

Class 11 - English

The Ailing Planet: the Green Movement's Role

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The Ailing Planet: the Green Movement's Role - Quick Look Revision Guide

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Key Points

1. Holistic view acknowledges Earth as a living organism.

The shift to understanding Earth as a living being emphasizes our interconnectedness and responsibility towards its health.

2. Sustainable development defined by UN.

Sustainable development refers to meeting current needs without compromising future generations' ability to meet theirs.

3. The 'most dangerous animal' metaphor.

This metaphor signifies humanity's harmful impact on Earth, illustrating introspection and the need for ecological partnership.

4. 1.4 million species catalogued; many remain unnamed.

The diversity of life is vast, with millions of species unidentified, highlighting the need for conservation efforts.

5. Brandt Commission spotlighted environmental issues.

This early commission urged global recognition of habitat destruction and its implications for future generations.

6. Four principal biological systems: fisheries, forests, grasslands, croplands.

These systems are critical for food and raw materials; their degradation threatens sustainability and economic stability.

7. Overfishing and deforestation are rampant.

Unsustainable practices lead to ecosystem collapse; noteworthy examples include the loss of fish stocks and forest areas.

8. Tropical forests face severe erosion.

Forests are lost at alarming rates, which threatens biodiversity and ecological balance globally.

9. Constitution of India: Article 48A.

Mandates the state to protect the environment; however, legal enforcement is often lacking.

10. India loses forests at 3.7 million acres/year.

The alarming rate signifies a national crisis impacting ecology, climate, and communities reliant on forest resources.

11. Population growth distorts future sustainability.

Rapid population increase exacerbates resource depletion, social strain, and environmental degradation.

12. Development can reduce fertility rates.

As countries develop and educate, family sizes tend to decrease, indicating a holistic solution to overpopulation.

13. Choice between population control and poverty.

To enhance living standards, voluntary family planning is necessary without coercion for sustainable growth.

14. Transcending concern for collective survival.

Emerging awareness highlights that the survival of humanity tethered to the health of the planet is essential.

15. New world vision: Era of Responsibility.

Adopting an ecological perspective emphasizes collective accountability for environmental stewardship.

16. Industry's role in environmental sustainability.

Businesses must integrate sustainable practices; industry leaders must prioritize environmental performance.

17. Margaret Thatcher's view of land stewardship.

Her perspective reinforces the idea that humanity does not own the earth but rather it is borrowed from future generations.

18. Earth's health reflects human activity.

The state of the environment mirrors societal choices; responsible actions are crucial for planetary health.

19. Critical environmental deterioration as per UN study.

Global assessments indicate urgent environmental crises, necessitating immediate collective action and policy changes.

20. Lack of enforcement undermines environmental progress.

Regulatory frameworks exist but are inadequately enforced, hindering effective environmental protection.

21. Call for awareness and responsibility.

Activism and education are essential for fostering a global consciousness for a sustainable future.

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