

Examen selectividad ingles

Environment

When we consider the subject of the environment, we often pay attention to the most tangible aspects: the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we put on the table. Those things are very important. But to me the environment is also about something less tangible, though no less important. It is about our sense of community; the duty we have to each other, and to future generations, to save God's earth. It is about our sense of responsibility, and the discovery that natural beauty and wealth that took millions of years to develop could be damaged in a matter of decades.

*Those are values I learned as a young boy on my family's farm in Tennessee. As a teenager, one of the books that I read was Rachel Carson's classic **Silent Spring**, about pesticide abuse. As it did for millions around the world, Carson's book helped me understand that our planet's life is too precious to waste.*

Today, the threats to our environment are also evident. We live in a world where climate change, deforestation, holes in the ozone layer and air pollution are causing more and more concern. Our challenge is to find new ways back to the oldest values of community and responsibility. To do so, we all must do our part, as nations, as families and as individuals.

AL GORE

A) COMPREHENSION

Answer questions 1-3 according to the information given in the text. Use your own words.

1. Is the problem of the environment something strictly material? Why?

No, it isn't. Because there are other less tangible aspects; our sense of community, the duty we have to each other and to future generations.

2. When did Al Gore realize that the environment was something important?

Al Gore realizes that environment was important when he read a book: "Silent spring", about pesticide abuse.

3. Is true that only the politicians have the obligation to save the environment? Why?

No, it isn't. Because we all must do our part, it is our duty as nations, as families, and as individuals.

B) LEXICON

4. **Find** one **opposite** in the text for OBLIGATION (noun)
Right
5. **Find** in the text **the word** which has the following **definition**:
"A period of ten years"
Decade
6. **Find** one **synonym** in the text for ADOLESCENT (noun)
Teenager
7. **Find** in the text **the word** which has the following **definition**:
"Contamination of water or air"
Pollution

C) GRAMMAR

8. Put the following sentence into the **passive voice**:
We have to find new ways back to the old values.
New ways back to the old values have to be found.
9. Put the following sentence into **reported speech**:
Al Gore said: *"As a teenager, one of the books that I read was Silent Spring"*
Al Gore said that as a teenager one of the books that he had read had been *"Silent Spring"*.

10. Complete the following sentence with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets:

If I (HAVE) the time, I (READ) Silent Spring

If I hadn't had the time, I would haven't read Silent Spring.

11. Give a question to this answer:

I grew up in Tennessee.

Where did you grow up?

D) PRODUCTION

Write a composition (80-100 words). Choose ONE of the following options. Specify your option:

12. A) Do you think that Spain has environmental problems? Describe them and try to give solutions
B) Does tourism destroy the environment? Why?