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CLASS – IX

ENGLISH ASSIGNMENT

1. Read the passage given below.

1. The world is big but in a sense, it starts from me. Knowledge and awareness about my own self has to precede my knowledge of things other than me. If I want the external environment to appreciate value. I need to do it by myself, first. In order to make the atmosphere around me green, I have to be green myself, in belief and action.

2. From dusk to dawn and dawn to dusk, our every activity leaves its footprint on the environment and ecology. It is a 24 x 7, eternal phenomenon. A laboured consciousness of having to go green in all possible areas is required in each one of us. It is, after all, our own self-interest and that of our descendants. The conscious application of change a few is going to become a habit and one's culture in due course. Though we read and hear a lot off green initiatives, we hardly tweak our routines to suit the larger picture.

3. Greenery in the surroundings prevents dust and noise pollution. The way we water and manure plants also matter. Water is also a fast depleting resource. Sprinklers are one example to use and conserve it. Compost from bio waste can be used as manure for the plants which is cost—effective and eco-friendly. We can also contribute to the preservation of water bodies by not dumping our garbage in them. The use of public transport systems in the place of individual modes can reduce carbon footprint.

4. 'Reuse', 'Recycle', 'Re-engineer' and 'Renew' are the mantras. Let us appreciate, support and contribute our might to the promotional efforts of the community in this direction. Remember, my ecology is also the community, society, and the nation that I care for which in turn cares for me. In other words, all these seemingly outward initiatives done for others are going to make my life more comfortable ultimately.

5. I have to be, therefore, concerned about what sort of environment I am responsible for, for my own sustenance, livelihood, and progress. As long as my impact is positive, my presence will be welcome. If it is otherwise, I am going to be shunned. It is either 'Embrace' or 'Embarrass'.

6. Green initiatives are anti-scorch earth. Air, water, and soil need to be conserved for the thriving of mankind in the future. The increasing onslaughts on the quality of air and soil need to be reversed. The indiscriminate exploitation of water - consumable water is only 0.3% of freshwater - needs to be stopped. The earth ought not to shrink further, continue to breathe easy. Mother earth looks for only love and cares from her children and nothing more in return for all the wealth she has so generously showered on us.

On the basis of your reading answer the following questions.

i) Why does the author say that one should be concerned about the environment?

- a) For better sustenance
- b) For the betterment of culture
- c) For the betterment of self
- d) For future generations

ii) Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below.

The increasing onslaughts on the quality of air and soil need to be reversed.

- a) The greater the sugar intake, the more chances of falling ill.
- b) The rising cutting down of trees has to be decreased to prevent climate change.
- c) When you increase your savings, you increase your future security.
- d) The heavier the heart, the sadder the person.

iii) Select the option that depicts what the writer projects, with reference to the following.

Air, water and soil need to be conserved for the thriving of mankind in the future. (Paragraph 6)

- a) doubt
- b) caution
- c) denial
- d) sadness

iv) Complete the following with a phrase from Paragraph 3.

Opinion	Reason
	Hence, we need to conserve water.

v) Based on your reading of the text, list any 2 preventive measures for the author’s statement “Water is also a fast-depleting resource,” in Paragraph 3.

- 1.
- 2.

vi) Why does the author says that the Earth ought not to shrink further and continue to breathe easy?

vii) Why does the writer says “The use of public transport systems in the place of individual modes.....”?

- a) To enhance air quality
- b) to reduce carbon footprint
- c) to manage ecosystem
- d) All of these

viii) Evaluate the INAPPROPRIATE reason for conserving the ecosystem and protecting Earth’s environment.

- a) to reduce carbon footprint
- b) to protect our future generations
- c) to become a world superpower
- d) to conserve potable water

2. Complete the story with the following beginning in about 100-120 words. Also give it a suitable title. It was 6o'clock in the evening and there was a lot of traffic on the road. Mahira was driving her car when suddenly two teenagers on bike overtook her car ____