

**I- Read the following text then do the tasks below:**

The rainforest of the Amazon region of Brazil in South America covers five percent of the world's land surface and is home to at least 30 percent of the world's animals and plants. The area is also the home of 220,000 people from about 180 different tribes who live deep in the forest. The rainforest itself is an important environment but, because of its size and location, it also plays a vital part in controlling the world's climate. It does this by taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Recently, however, large areas of the Amazon rainforest have been cut down to make more land for farmers. Much of this destruction, which leaves the land dry and dusty, is illegal. Farmers use most of the new land to grow soya beans, which they export to other parts of the world to be used as animal food. Millions of chickens in western European countries are fed on South American soya beans. Increasingly, some soya beans are also being turned into food for human consumption; many vegetarian foods are based on soya beans. Other areas of the rainforest are cleared by ranchers who use the land for their cattle, by loggers who sell the valuable tropical hardwood from the trees they cut down, or by oil companies who are trying to find more oil. These activities help to improve the economy of the region, but at the expense of the future of the global environment. In addition to destroying ancient forests and changing the world's climate, deforestation is having a devastating effect on native populations.

Answer the following questions: (18 marks)

1. How does the Amazon rainforest influence the Earth's climate?
2. What has happened to the Amazon rainforest recently?
3. Who is cutting down the trees of the Amazon rainforest?

Find words in the text which mean the following: (10 marks)

4. very destructive
5. giving off

Rewrite these sentences about the text to correct the information: (12 marks)

6. The rainforest of the Amazon region contains 30 percent of the world's population.
7. Soya beans are turned only to animal food.

II- Read the following text then do the tasks below:

All the correct materials, food, oxygen cylinders and fuels have to be prepared and **supplied** correctly. All the machinery and seals that keep the air in, the cabin pressure correct and that protect the astronauts from the freezing cold vacuum of space have to work perfectly every second of every minute. The machinery is complex, yet it must not break down once; all the supplies are important, yet spares cannot be carried because of limited space. A small miscalculation in the planning and preparation of the space mission will probably mean the death of everyone on board.

Despite this, people can survive very successfully in space for months at a time. They can live in relative comfort, and they can carry out important work that could not be done anywhere on Earth. Any space mission involves enormous **risks**, but with a highly trained, skilled and hard-working team, people can be prepared for and can conduct space missions of great scientific importance. The International Space Station (ISS) contains laboratories where scientific experiments are **carried out** that cannot be done on Earth because of its atmosphere and heavy gravity.

Choose the correct answer a, b or c: (12 marks)

8. The seals on a space station
a. keep the air in
b. keep the cabin pressure correct
c. both a and b
9. A highly trained, skilled and hard-working team can the dangers of a space mission.
a. decrease b. increase c. raise

Match two of the underlined words from the text to the definitions below: (12 marks)

10. conducted
11. dangers

Complete the following sentences with information from the text: (12 marks)

12. Because of limited space,.....
13. A small miscalculation in the planning of the space mission will result in.....

III- Complete the following paragraph by filling in the gaps: (18 marks)

14. There are many plants protect themselves by poisoning their enemies.
15. In some cases, the poison contain is so powerful that it can kill any living thing which touches or eats them.
16. The poison can in the leaves, the seeds or berries, or in other parts of the plant.

IV- Fill in the spaces with words from the list. Use each word once only: (24 marks)

bitten-success-vaccinations-thus-while

17. began Pasteur's plan of vaccinations to stop illness.
18. It was a with animals. 'But what about people?' Pasteur wondered.
19. he was asking himself this question, he had a chance to answer it.
20. A woman brought him her son, who had been by a mad dog.

V- Complete the following dialogue by writing suitable questions or answers. Write at least three words for each question: (32 marks)

21. **Ruba:**?
Mazen: I was born in the country.
22. **Ruba:**?
Mazen: I've lived there for eighteen years.
23. **Ruba:**?
Mazen: I enjoyed the open-air life.
Ruba: Why did you leave the country?
24. **Maya:**

VI- Rewrite the following sentences as required in brackets: (32 marks)

25. I can't sing very well. (I wish.....)
26. People hunt kangaroos for their meat and fur. (passive voice)
27. Ahmad went to the airport. He wanted to meet his brother.
join using (in order to)
28. Khaled has a very good English accent. (He lived with an English family.)
(use might)

VII- Complete the following sentences using clauses: (14 marks)

29. Many plants would die if
30. People visit ancient sites because.....

VIII- Choose the correct word in brackets: (18 marks)

31. Some human activities are (**destroying-destruction**) the natural world.
32. As we have some new employees, we will have to (**reorganise-misorganise**) our office.
33. The Eden Project is particularly famous (**of-for**) its huge biomes.

IX- Correct the verbs in brackets: (18 marks)

34. We (**meet**) our friends next Saturday.
35. There (**be**) a chaotic situation in society if there were no legal systems.
36. Driving to work in the morning often (**take**) me over an hour.

X- Translation:

37. Translate the following sentence into Arabic: (10 marks)

- Daily life inside an airtight space shuttle requires much more than just oxygen and heat.

38. Translate the following sentence into English: (8 marks)

- درست أختي بجد. لا بد أنها ستحصل على درجات جيدة في امتحاناتها.

XI- Composition: (50 marks)

Write a composition of no less than 80 words on the following topic:

Write an essay about the arguments for and against keeping household pets.

End of Questions