

Reading Passage 1

"The Amazon rainforest, the world's largest tropical rainforest, spans over eight countries in South America. Known as the 'Lungs of the Earth', it produces around 20% of the world's oxygen and houses an incredibly diverse range of wildlife.

Many people live in and around the Amazon rainforest. These include indigenous tribes, who have been living there for thousands of years, and settlers who moved in more recently. Life in the Amazon rainforest is far from easy due to harsh weather conditions, remote location, and threats posed by deforestation.

Despite being a treasure trove of biodiversity, the Amazon rainforest faces many threats. Deforestation, largely due to logging and agriculture, has resulted in significant loss of the rainforest over the years. This has not only impacted the wildlife living there but also contributes to climate change.

Efforts are being made globally to save the Amazon rainforest. Various non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government bodies are working to protect this ecological gem from further destruction. However, these efforts often face challenges due to political and economic factors."

Exercise 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the Amazon rainforest also known as?
 - a) Lungs of the Earth
 - b) Heart of the Earth
 - c) Brain of the Earth
 - d) Soul of the Earth
2. What is the main reason behind deforestation in the Amazon rainforest?
 - a) Logging and agriculture
 - b) Wildlife hunting
 - c) Tourism
 - d) Industrialization
3. Who are making efforts to protect the Amazon rainforest?
 - a) NGOs and government bodies

- b) Tourists and locals
 - c) Indigenous tribes and settlers
 - d) Wildlife and plants
4. What hinders the efforts to protect the Amazon rainforest?
- a) Weather conditions
 - b) Biodiversity
 - c) Political and economic factors
 - d) Location of the rainforest

Exercise 2: True, False, Not Given

1. The Amazon rainforest only spans over two countries in South America. (True / False / Not Given)
2. Indigenous tribes have been living in the Amazon rainforest for a few hundred years. (True / False / Not Given)
3. The Amazon rainforest contributes to 50% of the world's oxygen supply. (True / False / Not Given)
4. Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest is a contributor to climate change. (True / False / Not Given)
5. Government bodies are not interested in protecting the Amazon rainforest. (True / False / Not Given)
6. Life in the Amazon rainforest is easy because of the abundant biodiversity. (True / False / Not Given)
7. The efforts to save the Amazon rainforest often face no obstacles. (True / False / Not Given)