

**TEXT****Water and soil**

All living beings must eat and drink. For this reason, two things have always had to be studied very carefully everywhere in the world where people live. One of these things is water. The other is the soil where food is grown in.

Plants must drink, too, and systems of irrigation have existed right from the early times in our history. In modern times, in places like the valley of the Nile or the River Volta, irrigation systems are being constructed now to make the work of the farmers much more efficient and much less likely to be spoiled by drought than it used to be. All over the world water is being used more efficiently than ever.

Nowadays, farmers are helped in their work by experts. All those experts have been trained in agricultural colleges or at a special center. Some of them study the problems of erosion. In some parts of Africa, the heavy rain which falls in the rainy seasons carries the good soil away from the fields where it is not needed and only leaves stones and poor soil on which can grow very few crops. When the soil is carried away from the fields, we say that erosion is happening in them and it must be prevented.

**QUESTIONS****Reading comprehension****I- Find in the text**

The equivalent of « dwell »

The opposite of « in the old days »

**II- True, false or ING. justify if true or false**

All living beings need to eat and drink

Heavy rain makes the soil good

**III- Answer the questions**

What has been always done to help the farmers in their work?

Explain in your own words, what is erosion?

**IV- Complete with a word from the text**

Taking vitamins and calcium is ----- when people want to prevent from diseases.

People suffer from the environmental destruction such as drought and -----

**V- Re-order the following ideas as they appear in the text**

In addition, plants need water.

But, the problems of erosion appear after the heavy rain.

Water and food are very necessary in human beings' life.

This is why farmers built irrigation systems.

**Grammar in use**

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate grammatical items.

Our globe is getting warmer and warmer because of the following reasons: the environment has been destroyed by ourselves; next, drought and melting of the ice appear. But, most of us do not know what will happen in the future.

Indirect test of speaking

I-match the corresponding utterances

A

- 1- What's the Town hall like?
- 2- my mother's at the hospital.

B

- a- Oh dear! What happened?
- b- I like chocolate.
- c- It is one of the most beautiful buildings in town
- d- Hospital is a health centre

II- Complete the following dialogue

Ken : -----

Phil : I m 60' I'm small

Ken : -----

Phil :About 45 kilos

Ken : I think you should eat healthy food.

Phil : -----

Ken : It's a pleasure.

Writing Do you think that young people should always ask their parents to guide them ? (in about 120 words).