

PART ONE: READING (15pts)

A/ Comprehension (07pts) Read the text carefully then do the activities.

Most human beings seem to be quite unaware that the small blue planet on which we live is very fragile . Despite warnings , we continue to inflict irreversible damage on it .

The atmosphere , our water resources , the soil , even our food , is all contaminated largely as a result of our own actions. We create deserts and create floods by destroying our forests . Our homes and workplaces are polluted by tobacco we smoke , by harmful particles from the materials we use and the emanation toxic gases. We can no longer afford to ignore the warnings we are given by our scientists . If we don't want to condemn our children to a life of peril , it is time for us to reflect upon the consequences of our daily actions .

Once , the atmosphere was pure . Now the quantity of polluting gases emitted into the atmosphere exceeds nature's capacity to absorb them . The equilibrium is broken and we are threatened by an ever lengthening list of perils : the green house effect , the gap in the ozone layer , climatic change , a rise in the sea level .

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SECTION ONE : Reading & interpreting (15 pts)

1- Chose the best title for the text : a – Our red planet b – Our blue planet c – Our white planet .

2- The text is an extract from : a – a magazine b – a novel a – a book .

3- Say whether these statements are true or false .

a - People are interested in protecting the environment

b - The atmosphere is no more clean

c - Climatic changes are caused by water pollution

d – The destruction of the environment is due to man's carelessness

4- Answer the following questions according to the text.

a- Are most human beings aware that earth is very fragile ?

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b- According to the author , what should we do to protect our planet ?

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c- Find in the text sentences or expressions that show that pollution is caused by man .

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5 - What do these words refer to in the text? (1pt)

a- it... (§ 1)

b- ... them (§ 3)

6 - Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following.

Conscious (§1) - cleaned (§2) - reject (§3)

7 - Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Carbon dioxide (absorb/.....) by trees . Oxygen then (release/.....) into the air and (breath/.....) by all human beings .

8 - Rewrite sentence 'B' so that it means the same as 'A' :

