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## I. LISTENING SECTION

Listen for specific information: Choose T(True) or F(False). If false, write the correct information. (1 point each) 5

| T | F | STATEMENT                                                                             | CORRECTION                                                |
|---|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|   | X | The government pays the people who collect the trash.                                 | the people who collect the trash are volunteers           |
| X |   | They collect a lot of trash along the coast.                                          |                                                           |
| X |   | The Ocean Conservancy makes a note of trash it collects.                              |                                                           |
|   | X | They cleaned everything up along the river, so there isn't anything more to do there. | The cleaning task will require future generations efforts |
|   | X | Most of the trash comes from boats at sea.                                            | most of the trash comes from land                         |

land comes from people

solutions

comes require efforts

## II. READING SECTION (9 POINTS) 9

### Top 10 Ways To Reduce E-Waste

Since there are numerous ways to reduce e-waste, business managers must implement waste-cutting policies. You can start with this list, then add to it with your ideas for achieving sustainability.

- 1. KNOW A PRODUCT'S LIFESPAN BEFORE YOU BUY IT.** One of the most obvious ways to reduce e-waste is to check the product's life span before you buy it. Avoid trendy electronic products that go in and out of style quickly.
- 2. SET A LIMIT ON ELECTRONIC GADGETS.** Only purchase a few electronic gadgets at one time. Limiting your gadget purchases will help slow down the demand that triggers the production of electronic products.
- 3. CHECK THE PACKAGING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL SEAL.** Another way to reduce e-waste is to focus on products that have an environmental-friendly seal on the package. Products made from recycled materials or recyclable materials may carry various environmental seals.
- 4. SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT E-WASTE.** The best way to raise awareness of the environmental consequences of e-waste is to spread the information you learn about it to people in your circle. Awareness campaigns have led many people to adopt sustainable measures such as recycling.

**5. LEARN ABOUT ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS.** Most consumers of electronic products need to learn more about how the products are engineered. Find out what materials are used to make specific components so that you know the risks of exposure to toxic chemicals such as mercury, lead, arsenic, and cadmium.

**6. MAKE RECYCLING A PART OF YOUR LIFESTYLE.** The more people recycle, the less waste ends up in a landfill. Luckily, many states have passed laws restricting what type of trash can be thrown away in public. Prioritizing recycling as a part of your lifestyle will help you avoid fines and influence others to support sustainability.

**7. CLEAN YOUR HARD DRIVE BEFORE RECYCLING.** You can reduce e-waste by taking your old computer to a recycler. Make sure you first clean the hard drive of all of its data. Protecting your privacy is essential, especially if the hard drive has previously stored confidential information.

**8. MAINTAIN YOUR CURRENT ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.** Adopting sustainability as a personal or business practice goes a long way. It can help you get the most out of your electronic equipment instead of replacing items every few years. Be aware that aggressive marketing trends help.

**9. DONATE UNWANTED ELECTRONICS TO CHARITIES.** Instead of letting an old electronic gadget sit around and collect dust, put it to good use by donating it to a charity in your community. Keep in mind that not everyone can afford the latest gadgets.

**10. LEARN STATE LAWS ON BATTERY DISPOSAL.** Many places now require e-waste to go to a recycler or return to the original store where the item was purchased. California, for example, now prohibits people from throwing batteries away in public trash. Find out what your state requires since laws are changing rapidly to support sustainability.

## Conclusion

Consider these various ways to reduce e-waste as a starting point for developing your strategy for reaching sustainable solutions. Contact us at West Coast Computer Recycler for more information on how to destroy computer data and properly recycle e-waste.

### Select the best option: (1 point each)

1. Which action helps reduce e-waste by making informed purchasing decisions?

- a. Knowing a product's life span before buying it.
- b. Buying trendy electronic products.
- c. Purchasing electronic gadgets impulsively.
- d. Ignoring product packaging.

2. How can setting a limit on electronic gadgets contribute to reducing e-waste?

- a. It encourages the purchase of more electronic gadgets.
- b. It speeds up the production of electronic products.
- c. It slows down the demand for electronic products.
- d. It has no impact on e-waste reduction.

3. What role do awareness campaigns play reducing e-waste?

- a. They increase the demand for electronic products.
- b. They encourage the purchase of trendy electronic products.
- c. They raise awareness about the environmental consequences of e-waste.
- d. They promote unlimited gadget purchases.

Answer the following questions: (1 point each)

- How can individuals learn more about the materials used in electronic components and the potential risks associated with toxic chemicals like mercury, lead, arsenic, and cadmium?

~~they can search for this information on internet, it's common to found that information in the product's web page~~

- When it comes to recycling old computers, what are the key considerations for cleaning the hard drive before handing it over to a recycler, especially in terms of protecting sensitive information?

~~you should clean all your personal data from the disk~~

- How can adopting sustainability as a personal or business practice help individuals and organizations get the most out of their electronic equipment, as opposed to frequently replacing items?

~~Considering prices, using the same electronic equipment (with a little upgrades) is cheaper than buy a new one~~

- What role does aggressive marketing play in this context?

~~It may be good or bad, depending on the campaign. In general it could change the behavior of the people~~

Write True/False. Then correct false statements to true statements. (1 point each)

False Donating unwanted electronic to charities may not help put old gadgets to good use and could no benefit individuals who cannot afford the latest technology.

~~Donating unwanted electronic to charities help put old gadgets to good use and could benefit individuals who cannot afford the latest technology~~

True Learning state laws on battery disposal is important, as many places have regulations that require proper disposal of batteries to prevent environmental harm.

### III. GRAMMAR SECTION (6 POINTS).

Change the **modal verb** and give the Spanish version of the new sentence. (1 point each)

- Business managers must implement waste-cutting policies.

New sentence:

~~Business managers should implement waste-cutting policies~~

Spanish version: ~~los gerentes de negocios deben implementar políticas de reducción de desechos~~

2. You can start with this list, then add to it with your ideas for achieving sustainability.

New sentence:

~~You could start with this list, then add to it with your ideas for achieving~~

Spanish version: ~~sustainability~~

~~podrías empezar con esta lista, y luego agregarle tus ideas para alcanzar la sostenibilidad~~

Transform from the present tense to the present perfect and give the Spanish version of the new sentence.

(1 point each)

1. One of the most obvious ways to reduce e-waste is to check the product's life span before you buy it.

New sentence: ~~One of the most obvious ways to reduce e-waste has been checking~~

~~the product's life span before you buy it~~

Spanish version: ~~una de las formas mas obvias de reducir los desechos ha sido~~  
~~refiar la vida util del producto.~~

2. focus on products that have an environmental-friendly seal on the package.

New sentence: ~~focus on products that have marked with an environmental-friendly~~  
~~seal on the package~~

Spanish version: ~~Enfocate en productos que hayan sido marcados con la estampilla~~  
~~de amabilidad con el medio ambiente~~

#### IV. WRITING SECTION. (12 POINTS). **10**

Write an argumentative text of 250 words answering the following questions:

What are the most pressing environmental problems facing our planet today, and what should be the top priorities in addressing them?

Use the grammar and vocabulary studied in class and at least three of the following connectors: While, therefore, besides, since, for, however, but, because, for example, like. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, and paragraph structure will be graded.

WRITE ON THE REVERSE OF THIS PAGE.

Nowadays we are facing a lot of serious environmental issues that are threatening our lives in the planet, like the plastic or the pollution caused by it. We are currently eating microplastics, since we eat animals that are exposed to microplastics such as fish. The worst part of this issue is that is almost impossible to collect this kind of plastic, so the only thing we can do at the moment is reducing the plastic production.