

SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ

SUB – ENGLISH

CLASS – XI

ASSIGNMENT

Ch: 12: The Ailing Planet

A. Given below are four options against each question. Choose the option which you consider the most appropriate as your answer.

1. When was the Sustainable Development used by the World Commission on Environment and Development?
A. 1987
B. 1992
C. 1990
D. 1986
2. Where was the message 'The World's most dangerous animal' written in the zoo?
A. board
B. Mirror
C. wood
D. bark of the tree
3. "Who raised the question" Are we to leave our successors a scorched planet of advancing deserts, impoverished landscapes and ailing environment?"
A. Brandt Commission
B. Brundtland Commission
C. UN World Commission
D. None of the above
4. What will the grasslands turn into if systems become unsustainable?
A. turn into a barren wasteland
B. turn into desert
C. soil quality will deteriorate
D. Nothing as such
5. What is leading to deforestation at an alarming rate?
A. sale of fuelwood
B. sale of vegetables
C. building up of houses
D. sale of wood for burning purpose

B. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words.

- Q6. What is the holistic and ecological view of the world that has emerged in recent times?
- Q7. What is the concept of 'sustainable development'?

- Q8. Who is 'the world's most dangerous animal'? Why is it called so?
- Q9. What was the significance of placing a mirror in the zoo at Lusaka, Zambia?
- Q10. How are the biological systems endangered by human beings?
- Q11. Has the growth of world population contributed to the bad environment situation today?

C. Answer the following questions in about 120 words.

- Q12. Why does Nani Palkhivala call the earth 'The Ailing Planet'? How can the ailing planet survive?
- Q13. 'No generation has a freehold on this earth. All we have is a life with a full repairing lease.' Explain with reference to The Ailing Planet: The Green Movement's Role.
- Q14. Which are the earth's principal biological systems? What is their current ecological status?
- Q15. How has the growth of world population affected the environment? Support your answer with suitable argument.