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THE WORLD OF NATURE

0. People have always affected Nature. But during the last two centuries due to the development of industry human has transformed the environment radically. Satellite observations of the Earth have revealed that 60 per cent of land surface is damaged by industrial agricultural and other human activities.

1. The world has over 9 million square km of forests. This is a lot of trees, and also a lot of different species of trees. But they are disappearing fast. In many of our towns there are streets or areas where the names remind us that forests have been cleared to make place for us to live. Every day we see paper and cardboard - both made from wood — being used up. We see different kinds of wood being used in furniture and in other ways. Every year over 100,000 sq. km of forest is so badly damaged that it is very hard for it to recover.

2. At this rate, by the time you are as old as your grandparents are now, all the forests on earth could be destroyed. In fact, the rate of destruction is increasing, so in only just over thirty years there will be very little forest left in most areas. This includes rainforests in Madagascar, Ecuador, Amazonia, Cameroon, the Himalayas and the Philippines.

3. Development of industries often means the destruction of the natural habitat of rare plants and insects. The power stations in the UK are responsible for causing acid rain not only in Britain but elsewhere in Europe. More than 450 mln of Britain's trees are affected by acid rain.

4. The world is also experiencing a permanent decline in water quality and water availability. In a lot of places water supplies are poisoned with toxic chemicals and nitrates. Waterborne diseases kill 10 million people a year.

5. Can we preserve the life? Can we preserve the quality of life necessary for future generations? When we are sick we try to take care of ourselves. There is

nobody but us, humans, to take care of the Earth that is sick because of our actions. Can we do something? - YES, we can. And we are the only life form that is able to destroy our life support system. But we are sensible beings and we can maintain life on Earth for the many generations to come.

Закончите предложения:

0. The environment is much spoiled because of_____.
 - a. the mismanagement in industry and agriculture
 - b. the people's disability to make true observations
 - c. the amount of satellites in space
 - d. the industrial progress
1. Forests are disappearing fast because_____.
 - a. people damage them badly
 - b. people prefer furniture made of wood
 - c. there are very few species of trees
 - d. we don't know how to make paper and cardboard
2. All the forests on earth can disappear_____.
 - a. except the rainforests
 - b. if the rate of destruction increases
 - c. if your grandparents don't solve this problem
 - d. in about three decades
3. The reason for acid rain is_____.
 - a. not in Britain but somewhere else in Europe
 - b. Britain's trees
 - c. rare plants and seeds
 - d. power plants
4. The quality of water_____.
 - a. is getting better
 - b. is getting worse

- c. doesn't change
- d. doesn't tell on people's health

5. People can preserve life on the Earth as_____.

- a. they can look after themselves
- b. they have ruined their life support system
- c. they can act reasonably
- d. they are human

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