



# SLIATE

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**Higher National Diploma in English**  
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**EN 2206- Vocabulary Development IV (Part Time)**

Instructions for Candidates:

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Answer all questions

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Time : **Two (02) hours**

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**(1) Complete the text with words from the box.**

Acid biodiversity contaminated deforestation ecosystems emissions environmental erosion exhaust drought fertilisers greenhouse waste
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The advances made by humans have made us the dominant species on our planet. However, several eminent scientists are concerned that we have become too successful, that our way of life is putting an **unprecedented** strain on the Earth's (I)..... and threatening our future as a species. We are confronting (II)..... Problems that are more **taxing** than ever before, some of them seemingly **insoluble**. Many of the Earth's crises are **chronic** and **inexorably** linked. Pollution is an obvious example of this affecting our air, water and soil.

The air is polluted by (III)..... produced by cars and industry. Through (IV)..... rain and (V)..... gases these same (VI)..... fumes can have a **devastating** impact on our climate. Climate change is arguably the greatest environmental challenge facing our planet with increased storms, floods, (VII)..... and species losses predicted. This will **inevitably** have a negative impact on (VIII)..... and thus our ecosystem.

The soil is (IX)..... by factories and power stations which can leave heavy metals in the soil. Other human activities such as the overdevelopment of land and the clearing of trees also take their toll on the quality of our soil; (X)..... has been shown to cause soil (XI)..... . Certain farming practices can also pollute

the land though the use of chemical pesticides and (XII)..... This contamination in turn affects our rivers and waterways and damages life there. The chemicals enter our food chain, moving from fish to mammals to us. Our crops are also grown on land that is far from **pristine**. Affected species include the polar bear, so not even the Arctic is **immune**.

Reducing (XIII)..... and clearing up pollution costs money. Yet it is our quest for wealth that generates so much of the refuse. There is an urgent need to find a way of life that is less damaging to the Earth. This is not easy, but it is **vital**, because pollution is **pervasive** and often life-threatening.

(26 Marks)

**(2) Match the words in bold with these synonyms**

Ex- Unspoiled - pristine

- I. Crucial -.....
- II. Unparalleled - .....
- III. Extremely harmful -.....
- IV. Unaffected -.....
- V. Persistent -.....
- VI. Challenging-.....
- VII. Omnipresent -.....

(14 Marks)

**(3) Which word in each list cannot collocate with the word in bold?**

Ex- difficulty / ~~knowledge~~ / need / opportunity / problem **arise**

- I. draw / have / need / pay / receive / seek **attention**
- II. assess / cause / inflict / repair / take **damage**
- III. attract / develop / excite / feign / give / lose **interest**

IV. acquire / learn / speak / tell / use **language**

V. control / an exam / a law / judgment / the time **pass**

(10 Marks)

**(4) Choose the correct letter A B C or D**

I. The word *organise* is a .....of the word *arrange*

**A** antonym                      **B** corpus                      **C** collocation                      **D** synonym

II. I don't think we will ever find another planet that can ..... life

**A** suspend                      **B** survive                      **C** supply                      **D** sustain

III. Many people believe that violent computer games can have a harmful ..... on children

**A** affect                      **B** effect                      **C** damage                      **D** involvement

IV. People who are colour blind often can't .....between red and green.

**A** see                      **B** differ                      **C** tell                      **D** distinguish

V. We have decided to ..... a new industrial zone to encourage more business to move into the area.

**A** evolve                      **B** grow up                      **C** develop                      **D** exist

VI. There are other books on this topic but Smith's is thought to be the ..... work.

**A** definite                      **B** definition                      **C** definitive                      **D** define

VII. This medicine should help, but if the problem .....come and see me again.

**A** occurs                      **B** occurs                      **C** recurs                      **D** reoccurs

VIII. The lecturer ..... our attention to a large screen at the back of the room.

- A drew                      B pointed                      C gave                      D paid

IX. We don't encourage ..... Social behaviour such as vandalism.

- A anti-                      B dis                      C pre                      D un

X. My elder brother is very ..... for his age. He still needs my parents to help him with everything.

- A mature                      B maturity                      C immature                      D immaturity

(25 Marks)

**(5) Match the phrasal verbs in column A with the correct meaning in column B**

<b>column A</b>	<b>column B</b>
I. carry on .....	a. repair
II. go up .....	b. cancel
III. pass away .....	c. mature
IV. look at .....	d. assemble
V. grow up .....	e. search
VI. fix up .....	f. continue
VII. put together .....	g. increase
VIII. call off .....	h. die
IX. look for .....	i. decrease
X. go down .....	j. search

(25 Marks)