: She works for a travel agency.

II- **Match the items to the situations** (1pt).

<u>Items</u>	<u>Situations</u>
1- Not too short, please.	a- Borrowing.
2- A single for two nights.	b- Doctor's surgery.
3- It hurts when I bend down.	c- At the hairdresser.
4- Can I look round?	d- At the shop.
	e- At a hotel reception.

D- **WRITING:** (7pts)

You can often read the warning on packets of cigarettes: "Dangerous for your health".
Why do some people go on smoking despite this warning? (in about 120 words)

