**B. Writing**

***In not more than 200 words, describe the worst form of pollution in your country, its causes and consequences, and say what can be done about it.***

**C. Use of English**

**(a) Change the sentences below into the Passive Voice:**

1. Scientists are carrying out research to discover the causes of ozone decline.

Research ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- .

2. We know very little about telepathy.

Little ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- .

3. People are going to put pressure on Brazil to stop clearing its rain forests.

Pressure----------------------------------------------------------------------------------- .

4. This summer, fire has destroyed 25,000 acres of woodland in California.

This summer, 25,000 acres of woodland -------------------------------------------- .

5. Some people believed that the disaster could have been avoided.

It --------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- .

**(b) Fill in the blanks with the correct form and tenses of the words in brackets.**

Global warming is a problem --------- (which/take/very seriously). (It/cause/build-up/gases)------------------- which are produced by industrial and other processes. These gases form a thick layer around the globe---------------- (prevent/heat/escape/outer atmosphere). (It/believe) --------- that if present trends continue, there -------------- (be/appreciable melting/polar ice-caps). ----------------- (result/steady rise/sea levels).  If this happens, ------------------- (countries/low-llying/Holland and Bangladesh/almost completely/disappear/sea). -------------------(This/give rise/number/serious problems. ------------------(Large areas/most fertile land/wipe out) and would further add to the world's food shortage. It would also reduce living space, ------------- (lead/greater overcrowding/already densely populated areas).

**(c) Find words or phrases in the text which mean the following. (Note that the definitions are in the order in which they appear in the text. The words may be in a different form.**

1. make something fit into a smaller place = --------------

2. compare = -------------------

3. cover = ------------------

4. rob, pillage = ------------------------

5. very near to = ------------------------------

**(d) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.**

1. He has based his theories ---- three years of research.

2. Sort ---- these clothes and divide them ------- two piles:summer and winter.

3. ------ to 50% of the pollution could be avoided.

4. Because----- the economic crisis, people are buying less.

5. Hawaii is actually part ----- the USA.

6. It was the worst earthquake ------ living memory.

7. During the storm, the rain ran.....the roofs in torrents.

8. A pollution cloud builds.... the city almost every day.

9. Man can be blamed, at least -----part, for the depletion of the ozone layer.

10. Exhaust fumes from aeroplanes also contribute ----- the green house effect.

**(e) Use either the present participle (-ing verb) or the past participle to shorten the italicized phrases in the following sentences. Change the punctuation where necessary.**

1. Many of the refugees who have been estimated at around 2,000 have been repatriated.

2. The hurricane swept across the island at 240 km an hour anddestroyed hundreds of small villages.

3. The careless driver, who ignored the traffic lights, ran into a car and killed two people.

4. The South American rain forests, which are considered the "lungs" of the planet, are being slowly destroyed.

5. The flood caused a landslide which covered the whole village.

**(f) Complete the following sentences with a suitable phrasal verb.**

1. They find it very difficult to -------- unemployment pay.

2. The report is incomplete. The important parts have been --------.

3. It's time that we------------ the government's unfair tax laws.

4. In desperation, many people are ------ illegal means to earn a living.

5. He grows marijuana in his garden. He hasn't been caught yet but he can't -------it for much longer.