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Sustainable Development

The best definition of Sustainable development was presented by the report *Our Common Future*: "Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Green development is generally differentiated from sustainable development in that Green development prioritizes what its proponents consider to be environmental sustainability over economic and cultural considerations. In addition to that, sustainable development has underlying concepts: the concept of 'needs', in particular the essential needs of the world's poor, to which overriding priority should be given; and the idea of limitations imposed by the state of technology and social organization on the environment's ability to meet present and future needs. There is an additional focus on the present generations' responsibility to improve the future generations' life by restoring the previous ecosystem damage and resisting to contribute to further ecosystem damage.

Sustainable development requires action on the part of world states, governments and people. The detrimental situation of the environment, the enormous stress upon our natural resources and the huge gap between developed and underdeveloped countries necessitate practical strategies to reverse the trends. The World Commission on Environment and Development suggested seven critical objectives for environment and development policies that follow from the concept of sustainable development:

- Reviving growth
- Changing the quality of growth
- Meeting essential needs and aspirations for jobs, food, energy, water and sanitation
- Ensuring a sustainable level of population
- Conserving and enhancing the resource base
- Reorienting technology and manage risk
- Including and combining environment and economics considerations in decision-making

These recommendations are still valid; not to do things differently is dangerous and condemnable. Slow actions would be detrimental.

I. COMPREHENSION. Answer the following questions:

1. What is "sustainable development"?
2. What is "green development"?
3. Comment on one of the recommendations given by the World Commission on Environment and Development by depicting their sustainable development nature.

II. WRITING. Write 15-20-line essay on the last passage of the text.

III. VOCABULARY. Find in the text the terms and phrases to the following definitions:

1. fulfil or satisfy requirements, or wants (a phrase)
2. adherent, follower, promoter (a noun)
3. paramount, supreme, central, chief, key, primary (an adjective)
4. the centre of interest or activity (a noun)
5. bringing back or re-establishing a previous state (a noun)
6. an undesirable difference between two states or situations (a noun)
7. a country which is not advanced economically (a phrase)
8. having a harmful or damaging effect (an adjective)

IV. GRAMMAR. Choose ONE correct answer to fill in the gaps and write out the corresponding letter a-d.

1. The projects, as ... , drew a lot of support.
a) expected b) were expected to c) to be expected d) not expected
2. I wish ... me more fully last time.
a) you have informed b) you to inform c) you informed d) you had informed
3. It's high time ... a better pastime.
a) you chose b) you choose c) you had chosen d) that you choose
4. Interesting ... it may be, I am sick and tired of it.
a) yet b) however c) although d) though
5. The interest of the programme ... in its flexibility.
a) lies b) lays c) is laying d) laid
6. Everyone enjoys it, ...?
a) isn't it b) doesn't he c) don't they d) aren't they
7. She could hear the opening and closing of her neighbour's door and then the knocking on ...
a) her b) her own c) herself d) one's own
8. She won't accept... like that.
a) they would speak to her b) being spoken to c) be spoken to d) we speak to her
9. It's been tried, but ... be made
a) hasn't been able to / work b) couldn't /working c) couldn't / to work d) couldn't have / to work
10. There are politicians, but there are also statesmen. Only ... concern us here.
a) the latter b) these c) these ones d) the last ones