

1月2日の課題(制限時間 30分)

利用解答フォーム: <http://www2s.biglobe.ne.jp/~roba/cgi/postmail6/postmail.html>

一部記述があるので、上記「記述解答フォーム」を使って解答を書き込んでください。

次の文を読み、問に答えなさい。

There is nothing new about people cutting down trees. In ancient times, Greece, Italy, and Great Britain were covered with forests. Over the centuries, those forests were gradually cut back, until now almost nothing is (1).

Today, however, trees are being cut down far more ,, rapidly. Each year, about 42 million acres of forest are cut down. That is more than equal to the area of the whole of Great Britain. (3) there are important reasons for cutting down trees, there are also dangerous consequences for Me on earth.

A major (4) of the present destruction is the worldwide demand for wood. In industrialized countries, people are using more and more wood for paper, furniture, and houses. There is not enough wood in these countries to (5)satisfy the demand. Wood companies, therefore, (6) wood from the forests of Asia, Africa, South America, and even Siberia.

Wood is also in great demand as firewood in (7)() countries. In many areas, people depend on wood to cook their food. As the population grows, the need for wood grows, too. But when too many trees are cut at once, forests are destroyed. A future source of wood is destroyed as well. When some trees in a forest are left standing, the forest can grow back. But only if it is not cut again for at least 100 years. In reality, it usually has no chance to grow back. Small farmers who are desperate for land move in. They cut down the rest of the trees and burn them. In this way, many millions of acres of forest are destroyed every year. Unfortunately, the forest soil is not good for growing food. Thus, these poor farmers remain as poor and desperate as before. They have also lost the resources of the forest.

However, the desperate and poor people are not the only ones to cut and burn forests. In Brazil and Central America, large landowners want to (8)raise lots of cattle for export. They put too many cattle on too little land. When that land has been ruined, they burn parts of the forests. Then they move the cattle into the forest land. This way both land and forest are destroyed.

The destruction of forests affects first the people who used to live there. However, it also has other effects far away. For example, on the mountainsides, trees (9). When the trees are cut down, the rain pours all at once into the rivers and there are terrible floods downstream. This has happened to the Ganges, the Mekong, and other major rivers in Asia.

But finally, the loss of forests may have an effect on the climate of our planet. Together with increasing pollution, it could cause (10) temperatures to rise and the climate to change around the world. No one knows exactly what effects this would have (11) our lives. For many people, however, the effects would probably be (12)destructive.

問1 空所(1)に入れるべき最も適切な語を a ~ e の中から1つ選びなさい。

- a. born b. cut c. left d. right e. wrong

問2 下線部(2)rapidlyを言い換えるとき、最も適切な語を a ~ e の中から1つ選びなさい。

- a. early b. immediately c. quickly d. recently e. soon

問3 空所(3)に入れるべき最も適切な語を a ~ e の中から1つ選びなさい。

a. However b. That c. Which d. While e. Yet

問4 空所(4)に入れるべき最も適切な語を a~e の中から 1 つ選びなさい。

a. cause b. part c. relation d. role e. supply

問5 下線部(5)satisfy の名詞形(12 字)を書きなさい。

問6 空所(6)に入れるべき最も適切な語句を a~e の中から 1 つ選びなさい。

a. began to have taken b. had begun to be taken c. have been begun to take

d. have begun taking e. were begun to take

問7 下線部(7)() countries が「発展途上国」という意味になるように、空所に入れるべき最も適切な語を a~e の中から 1 つ選びなさい。

a. developed b. developing c. industrialized

d. progressing e. progressive

問8 下線部(8)raise の意味として最も適切なものを a~e の中から 1 つ選びなさい:

a. 上げる b. 集める c. 起す d. 育てる e. 建てる

問9 次の 5 語を用いて空所(9)に入れるべき文を完成するとき、第 3 番目と第 5 番目に位置する語の組み合わせを a~e の中から 1 つ選びなさい。

absorb, heavy, help, rams, to

a. absorb, rains b. heavy, absorb c. heavy, help d. to, heavy e. to, help

問10 下線部(10)temperatures の発音で最も強いアクセントのある音節を a~d の中から 1 つ選びなさい。

tem-per-a-tures

a. b. C. d.

問11 空所(11)に入れるべき最も適切な語を a~e の中から 1 つ選びなさい。

a. at b. into c. of d. on e. to

問12 下線部(12)destructive の反意語として最も適切な語を a ~e の中から 1 つ選びなさい。

a. attractive b. constructive c. detective d. instructive e. negative

問13 本文のタイトルとして最も適切なものを a~e の中から 1 つ選びなさい。

a. Cutting Down the Forests b. Increasing Pollution

c. Landowners in Brazil and Central America d. Wood for Paper, Furniture and Houses

e. Worldwide Demand for Land

問14 本文の内容と一致するものを a~g の中から 2 つ選びなさい。

a. 今日では、毎年、グレートブリテン島よりも広い面積の森林が伐採されている。

b. 発展途上国では、食物を調理するのに木がよく使われている。

c. 植えられてから 100 年経たないうちに木が切られることはまれである。

d. 森林の土は、食物の栽培に適している。

e. 貧しい人だけが、森林破壊を行っている。

f. 天候の変化は、森林の損失を促進する。

g. 地球温暖化に影響を与えているのは、公害の深刻化ではなく森林伐採である。