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Part One : Reading Comprehension

(Score: 12/20)

Read the following text, in which the writer highlights the dangerous effects of deforestation. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions that follow.

Destruction of Rain Forests

1 Environmentalists focus their attention nowadays on the destruction of rain forests which they consider a major ecological problem, threatening the ecosystems of some vital places in the world. Opposition to forest-logging¹ has become very strong recently because every minute trees are being cut, and 50 acres of forests are being cleared somewhere in the world.

2 These forests are being burned down to make way for cattle grazing because man needs meat to sustain an ever growing population. Although many governments are trying to control the damage, cattle ranchers² want more land cleared for their animals. Cutting trees allows more grass to grow, and, after a few years, more land will be needed for animals to graze.

3 Using wood for commercial purposes is considered another reason for the destruction of forests. As lumber³ companies need wood for construction and furniture, a huge number of trees disappear day after day. Consequently, many companies have recently been forced by law to replant naked areas with new trees.

4 These rain forests are the habitat to a great number of species **which** gradually disappear with every tree cut down. Cutting trees is regarded as the world's ugliest act of environmental threat to rain forests. **They** are the last ecosystems untouched in the world, and the people who are destroying them are committing an ecological crime. Environmentalists insist that these forests are oxygen-providers for the whole planet and the most efficient natural absorbent of carbon dioxide. Therefore, by destroying rain forest, man contributes to global warming and practically gains little in return.

5 Such destruction must stop immediately, as the balance of nature depends on trees that cover the earth.

¹ **logging**: cutting trees and transporting the logs to mills

² **rancher**: owner of a large farm

³ **lumber**: trees cut to be used in building or woodworking

Questions

A. Copy the following chart in your answer booklet, and then supply the correct paragraph number(s) where each heading can be located in the reading text. The same heading can be related to more than one paragraph. (Score: 1.5)

Headings	Paragraph Number(s)
The problem	
Causes of the problem	
Effects of the problem	

- B.** Which of the following best fits as the main idea of the above text? (Score: 01)
- Putting an end to forest destruction is urgently needed.
 - Cutting trees allows more grass to grow.
 - New trees should be planted in cleared areas.
 - Trees should not be used for commercial purposes.
- C.** The following statements are false. Rewrite each statement so that it agrees with what the writer states or implies in the text. (Score: 1.5)
1. When forests are cleared, only trees disappear.
 2. People cut trees because they need meat to feed cattle.
 3. Long time ago, lumber companies were obliged to replant trees.
- D.** Answer each of the following questions in a complete sentence. (Score: 04)
1. Why are forests being destroyed?
 2. What two consequences of cutting trees threaten the environment?
 3. What two solutions does the writer offer to save the environment?
 4. What does each pronoun **underlined** in Paragraph 4 refer to?
- E.** Pick **one** word from the text that can replace the word(s) **underlined** in the following sentences. (Score: 02)
1. Cutting trees, **harming** the environment in many different ways, should be stopped. (Paragraphs 1-2)
 2. Protecting the environment is **essential to life** for every living being. (Paragraphs 1-2)
 3. Trees are a renewable resource which, when managed properly, can **support** our needs for a long time. (Paragraphs 2-3)
 4. The ideal **natural home** for different species of animals to live in is the rain forest. (Paragraphs 4-5)
- F.** Each sentence below contains **one** grammatical error. Identify the error and correct it. (Score: 02)
1. The need for more meat to feed more people are the major cause of forest destruction.
 2. Some lumber companies have been trying to replant as many trees as they can since a year.
 3. Environmentalists still don't know why do people insist on cutting trees.
 4. Deforestation has been an important issue a few years ago.

Part Two : Writing

(Score: 08/20)

Every summer, Lebanese forests suffer from fires. If you consider the years it takes a seedling to grow into a mature tree and the seconds it takes to burn, you will find out how critical the problem is. Write about three causes of the problem and suggest solutions to limit their effects. Copy the following chart, fill it in, and then develop your ideas into a well-organized composition of about 150-200 words. Give your developed composition a suitable title.

Title:	
Problem:	
CAUSES	SOLUTIONS

[Score: 02 for **chart** and **title**, 03 for **ideas**, and 03 for **language**]

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I.B	Putting an end to forest destruction is urgently needed.	1								
I.C.1	When forests are cleared, trees and other species disappear.	0.5								
I.C.2	People cut trees because they need meat to feed a growing human population.	0.5								
I.C.3	Short time ago, lumber companies were obliged to replant trees. Recently , lumber companies have been obliged to replant trees.	0.5								
I.D.1	1. They are set on fire to make way for cattle grazing 2. They are cut down to produce lumber for construction and furniture.	1								
I.D.2	1. Disappearance of species 2. Causing the problem of global warming	1								
I.D.3	1. Replanting new trees 2. Stopping the destruction of rain forest immediately	1								
I.D.4	1. which refers to “number of species” 2. they refers to “rain forests”.	1								
I.E.1	harming = threatening (Paragraphs 1-2)	0.5								
I.E.2	essential to life = vital (Paragraphs 1-2)	0.5								
I.E.3	support = sustain (Paragraphs 2-3)	0.5								
I.E.4	natural home = habitat (Paragraphs 4-5)	0.5								
I.F.1	The need for more meat to feed more people (are) is the major cause of forest destruction.	0.5								
I.F.2	Some lumber companies have been trying to replant as many trees as they can (since) for a year.	0.5								
I.F.3	Environmentalists still don't know why (do) people insist on cutting trees.	0.5								
I.F.4	Deforestation (has been) was an important issue a few years ago. Deforestation has been an important issue (a few years ago) recently .	0.5								
II.A	Graphic Organizer and Title	2								
II.B	Ideas	3								
II.C	Language	3								