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Part One : Reading Comprehension

(Score: 12/20)

Read the text below, in which the writer explains the serious environmental problem of deforestation .
When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

Deforestation

1 Deforestation is the removal of trees in order to use land and wood for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes. Nowadays, deforestation has become a threatening environmental problem because of its immediate and long-term effects. Although trees are absolutely vital for life on Earth, forests have been destroyed around the globe at an alarming rate. Deforestation is caused by a combination of human and nature factors that have a dramatic impact on Earth.

2 Deforestation has many causes, one of which is logging operations related to business and to people's need to support their families. The action of loggers who provide the world's wood and paper products leads to the loss of a countless number of trees every year. Also, in many countries, some loggers¹ often act illegally to make more money by exploiting forests for their own interests, so further deforestation takes place.

3 Another cause of deforestation is forest fires that destroy hundreds of trees in many places around the world. Some forests are replaced by exotic² plants which are not suitable for the environment because they shed a lot of dry leaves that act as firelighters. This makes the place a huge fire hazard that might cause great damage to the close forests.

4 The problem of deforestation contributes³ to the greenhouse effect that increases the speed and severity of global warming. Trees are large stores of carbon dioxide, and when they are burnt, they release this gas. Consequently, there will be an increase in the carbon dioxide level in the air which, in turn, is a major contributor to the greenhouse effect.

5 Trees are essential for land stability. If there are no trees, the possibility of soil erosion and mudslides increases. The shade of trees helps the soil remain moist. When trees are cut, the soil - directly exposed to the sun- becomes dry and causes soil erosion. In addition, when it rains, trees absorb and store large amounts of water; therefore, cutting trees makes water flow haphazardly, causing dangerous mudslides.

6 Preventing deforestation is a personal responsibility that people have to take. They should carefully manage the natural resources by eliminating clear-cutting. Besides, they should maintain balance by planting enough new trees to replace the ones cut. Through the involvement in such appropriate environmental activities, the devastated areas might regain their natural attraction and pump again with life.

¹ **logger**: a person working in the business of cutting trees

² **exotic**: unusual, strange

³ **contribute**: to add, to be one of the factors that cause something

Questions

A. Answer the following questions in complete sentences of your own. (Score: 03)

1. According to the text, why do loggers cut trees?
2. What are the negative effects of deforestation? Mention three.
3. Based on paragraph 6, in what ways can deforestation be prevented?

B. Refer to the text and then complete the following sentences. (Score: 02)

1., there will be an increase in carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere.
2. Exotic plants may cause fires because

C. Pick out from the text words that almost have the following meanings: (Score: 02)

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| 1. influence ; effect | (paragraph 1) |
| 2. threat ; danger | (paragraph 3) |
| 3. harshness | (paragraph 4) |
| 4. ruined | (paragraph 6) |

D. What does each of the underlined pronouns in the text refer to? (Score: 01)

1. **they** (paragraph 3)
2. **they** (paragraph 4)

E. Correct the one grammatical error in each of the following sentences. (Score: 02)

1. Forest fire that cause a lot of damage is another dangerous problem.
2. I can't remember how much time did it take to put out the fire.
3. You'd better not to cut these trees in the garden.
4. My ten-years-old daughter likes to plant flowers.

F. Rewrite the following two sentences, starting each as indicated, without changing the meaning. (Score: 02)

1. In many countries, people do logging business to make their living.
In many countries, logging
2. Environmental problems increased because people lacked awareness.
If people

Part Two : Writing (Score: 08/20)

Many serious environmental issues have emerged recently due to a variety of reasons. Choose one environmental problem other than deforestation (such as air pollution, water pollution, etc.) and discuss its causes and effects.

Develop your ideas in a well-organized composition of about 150-200 words. Supply your developed composition with an outline and a suitable title.

[Score: 02 for **outline** and **title**, 03 for **ideas**, and 03 for **language**]

Part of the Q	Answer Key	Mark
	Competencies: Utilize text-related clues to comprehend discourse Develop interpretive understanding of printed discourse Expand writing skills through guided and semi-guided activities	
I.A.1	They cut trees to support their families financially, provide the world's wood and paper products, make more money and do business.	1
I.A.2	It increases carbon dioxide, greenhouse effect and global warming .It makes the soil dry , causing soil erosion and makes water flow haphazardly, causing mudslides.	1
I.A.3	Deforestation can be prevented by planting new trees, and managing the natural resources carefully by eliminating clear-cutting.	1
I.B.1	When trees are burnt , there will be an increase in carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere.	1
I.B.3	Exotic plants may cause fires because they shed a lot of dry leaves that act as firelighters	1
I.C.1	1. influence ; effect p1 impact	0.5
I.C.2	2. threat ; danger p3 hazard	0.5
I.C.3	3. harshness p4 severity	0.5
I.C.4	4. ruined p6 devastated	0.5
I.D.1	1.they (Paragraph 3) refers to exotic plants	0.5
I.D.2	2. they (Paragraph 4) refers to fires	0.5
I.E.1	Forest fire that causes a lot of damage is another dangerous problem.	0.5
I.E.2	I can't remember how much time it took to put out the fire.	0.5
I.E.3	You'd better not cut these trees in the garden.	0.5
I.E.4	My ten- year -old daughter likes to plant flowers.	0.5
I.F.1	1. In many countries, logging business is done by people to make their living.	1
I.F.2	2. If people had not lacked awareness , environmental problems would not have increased.	1
II.A	Outline and Title	2
II.B	Ideas	3
II.C	Language	3