

COMPOSITION DU PREMIER SEMESTRE 2023

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DUREE: 2H

Text: The Top 5 Environmental Concerns for 2019

1 Biodiversity is the most complex and vital feature of our planet. It is essentially every living thing and
2 ecosystem that makes up the environment. From the tallest giraffe to the smallest microorganism,
3 everything plays an important role in the maintenance of our world.

4 But with the increase in global warming, pollution and deforestation, biodiversity is in danger. Billions of
5 species are going or have gone extinct all over the world. Some scientists, in fact, are suggesting that we
6 are in the beginning of a 6th mass extinction, posing issues for our planet and ourselves.

7 Reducing our meat intake, particularly red meat, as well as making sustainable choices can help to keep
8 our planet running smoothly.

9 Water pollution is a huge concern for us and our environment. Not only is polluted water a huge financial
10 strain but it is also killing both humans and marine life. With oil spills, an abundance of plastic waste and
11 toxic chemicals entering our waterways, we're damaging the most valuable resource our planet has to
12 offer.

13 By educating people on the causes and effects of water pollution, we can work together to undo the
14 damage humans have caused. Laws also need to change to make pollution tougher, consistently across
15 national borders.

16 We need plants and trees to survive. They provide oxygen, food, water and medicine for everyone, all over
17 the globe. But if deforestation continues at the rate it's occurring, we won't have much of the valuable
18 forestry left.

19 With natural wildfires, illegal logging and the mass amount of timber being harvested for commercial use,
20 our forests are decreasing at an alarming rate. As well as reducing our supply of oxygen, the loss of forests
21 is contributing around 15% of our greenhouse gas emissions. To help, you can buy more recycled and
22 organic products, limiting the amount of paper and cardboard you use.

23 Pollution is one of the primary causes of many of the other environmental concerns, including climate
24 change and biodiversity. All 7 key types of pollution – air, water, soil, noise, radioactive, light and thermal
25 – are affecting our environment.

26 All types of pollution, and environmental concerns, are interlinked and influence one another. So, to tackle
27 one is to tackle them all. That's why we need to work together, as a community, to reduce the impact that
28 pollution is having on our environment.

29 As pointed out by a recent UN report, without 'unprecedented changes' in our actions and behaviour, our
30 planet will suffer drastically from global warming in just 12 years. Greenhouses gases are the main cause
31 of climate change, trapping in the sun's heat and warming the surface of the earth.

32 An increased ocean temperature is affecting the sea life and ecosystems habituated there. The rise in global
33 sea levels is shrinking our land, causing mass floods and freak weather incidents across the world. If we
34 continue as we are, the world will suffer irreversibly.

Sources: <https://www.envirotech-online.com/news/air-monitoring/6/breaking-news/what-are-the-top-5-environmental-concerns-for-2019/47579>

I / READING COMPREHENSION

(8 marks)

A/ Vocabulary in Context: Read the text and give the synonyms and antonym of the following words from the text. (2 marks)

Words	Synonyms and antonym
heating	= 1.....(paragaraph n°2)
increasing	≠ 2.....(paragaraph n°7)
threats	= 3.....(paragaraph n°9)
inundations	= 4.....(paragaraph n°11)

B/ Information Transfer: Fill in this chart with the appropriate information from the text. (2 marks)

Environmental Concerns for 2019	
List the top 5 Environmental Concerns	5.....
the most valuable resource for human beings	6.....
The most threatened resources that offers people supply and oxygen	7.....
Types of pollution	8.....

C/ Looking for Information: Read the text and complete with the required answers (2 marks)

9- List two reasons why biodiversity is in danger

a-; b-

10- Give two effects of climate change

a-; b-

D/ Sentence Completion: Complete the sentences below meaningfully according to the ideas expressed in the text. (2 mark)

11- We can fight water pollution

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12- To diminish the effects of that pollution which is destroying the atmosphere, we need to take into account others because

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II/ LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE (6 marks)

E/ Dialogue Completion: Complete this dialogue by asking the corresponding questions (2 marks)

Situation: A journalist is requesting information to an environmental agent about the top five concerns for 2019

Journalist: 13.....?

Agent: We want to fight pollution because we all like to do our bit to help the environment.

Journalist: 14.....?

Agent: We can fight it by educating people about taking care of the nation and diminishing pollution, otherwise putting high taxes on great pollutants.

Journalist: Someone once said if you wish to prevent climate change plant a trillion trees. That one was right, **15.....?**

Agent: Of course! Prevention is better than cure.

Journalist: 16.....about plastic bags?

Agent: I think that we should find solutions about how to transform them into something useful.

F/ Word- building: Put in the correct forms of the words in brackets (2 marks)

Since many decades, **17.....** (**ecology**) have been preventing both populations and governments around the world about the great extent of **18.....** (**pollute**), climate change and the risks of floods etc. However, until now they are not really aware of the **19.....**(**harm**) effects. Many people are not readily **20.....**(**reception**) about changing their behavior about the use of great pollutants.

D/ Link-words: Fill in this paragraph with the suitable connectors. (2 marks)

however – in order to- – because – in spite of – because of

Scientists around the world are preventing the top five environmental concerns. **21.....** finding some alternatives such as sensitizing populations to pollute less and putting higher taxes on great pollutants and even transforming plastics into oil seems to be a better option. **22.....**, that is not enough **23.....** we are lacking in saving the forests and planting millions of trees **24.....** avoid the extinction of some species.

III/ WRITING: (CHOOSE ONE TOPIC)(write about 150 words)**(6 marks)**

