



English Language Test for Grade 11

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Solving Environmental Problems by Implementing Sustainable Fashion Practices

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*Sustainable fashion or eco-fashion is a revolution to enhance the consumer's **awareness** of social and environmental concerns on the clothing manufacturing sector. Similar movements have already taken place in the food industry.*

Sustainable fashion can best be brought in by creating sustainably designed products which increase the longevity of a garment. There are many reasons behind the formation of the sustainable fashion movement and one major reason is the fast fashion phenomenon. Low-cost clothing flies off the shelves faster, so brands have started focusing on cheap garments with a short lead time. Recent studies on carbon footprints in the United Kingdom were triggered by excess clothing bought by customers, increasing the rate of carbon dioxide equivalent **emission** into the environment, setting off alarms in those **rooting** for sustainable fashion. People want to buy more garments every season at low cost even though their **life span** is so short that they need to be discarded at the end of the season. This psychological behaviour of customers has to be changed **to implement** the sustainable fashion movement.

Sustainability, by definition, should meet current generation needs without **compromising** future generations. The major challenge in sustainability is the cooperation of all suppliers of individual components. They have to be ethically secured and accounted for, from **labour** to transportation from factory to retail outlet, aftercare and disposal of garments. The fashion industry has a complex and fragmented supply chain that has global reach.

For the fashion industry, green is the new black to focus on sustainable practices. Several incidents in the twentieth century helped the rise of **conscious** consumerism. One is the fire in a Nike factory in Indonesia due to poor working conditions, resulting in **protests** and boycotts by employees and the media. Twenty-four years later, Nike is one of the leading companies in implementing sustainable practices.

Brands have continually supported in raising **campaigns** like Patagonia's responsible economy, which shows how sustainability is inbuilt into their corporate structure. Brands like Levi's have cleverly showed such implementation into the lifecycle of their garments to raise consumer awareness. A case in point is Levi's Care Tag For Our Planet initiative and waterless and Well thread Collections made from 100 per cent recyclable material. Several big brands like Gucci, Calvin Klein, Stella McCartney and Puma are also stressing on sustainability.

Concerns of fashion industry

After the oil industry, the fashion and textile sector is the most polluting, because each stage of a garment's life cycle threatens our planet and resources. To produce a kilogram of cotton -- equivalent to one T-shirt or a pair of jeans -- requires more than 20,000 litres of water, one of the major resources.

About 8,000 types of chemicals are used in the **conversion** of raw material into garments. If some clothes do not sell or when they go out of style, they land in giant **landfills**, adding to the pollution.

Task 1. Read the text, find the answers and rewrite using your own words. (0.5 each)

1. What was the main reason for producing cheap clothing or garments?

2. What is Levi's Care Tag For Our Planet? What was it made of?

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Task 2: Match the words with their corresponding explanations. (0.5 point)

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| 1. Awareness ____ | A. Work, especially hard physical work |
| 2. To root ____ | B. Put a decision, plan or an agreement into effect; make use of something |
| 3. Emission ____ | C. The length of time for which a person or animal lives or a thing functions |
| 4. Life span ____ | D. The act of converting or changing something |
| 5. To implement ____ | E. Work in an organized and active way towards a particular goal, typically social or political one |
| 6. Labour ____ | F. an agreement or settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions. |
| 7. Conscious ____ | G. The process of producing something |
| 8. Protests ____ | H. An action expressing disapproval or objection to something |
| 9. Campaigns ____ | |

10. Conversion___ I. the disposal of waste material by burying it, especially as a method of filling in and reclaiming excavated pits.
11. Compromise___ J. Knowledge or perception about a situation or fact
12. Landfill___ K. To express or show support for something
- L. Aware and responding to ones surroundings; alert

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TASK 3. Put in the correct preposition. (0.2 per each)

1. She's very honest. I don't think she is capable telling a lie.
2. She couldn't help feeling amazed his stupidity.
3. These days everybody is aware the dangers of smoking.
4. The people have a very positive attitude life.
5. There is no lack information on the subject.
6. He had moral objections killing animals for food.
7. I'm not crazy that place, so can we go somewhere else for dinner?
8. There has been a steady decrease the number of visitors.
9. I'm sorry, I'm not familiar your poetry.
10. Please be kindyour sister!
11. I don't want any comments my new haircut, thank you!
12. The government is guilty mismanaging the economy.
13. The teacher is satisfiedhis progress.
14. She likes Biology, but she's not too keen Physics.
15. She is married an American.

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TASK 4. Fill in the gaps with suitable forms of the verbs given in brackets. (0.2 per each)

This happened over twenty years ago. I (1)_____ (stay) with some friends who (2)_____ (buy) a cottage in southern Italy and I (3) _____ (fly) back home to London. We were about twenty minutes into the flight when I (4) _____ (realise) something was wrong. We (5)_____ (climb) to 10,000 meters and the pilot (6)_____ (switch off) the seat belt sign.

