

First Term English Exam

Around the world, the amount of waste produced by households and communities is increasing every year. Modern lifestyles encourage people to buy more products, replace items quickly, and throw things away without much thought. This growing pattern has serious consequences for the environment, as unmanaged waste can pollute the air, contaminate water source, and damage natural habitats.

Reducing waste begins with choosing what we buy and how we use it. Simple habits, such as planning meals, avoiding unnecessary purchase, and choosing durable items instead of disposable ones; help limit the amount of waste we produce each day. Families can also reduce their environmental impact by sorting recyclable materials like paper, glass, and plastic.

Reusing and recycling items are other effective strategies. Donating clothes, sharing books, or repurposing containers can reduce pressure on natural resources. Repairing broken items instead of immediately replacing them also prevents unnecessary waste from entering landfills.

Overall, reducing waste is about making more thoughtful choices. By consuming responsibly, reusing materials, and recycling what we can, we help conserve resources and protect ecosystems. If communities work together, they can significantly reduce waste and support a healthier, more sustainable planet for future generations.

Adapted from environmental guidelines published by the U.S EPA

A- Reading Comprehension:

1. Say whether the following statements are *true* or *false*:

- a- Modern lifestyles contribute to the rise in waste because people replace their products quickly.
- b- Planning meals can help reduce the amount of waste produced at home.
- c- Repairing broken items contributes to waste reduction.
- d- Individual efforts alone are enough to solve the problem of increasing waste worldwide.

2. In which paragraph is it mentioned that:

“Cleaner and more sustainable planet depends on cooperation within communities”

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3. Answer the following questions according to the text:

- a- What can unmanaged waste do to the environment?
- b- How can we reduce waste?
- c- Are reusing and recycling effective ways to protect natural resources?
- d- What communities should do to support a healthier planet for future generations?

4. What or who do the underlined words refer to in the text?

a- we→.....

b- them →.....

B- Text Exploration:

1. Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following:

a- Garbage=..... b- Societies=..... c- Contaminate=.....

2. Divide the words below into roots and affixes:

Encouragement, reusing, careful

prefix	root	suffix
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3. Rewrite sentence *b* so that it means the same as sentence *a*:

1) a. All humans are obliged to throw the waste in the appropriate place.

b. All humans.....

2) a. Children bodies were not able to fight the disease.

b. Children bodies.....

3) a. Scientists will develop innovative methods to recycle industrial waste.

b. Innovative methods.....

4. Fill in the gaps with the following words:

wastes, donate, difference, planning

Many people do not realize that throwing away food and materials.....(1) resources. By carefully.....(2) what we buy and reusing items at home, we can save money and reduce pollution. Communities benefit when citizens.....(3) reusable objects instead of discarding them. Small habits, like repairing broken things, make a big.....(4) over time.

PART TWO: Written Expression

Choose ONE of the following topics:

Topic one:

“Waste not, Want not” is an old saying that reminds us of the importance of using resources wisely”. As a member of the *Green Club* in your school, write a *paragraph* of about 120 words, on the theme of *Waste not, Want not*. In your writing, make sure to:

1. Explain why natural resources are important.
2. Give examples of natural resources.
3. Explain how to protect natural resources.
4. Raise people’s awareness about the dangers of wasting natural resources.

Topic two: What measures would you suggest to cultivate a peaceful culture and mutual understanding within your school?