

Class 11 - English

The Ailing Planet: the Green Movement's Role

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The Ailing Planet: the Green Movement's Role - Challenge Worksheet

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Challenge Questions

1. Analyze how the concept of sustainable development, as discussed in the text, balances the needs of the present generation with those of future generations.

Hint: Reflect on case studies where sustainable practices were implemented and their outcomes.

Solution: Consider the ethical implications, historical context, and examples of how sustainable practices can succeed or fail.

2. Critically evaluate the argument that environmental degradation primarily stems from overpopulation. Are there other significant factors?

Hint: Think about the socio-economic factors that relate to population growth and environmental impact.

Solution: Discuss various causes including industrialization, consumption patterns, and policy failures, providing examples.

3. Explore the role of industries in the 'Era of Responsibility' as described by the author. What could be the consequences of their actions on the environment?

Hint: Consider the views of environmental activists versus industrial leaders.

Solution: Analyze contrasting perspectives regarding corporate accountability and environmental conservation.

4. Discuss the metaphor of 'the world's most dangerous animal' being a mirror. What does this suggest about human behavior towards the environment?

Hint: Reflect on instances where human ignorance has led to environmental issues.

Solution: Interpret the metaphor in the context of ecological crises caused by human actions.

5. Examine the implications of the increasing population and its effect on sustainable development mentioned in the chapter. How does this relate to poverty?

Hint: Draw upon real-world examples of countries facing similar challenges.

Solution: Discuss population dynamics, resource allocation, and their relationships with socio-economic status.

6. Debate whether laws alone can enforce environmental protection, as suggested by the author's critique of India's legal framework.

Hint: Evaluate historical precedents where legislation succeeded or failed in protecting environments.

Solution: Discuss the effectiveness of legal measures versus grassroots movements in environmental protection.

7. Assess the statement, 'We have not inherited this earth from our forefathers; we have borrowed it from our children.' What ethical responsibilities does this impose on current generations?

Hint: Consider how different cultures interpret stewardship of the earth.

Solution: Explore the ethical dimensions of resource usage and conservation across generations.

8. Analyze how the shift from a mechanistic view to a holistic and ecological view has influenced modern environmental movements as described by the author.

Hint: Think about historical movements and their evolution due to changing worldviews.

Solution: Evaluate this shift in terms of its practical implications and the challenges it poses.

9. Investigate the relationship between poverty and environmental degradation as outlined in the text, providing examples from both developed and developing nations.

Hint: Reflect on case studies that illustrate this relationship.

Solution: Identify how poverty leads to environmental neglect and contrast it with wealthy nations' environmental practices.

10. Consider how the Green Movement has evolved since its inception in the 1970s. What challenges does it face today?

Hint: Focus on global events that have shaped the current state of environmental awareness.

Solution: Discuss historical milestones, successes, and present-day challenges faced by environmentalists.

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