We(7)_____ (fly) smoothly for about five minutes when I (8)_____ (see) an old man on the other side of the cabin staring out of the window with an expression of pure terror on his face. Then he (9) _____(raise) his hands in the air (10) _____ (say) very loudly, 'My God, we are all going to die!' Two flight attendants, who (11) _____ (chat) nearby, came over and (12)_____ (look) out of the window. One of them immediately (13)_____ (run) to the front of the plane and (14)_____ (go) into the cockpit, and at the same time, I felt the plane begin to lose height. Then the pilot made an announcement. He said we (15)_____ (lose) one engine and we would have to return to the airport.

At the time I thought this meant one engine (16)_____ (stop) working, but I later learned that the engine _17 _____ (actually / fall off) the plane and I wondered whether it (18) _____ (hit) anybody on the ground. I never found out but at least the mishap (19)_____ (not / damage) the wing or any other parts of the aircraft and we (20)_____ (land) about 30 minutes later without trouble.

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TASK 5. Choose the correct option. (0.2 per each)

1. the good reviews, the film was a box office failure
 - a) Instead of
 - b) Apart from
 - c) In spite of
 - d) In the event of

2. You should two hours for the journey
 - a) Permit
 - b) Allow
 - c) Give
 - d) Let

3. He looked his record collection to see if he could find the album
 - a) At
 - b) Up
 - c) Through
 - d) out

4. In the 1970s she flared trousers like everybody else
 - a) Would have had
 - b) Was used to have
 - c) Used to having
 - d) Used to had

5. I finished two novels the holiday
 - a)over
 - b)through
 - c)since
 - d)while

6. He's always complaining..... his flatmates
 - a)about
 - b)of

- c)around
- d)at

7. She was with murder

- a)charged
- b)accused
- c)arrested
- d)sentenced

8. When I was 40, I wanted to start something new, so I took.... painting

- a)on
- b)up
- c)after
- d)over

9. The dog will not bite you..... you leave it alone

- a)provided
- b)unless
- c)when
- d)if only

10. I wouldn't recommend that car; it's got a lot of faults

- a)you to buy
- b)you buy
- c)buying
- d)that you would buy

11. We.....for a few hours when the lightning struck.

- a)were walking
- b)had been walking
- c)have walked
- d>walked

12 . This stew would taste better if you added a of butter.

- a)piece
- b)knob
- c)clove
- d)drop

13. The results of the research were convincing that we felt obliged to publish them.

- a)so
- b)such
- c)really
- d)very

14. Hardly her speech than the sound failed.

- a)had she begun
- b)did she begin
- c)was she beginning
- d) she began

15. He looked as though he..... some bad news.

- a)gave
- b)was given
- c)has given
- d)had been given

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TASK 6. Fill in the gaps with the given options. (0.2 per each)

Wole Soyinka, who was born in 1934, is a Nigerian writer, poet and playwright. Many 1) _____ him as Africa's most 2) _____ playwright. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1986, the first African writer to win this honour.

Soyinka has played an active role in Nigeria's 3) _____ history. In 1967, during the Civil War in Nigeria, he was arrested by the Federal Government and put in solitary 4) _____ for attempting to broker a peace between the warring parties. While in prison he wrote 5) _____ which was published in a collection. He was released two years later after international attention was drawn to his 6) _____. His experiences in prison are recounted in a book. He is an outspoken 7) _____ of many Nigerian administrations, and of political tyrannies worldwide, including the Mugabe regime in Zimbabwe. Much of his 8) _____ has been concerned with "the 9) _____ boot and the irrelevance of the colour of the foot that wears it".

1986 was his most glorious year and occurred during the reigns of several violent and repressive African regimes. The Swedish Academy 10) _____ him the Nobel Prize for Literature as a writer "who in a wide 11) _____ perspective and with poetic overtones fashions the drama of 12) _____". The foremost Nigerian 13) _____ became the first African Nobel laureate, enshrined forever in the history of world literature. His Nobel Lecture was devoted to South African freedom-fighter Nelson Mandela. Soyinka's 14) _____ speech criticized apartheid and the politics of racial segregation imposed on the population by the Nationalist South African government. That year brought him another 15) _____ award - the Agip Prize for Literature - and he was awarded a Nigerian national decoration: Commander of the Federal Republic.

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| 1. A) consider | b) regard | c) think | d) believe |
| 2. A) distinguish | b) distinguishable | c) distinguished | d) distinguishing |
| 3. A) politic | b) politician | c) politically | d) political |
| 4. A)confinement | b) confine | c) confining | d) configuration |
| 5. A) poet | b) poem | c) poems | d) poetry |
| 6. A) in prison | b) imprisonment | c) jailer | d) prisoner |
| 7. A) criticize | b) criticism | c) critic | d) criticizing |
| 8. A) writings | b) writer | c) wright | d) writing |
| 9. A) oppress | b) oppressive | c) oppression | d) oppressor |
| 10. A) granted | b) awards | c)awarded | d) grants |
| 11. A) culture | b)cultural | c) cultured | d) cultures |

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| 12. A) exist | b)existence | c) existence | d) existential |
| 13. A) dramatic | b) drama | c) dramatically | d) dramatist |
| 14. A) acceptance | b) accept | c) accepted | d) accepting |
| 15. A) literate | b) literary | c) literally | d) literal |

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