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Group:

Time: 2 hours

RAIN FOREST

1-A common cry these days is " save the rain forests," but what exactly are rain forests and why is it so important to save them ?

A rain forest is any forest where the heavy rainfall causes thick vegetation. There are two main types of rain forests :tropical and cool. When people say " save the rain forests", they are usually talking about tropical rain forests-jungles characterized by dense vegetation and hot, humid weather throughout the year. These tropical forests are disappearing at a very fast rate , and their disappearance has serious effects worldwide.

2-The tropical rain forests stretch around the equator, and cover large parts of Central and South America, Central Africa, South east Asia, and the islands of the western pacific. Although these forests grow in more than fifty different countries, more than half of the world's tropical forest area is in only three countries : Brazil, Indonesia and Zaire .

3-Rain forests are important for a variety of reasons . They are the world's richest wildlife habitat, (although they cover less than 10% of the earth's land area, they contain more than half of the world's plant and animal species.) They play an essential role in regulating the world's climate and they are the most important sources of new medicines. At least 1.500 rain forest plants can be eaten as vegetables. They help to prevent soil erosion .

4-Scientists estimate that about one million different species of plants and animals live in the rain forests .A single tree can hold more than 400 species of insects !

5-One reason for the variety of wildlife is the climate. Rain forests get 5 to 10 meters of rain a year , and temperatures usually stay between 23.9°C and 29.4°C. This makes it possible for a large number of plants and animal species to survive. Another reason for the variety of wildlife is the age of the forests. The great tropical rain forests are 70 to 100 million years old.In that time , many different species of plants and animals have been able to develop .

COMPREHENSION : 15 PTS

Base your answers on the text

A. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE ? JUSTIFY : 4PTS

1. Brazil, Zaire and Indonesia house over 50% of the world's tropical rain forests.

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2. The results of the destruction of the rain forests are not limited to the areas where they are situated.

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3. Rain forests are a vital source of foods.

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4. Weather conditions are ideal for plant growth in the rain forests.

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B- ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS : (4pts)

1. What are the characteristics of the tropical rain forests ?

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2. How did the age of the rain forests help the development of wildlife ?

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C- FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS WHICH MEAN THE SAME AS :(4pt)

1- preserve (p1)	2- adjust (p3).....
2- earth (p3).....	4- grow (p5).....

D- WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO ?(3pt)

1- them(pr1).....	2. they (pr1).....
3- they (pr3).....	

Language :

15pts

1-Use the words in capitals to make words which fit in the spaces. 3pts

- My..... of geography is much better now. KNOW
- The plane crashed with the great..... of life. LOSE
- My day was..... so I went straight away to bed. EXHAUST

2-Circle the correct answer. 3pts

- There is smog / gas in many big cities because there are so many cars.
- Make sure you don 't leave any litter / letter when you go for a walk.
- The loss / ability to sleep well makes people feel healthier.

3-Complete these sentences .Use the comparative or the superlative form. 1.5pts

- Anna is one of girl I have ever met. (NICE)
- Her illness was we thought. (SERIOUS)
- Is your suitcase mine ? (HEAVY)

4-Complete the sentences with "enough" and the adjectives and nouns in brackets.

- Ben isn't to ask kim for a date. (CONFIDENT)
- I never have to watch TV . (TIME)
- Is your English to visit Britain ? (good)

5-Rewrite the sentences using the PASSIVE VOICE. 3pts

- You mustn't open this door.
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- Angela showed me some pictures of French film stars.
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- We have bought presents for all the family.
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6-Complete the reported speech. 3pts

- "We are playing really well", they said.
They said that.....
- "I hid my phone under my bed", Sophia said.
Sophia said
- Tom tells you , " Ann has gone away".
Tom told.....

Writing :10pts.

Topic:

Imagine you have just been on «a Save the world weekend» where you learnt about the things we can do to protect our environment, write a letter to your English penfriend telling him/her about the weekend.(100-120 words)

Dear.....