

Esame di Stato conclusive del primo ciclo di istruzione.
Prova scritta di lingue straniere.

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Lingua INGLESE

READING COMPREHENSION. Leggi attentamente il testo:

SAVING THE PLANET

Years ago there wasn't a problem with rubbish because things like plastic and disposable nappies¹ hadn't been invented. There wasn't so much packaging on items either. But now with everything so over packaged and disposable we are suffering the consequences of far too much waste. The trouble is that not everything can be recycled or will rot². You used to be able to get a refund on glass bottles when you took them back to the shop. Now the council can either collect **them**(1) from your house or you can take them to a bottle bank.

The fact that paper can be recycled and is easy to dispose is great, but remember that paper is made from trees, which are important to the environment. The rainforests have been slowly disappearing for a while now. We need **them**(2) not just because they help with the climate; they are important as like all plants they give **us**(3) oxygen, moreover they are also home to many animals **that**(4) rely on them for their survival.

The best waste is organic: dead leaves, carrot tops, onion skins and so on, and they make fertile soil. This in turn will help the plants and vegetables giving **them**(5) much needed food. So if you are able to have a compost heap in your garden, you'll be helping the environment and your garden will love you for it.

Acid rain is another serious problem: it can damage plants and it's caused by pollutants, such as sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. **These**(6) come from the burning of coal, oil and gas.

When rivers and seas are polluted by waste, we are not only stealing **their**(7) beauty, but we are spoiling them too. Our health can also suffer. Sadly accidents do occur; oil slicks sometimes happen and wreck the environment. Animals tend to suffer the most from these accidents. We should really have in place something that will prevent so much destruction, rather than just waiting for it to happen, then trying to clean up the damages.

Nuclear waste has been the cause of controversy over the years. Radioactive material leaking out would be very serious: indeed, it can cause real harm. This is why it is the most worrying.

Although **we**(8) are trying to stop the hole in the ozone layer getting any bigger, this phenomenon is still a serious problem. The ozone layer protects us from harmful ultra-violet rays. Its hole has been caused by chlorofluorocarbons (cfc's), a chemical that was found in some products. Refrigerators used to contain **them**(9). So do we care enough about earth? Is it now too late to do anything? Each one of us can make a difference and each and every one of us is responsible to the environment. It takes care of us; we should take care of **it**(10).

¹ A piece of soft cloth or other thick material that is folded around a baby's bottom and between its legs to absorb and hold its body waste

² Decompose

Esercizio 1 – Indica a quali parole si riferiscono le parole in grassetto (____)(10)

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| 1. them | A. men |
| 2. them | B. the environment |
| 3. us | C. glass bottles |
| 4. that | D. plants and vegetables |
| 5. them | E. cfc's |
| 6. these | F. sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides |
| 7. their | G. animals |
| 8. we | H. rainforests |
| 9. them | I. of the seas and oceans |
| 10. it | J. human beings |

Esercizio 2 – Indica le seguenti affermazioni sono vere (T) o false (F). Correggi quelle false sul foglio protocollo (____/10)

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| 1. Some years ago diapers weren't used | T | F |
| 2. Nowadays products are over packaged | T | F |
| 3. Some products are difficult to destroy | T | F |
| 4. Both animals and humans need trees to survive | T | F |
| 5. Acid rain is caused by organic waste | T | F |
| 6. Ozone layer depletion and nuclear waste are two most serious problems | T | F |
| 7. It's useless for us to try and make a healthier environment | T | F |

Esercizio 3 – Rileggi attentamente il testo e rispondi per esteso alle domande (____/10)

1. What are the environmental problems enumerated in the text?
2. Why are rainforest so important for us and for animals?
3. Where does acid rain come from?
4. What does cfc's mean? And where can we find them?
5. Protecting the environment is our own responsibility. What can you do to make our planet a better place?

WRITTEN PRODUCTION – Scrivi una mail ad un/a tuo/a amico/a che vive a Londra parlandogli/le dei tuoi piani scolastici per il prossimo anno:

- Parla della scuola in cui andrai;
- Parla delle materie che studierai;
- Spiega perché l'hai scelta;
- Parla delle tue emozioni e del perché le provi (cosa ti spaventa, cosa ti elettrizza, etc).

Usa al massimo 100 parole