

Second Term English Exam

Text:

The Amazon forest, in Brazil, covers five million square kilometres- an area as big as the whole of Europe excluding Russia. It contains one third of the world's trees.

However, the trees are disappearing. By 1974, a quarter of the forest had been cut down. If the destruction of the forest continues at the same rate, there will be nothing left.

Scientists say that the disappearance of the trees is already causing changes in the climate. In Peru, there is less snow than before on the high peaks of the Andes Mountains. In Bolivia, there is less rain and more wind. In some parts of north-east Brazil, there is now very little rains.

Trees absorb the gas carbon dioxide from the air, and give out oxygen into the air. The Amazon rainforest is chemically very active and some scientists believe that it provides 50% of the world's annual production of oxygen.

All scientists agree that if we destroy the Amazon forest, it will be environmental suicide. Life on earth will be difficult, and it may become impossible.

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Part one:

Section one: Reading comprehension:

A/ read the text carefully and answer the following questions: (02Pts)

- In which paragraph is it mentioned that man is cutting down trees?
- Must we stop destroying the Amazon? Justify.

B/ Choose: - a -b -c or d to complete the following sentences: (03Pts)

- 1-The Amazon is.....Europe.
 a-as big as b-bigger than c-as small as d-smaller than
- 2-There is more wind in.....
 a-Peru b-Bolivia c-Brazil d-Russia
- 3-Trees give us.....
 a-Chemicals b-oxygen c-carbon dioxide d-rain

C/ Find in the text words or phrases that are closest in meaning to the following: (01pt)

-But=....., includes=.....

- Find in text words or phrases that are opposite in meaning to the following: (01pt)

-different≠....., death≠.....

Section Two:

A/ correct the underlined mistakes: (02Pts)

Last Wednesday, I go for a walk on the woods. What I saw makes me verry sad. People still throw their rubbish everywhere.

B/ Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets. (03pts)

Last weekend, my friends and I (to do) something for our district. We (to clean) the public garden. Next week, we (to plant) trees and flowers.

C/ Find in the text four words that have the following sounds: (02pts)

/ei/ (make)	/ai/ (five)
1-.....	1-.....
2-.....	2-.....

Part Two: (06PTS)

-You are the minister of the environment. The cities are polluted by the fumes of the vehicles and factories. The rivers, seas are polluted, too. What solutions will you bring to solve the environment problems?

-Write about:

- Serious decisions.
- clean towns/ Punish people
- Create associations/Plant millions of trees.