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FIFTH GRADE-SOCIAL STUDIES (SS5_6)

1. Which of the following is the BEST example of an ecological problem that has been caused by the growth of factories in the United States?

- A. crowded housing
- B. labor strikes
- C. water pollution
- D. rural poverty

2. One major problem facing the world today is the pollution of the soil, water, and air. Which of the following actions could people take to reduce pollution?

- A. recycling paper and plastics
- B. traveling more often
- C. exercising on a regular basis
- D. using garbage bags

3.

Use the list of physical features below to answer this question.

- Pacific Ocean
- Rocky Mountains
- Cascade Mountains
- Columbia River

Which region of the United States would have states that border or include these physical features?

- A. Midwest
- B. Northeast
- C. Southeast
- D. Northwest

4. The land, water, and air of the United States have become more polluted during this century. All of the following are reasons why the air has become more polluted EXCEPT the

- A. burning of the rain forests.
- B. destruction of the ozone layer.

- C. exhaust fumes from automobiles.
 - D. use of materials that cannot be recycled.
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5. The use of natural resources affects the environment. Many human activities cause pollution. What is pollution?

- A. an agreement to restrict the number of resources being used
 - B. the shipping of materials from country to country
 - C. the use of renewable resources such as forests and grasslands
 - D. putting impure substances into the land, water, and air
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6. Many scientists and environmentalists are concerned about the "greenhouse effect." What is the greenhouse effect?

- A. The trapping of gases in the atmosphere and the warming of the planet.
 - B. The construction of buildings that do not use fossil fuels.
 - C. The dumping of trash in the oceans, rivers, and lakes around the world.
 - D. The burning of the rain forests in the jungles of South America.
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7. Certain regions of the United States are better suited for certain economic activities. Which BEST explains why the midwestern region of the United States is well suited to farming?

- A. There are many mountains located in this region.
 - B. The region has a dry climate throughout the entire year.
 - C. There are many forested areas in this region.
 - D. The region has good soil and an adequate water supply.
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8. Many countries are trying to use hydroelectric power and solar energy to make electricity. These are better than using coal, iron, and natural gas because

- A. the power plants are not expensive to build.
 - B. they do not pollute the air.
 - C. the power plants are easy to build.
 - D. they do not cost the customer anything.
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9. Certain regions of the United States are better suited for certain economic activities. For example, the climate, physical features, and natural resources of the Pacific Northwest are suited for

- A. raising sheep and cattle.
 - B. drilling and mining.
 - C. growing cotton and soybeans.
 - D. commercial fishing.
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10. Gasoline-powered cars add to the pollution of the air in the United States. One alternative to gasoline-powered cars is to develop electric or solar-powered cars. What is one of the main problems with electric and solar-powered cars?

- A. They cause too much damage to the environment.
- B. They only work on sunny days.
- C. They are too expensive for most people to buy.
- D. They need special roads in order to be used.

11. Many of the Native Americans who lived on the Great Plains were nomadic people. Why did they move from place to place?

- A. They were finding new areas to mine.
- B. They were looking for fertile lands to farm.
- C. They were trapping fur-bearing animals.
- D. They were following the buffalo to hunt.

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(Answer Key)

- 1. water pollution
- 2. recycling paper and plastics
- 3. Northwest
- 4. use of materials that cannot be recycled.
- 5. putting impure substances into the land, water, and air
- 6. The trapping of gases in the atmosphere and the warming of the planet.
- 7. The region has good soil and an adequate water supply.
- 8. they do not pollute the air.
- 9. commercial fishing.
- 10. They are too expensive for most people to buy.
- 11. They were following the buffalo to hunt.