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Reading Comprehension Passage 02 MCQ Test With Answers – YATAĞAN SMOKE HARMS THE NEARBY PINE TREE FORESTS

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YATAĞAN SMOKE HARMS THE NEARBY PINE TREE FORESTS

The sulphur dioxide gas being emitted from the chimneys of the Yatağan thermal power plant is reported to be causing severe environmental damage and is held to be particularly hazardous for the pine tree forests in the region.

People living in Yatağan, Muğla, have long been known to have sent in complaints to the central government, but nothing so far has been done about it.

The thermal power plant, with its many problems, was the main topic of a seminar held in Izmir over the weekend. Speakers pointed out that 200 tons of lignite hourly (4,800 tons daily) are burnt in order to operate the three turbines of the plant and that 1,000 tons of sulphur dioxide gas are being emitted daily over the region.

The only measure taken so far has been the setting up of a series of electronic filters in order to contain the light floating ash produced. But the poisonous gases cannot, of course, be kept from spreading.

There were seen red and brown stains on the pine trees in the region first in 1983 and this has become a regular feature on a much larger scale ever since the third unit went into the circuit in December 1984.

The tragedy is that many pine trees are now being cut down because they have dried up. These are within a radius of three to four kilometres from the plant.

There is yet another pine tree forest twelve kilometres away and even this one, too, shows signs of having been seriously affected by the ever-increasing menace from the poisonous gases emitted daily over the region.

It was duly emphasized by several speakers that, if the poisonous gases cannot be brought under control, eventually the flora and fauna in the region will be completely destroyed and this whole area will look like a desert in future.

1. ***Sulphur dioxide is***
   A) reported to be beneficial especially for the region's pine trees.
   B) a necessary evil as far as electricity production is concerned.
   C) dangerous only for the people of this region.
   D) known to lead to environmental problems.
   E) held from spreading by installing electronic filters.

2. ***People living in Yatağan, Muğla,***
   A) have done nothing about the situation so far.
   B) are in close contact with the central government.
   C) would rather cut down all the unaffected trees.
   D) are known to have complained about the central government.
   E) urgently want something to be done about the situation.

3. ***Measures must be taken to***
   A) send in complaints to the central government.
   B) bring poisonous gases under some kind of control.
   C) contain the light floating ash produced.
   D) burn better quality coal than ordinary lignite to operate the three turbines.
   E) organize more serious seminars on this subject.

4. ***Mark the correct interpretation:***
   A) Ever since the third unit went into circuit, the red and brown stains on the pine trees have shown a steady decline.
   B) One solution to the problem obviously lies in the cutting down of the affected pine trees.
   C) Destruction of flora and fauna in the region is nothing but a tragic event, to say the least.
   D) If a tree is dried up, there can be no regrets over its being cut down.
   E) Several speakers emphasized that there is nothing to be done to overcome this problem.

5. ***An alternative title for the passage would be:***
   A) Tragedy Of Thermal Power Plants: A Case In Point
   B) Problems Of Regional Pine Tree Forests
   C) Responsible People Of Yatağan, Muğla
   D) How Insensitive A Government Can Get
   E) Discussing Environmental Pollution