

# IELTS General Training Reading – Section 2

Topics: Natural World and Global Warming

## Text 1 – The Rainforest Ecosystem

Rainforests are among the most diverse ecosystems on the planet, providing a home to millions of species of plants, animals, and insects. They also play an essential role in regulating the Earth's climate by absorbing large amounts of carbon dioxide. The dense canopy formed by tall trees protects the forest floor from direct sunlight, keeping it cool and moist. Beneath this layer, smaller plants and shrubs thrive in the filtered light, creating multiple layers of vegetation. Deforestation, however, threatens these vital ecosystems. Trees are cut down for agriculture, logging, and mining, destroying habitats and reducing biodiversity. As a result, many species are at risk of extinction. Protecting rainforests requires global cooperation, responsible resource management, and awareness of how daily consumer choices affect the environment.

### Questions 1–6

Choose the correct letter, **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D**.

1. What helps keep the rainforest floor cool?
  - A. Thick roots
  - B. The forest canopy
  - C. Heavy rainfall
  - D. The soil
2. What is one of the main environmental functions of rainforests?
  - A. Producing energy
  - B. Creating oxygen only
  - C. Absorbing carbon dioxide
  - D. Reducing sunlight
3. Which of the following best describes the structure of a rainforest?
  - A. One single layer
  - B. Two layers only
  - C. Many layers of plants
  - D. Underground vegetation only
4. What is the main cause of habitat loss in rainforests?
  - A. Overpopulation of animals
  - B. Deforestation
  - C. Pollution
  - D. Tourism
5. What is a possible result of destroying rainforests?

- A. More plant growth
- B. Extinction of species
- C. Cleaner air
- D. Increased biodiversity

6. How can individuals contribute to rainforest protection?

- A. Buying more wood
- B. Ignoring environmental issues
- C. Making responsible consumer choices
- D. Cutting down old trees

## Text 2 – Climate Change and You

Global warming has become one of the greatest environmental challenges of our time. It refers to the rise in Earth's average temperature caused by greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane. These gases trap heat in the atmosphere, leading to melting ice caps, rising sea levels, and unpredictable weather patterns. Human activities like driving cars, using electricity from coal, and deforestation contribute to this issue.

Fortunately, there are many ways individuals can help reduce their carbon footprint. Simple actions such as using public transport, recycling waste, saving energy at home, and supporting renewable energy projects can make a real difference. Governments also play a crucial role by investing in clean energy technology, enforcing environmental laws, and encouraging sustainable development. Every person's action counts in the fight against global warming.

### Questions 7–13

Match each statement (7–13) with the correct heading (A–G).

#### Headings:

- A. Actions governments can take
- B. Causes of global warming
- C. Individual efforts to reduce emissions
- D. Results of trapped heat
- E. Definition of global warming
- F. Renewable energy sources
- G. Importance of public awareness

- 7. What global warming means.
- 8. The gases that create the problem.
- 9. How people can lower their environmental impact.
- 10. Some natural effects of global warming.
- 11. The role of governments in solving the issue.
- 12. How human activities make the situation worse.
- 13. Why every person's behavior matters.