

Epreuve d'anglais

Text:

Vegetable oil has been known since antiquity. No household can get on without it, for it is used in cooking. Perfumes may be made from the oils of certain flowers. Soaps are made from vegetable and animal oils. To the ordinary man, one kind of oil may be as important as another. But when politicians or engineers refer to oil, they almost always mean mineral oil, the oil that drives tanks, airplanes, warships, and motorcars, etc. This is the oil that has changed the life of the common man. When it is refined into petrol, it is used to run engines. To it, we owe the existence of the motorcar, which has replaced the private carriage drawn by horse. To it, we owe the possibility of flying.

It has changed the method of warfare on land and sea. This kind of oil comes out of the earth. It is used as fuel, and in some ways, it is superior to coal in this respect. Many big ships now burn oil instead of coal. Because it burns brightly, it is used for illumination. Because it is very slippery, it is used for lubrication. Two metal surfaces rubbing together cause friction and heat, but if they are separated by a thin film of oil, the friction and heat are reduced. No machine would work for long if it were not properly lubricated. The oil used for this purpose must be of the correct thickness. If it is too thin, it will not give sufficient lubrication. If it is too thick, it will not reach all parts that must be lubricated.

Questions:

I. Choose the right answer:

1. What is the primary use of vegetable oil, according to the passage? (a) cooking (b) illumination (c) perfume making (d) soap production
2. Which type of oil is often referred to by politicians and engineers? (a) vegetable oil (b) mineral oil (c) animal oil (d) flower oil
3. The mineral oil, when refined into petrol, has contributed to the development of ... (a) cooking techniques (b) private carriages (c) motorcars (d) soap production
4. How has mineral oil changed the method of warfare on land and sea? (a) by enhancing cooking methods (b) by replacing horses with motorcars (c) by fueling tanks, airplanes, and warships (d) by improving soap production
5. Why do many big ships now burn oil instead of coal? (a) because it is more readily available (b) because it is brighter (c) because it is a superior fuel (d) because it is used for lubrication

II. Report the following:

1. The teacher said, "The French Revolution took place in 1789."
2. The traffic police said to us, "Where are you going?"
3. The man shouted, "Let me go."
4. I asked Lalla, "How long will you stay here?"

- III. Add the right question tag: 1. Let's be reasonable, \_\_\_\_\_? 2. Everyone has secrets, \_\_\_\_\_? 3. That's such a shame, \_\_\_\_\_? 4. Nobody has seen my wallet, \_\_\_\_\_?

IV. Put the words in the correct order.

1. had / a few weeks ago / the house / we / painted
  2. my eyes / I / two years ago / had/tested / the last time / was
  3. as soon as possible / need / translated / we / to get / this document
  4. had / in the kitchen / fitted / some new cupboards / we've
- V. Essay: It is said that "Whoever controls oil controls more than oil." What do you think? (Not less than ten (10) lines).