**TEST 4 – PASSAGE 2: SAVE THE SOIL**

**PART A: COMPULSORY VOCABULARY**

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| **WORDS** | **MEANING/SYNONYMS** | **VIETNAMESE MEANING** |
| 1. Endangered (Adj) | being put at risk = being in danger /ɪnˈdeɪndʒərd/ |  |
| 1. Sustain (V) | support, help, assist, encourage /səˈsteɪn/ |  |
| 1. degradation (N) | the process by which something changes to a worse condition |  |
| 1. microorganism (N) | a living thing that is so small that it cannot be seen without a microscope /ˌmaɪkrəʊˈɔːrɡənɪzəm/ |  |
| 1. fungus (sing) – fungi (plural) | a simple type of plant that has no leaves or flowers and that grows on plants or other surfaces |  |
| 1. Decompose (V) | to destroy something by breaking it into smaller parts /ˌdiːkəmˈpəʊz/ |  |
| 1. Mineral (N) | a substance that is formed naturally in the earth and can be dug out of the ground /ˈmɪnərəl/ |  |
| 1. Antibiotics (N) | a drug that is used to kill bacteria and cure infections /ˌæntibaɪˈɑːtɪk/, /ˌæntaɪbaɪˈɑːtɪk/ |  |
| 1. Resistant (Adj) | unaffected by, immune to, ≠ susceptible to /rɪˈzɪstənt/ |  |
| 1. Digest (V) | eat, consume, process /daɪˈdʒest/, /dɪˈdʒest/ |  |
| 1. Decay (V) | to be destroyed gradually by natural processes= decompose /dɪˈkeɪ/ |  |
| 1. Uncultivated (Adj) | (of land) not used for growing crops /ʌnˈkʌltɪveɪtɪd/ |  |
| 1. run on commercial lines | be involved in the buying and selling of goods/services |  |
| 1. synthetic (Adj) | artificial, man-made, unnatural /sɪnˈθetɪk/ |  |
| 1. fertilizer (N) | a natural/ chemical substance that is spread on the land or given to plants, to make plants grow well /ˈfɜːrtəlaɪzər/ |  |
| 1. excess (N) | a larger amount of something than is allowed or needed /ɪkˈses/ |  |
| 1. indiscriminate (Adj) | an indiscriminate action is done without thinking about what harm it might cause /ˌɪndɪˈskrɪmɪnət/ |  |
| 1. nourish (V) | nurture, cultivate, strengthen, enrich /ˈnɜːrɪʃ/ |  |
| 1. flourish (V) | grow quickly= thrive, proliferate /ˈflɜːrɪʃ/ |  |
| 1. a cocktail of | a mixture of several things |  |
| 1. humus (N) | soil made of decayed plants, leaves etc that is good for growing plants /ˈhjuːməs/ |  |
| 1. emerge (V) | appear, occur, arise /ɪˈmɜːrdʒ/ |  |
| 1. assess (V) | evaluate, judge, rate, calculate. /əˈses/ |  |
| 1. unify (V) | unite, bring together, integrate /ˈjuːnɪfaɪ/ |  |
| 1. accessible (Adj) | reachable, approachable /əkˈsesəbl/ |  |
| 1. vice versa | used to say that the opposite of a situation you have just described is also true |  |
| 1. be on the brink | be in a point when you are almost in a new situation, usually a bad one |  |
| 1. agitate for | to argue strongly in public for something you want, especially a political or social change |  |
| 1. conserve (V) | preserve, protect, maintain, save, safeguard /kənˈsɜːrv/ |  |
| 1. unspoilt | preserved, intact, as good as before= pristine, unharmed, undamaged, untouched, unaffected /ˌʌnˈspɔɪld/ |  |

**PART B: OTHER WORDS TO CONSIDER**

**Benchmark** = standard, criterion

**Diversity** = variety, mixture, range, array

**Shape** = form, build, define

**Propose** = put forward, suggest, offer /prəˈpəʊz/

**Surface** = the top layer of an area of water or land

**Immediate** = instant, prompt, rapid, quick

**Define** = determine, establish, decide

**Map** = to make a map of a particular area

**Expectation** = what you hope will happen

**Plot** = a small piece of land

**Classify** = categorize, group, put into group

**State** = condition, situation, state of affairs

**Precious** = valued, cherished, treasured # worthless, cheap

**Scale** = extent, size, scope, magnitude

**Harvest** = to gather crops from the fields

**Enrich** = improve, upgrade ≠ impoverish

**Recover** = get better, get well ≠ worsen

**Measurement** = evaluation, assessment

**Database** = large amount of data stored in a computer system

**Release** = discharge, free, flow out, leave ≠ hold

**Ally** = friend, partner, supporter ≠ enemy, opponent

**Vary** = be different

**Remove** = take out, draw out, extract

**Nutrient** = a chemical/food that provides what is needed for plants/animals to grow

**Resource** = something such as useful land, or minerals such as oil or coal, that exists in a country and can be used to increase its wealth

**Practice** = habit, custom

**Fertile** = fruitful, productive, high yielding

**Be at risk** = in a situation where you may be harmed

carbon neutrality = a term used to describe the action of organizations/ individuals taking action to remove as much CO2 from the atmosphere as each put into it

**Property** = a quality that a substance, plant has

**Acidic** = containing acid

**Salty** = containing salt

**Wash away** = if water washes something away, it carries it away with great force

**Aim to** = to try or intend to achieve smt

**Start out** = to begin to do something, especially in business or work

**Be supposed to** = used to say what was or is expected or intended to happen, especially when it did not happen

**Bring smt home to smb** = to make someone understand something much more clearly than they did before, especially something unpleasant

**Feed plants with smt** = to give plants a special substance to make them grow

**Pierce** = pass through

**Get around smt** = to avoid something that is difficult or causes problems for you

**Present** = demonstrate, show