

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (40 MARKS)

Read the passage. Then answer the questions about the passage below.



SHOULD YOU GET PAID TO RECYCLE?

Recycling bottles and cans is the right thing to do. So should we really get rewarded for doing it?

The Situation

The United States produces nearly 300 million tons of trash each year. So what happens to all that garbage? About half of it ends up in landfills, where it will sit for centuries, giving off harmful gases as it slowly **degrades**. A lot of trash also ends up in lakes and rivers, on beaches, and out in the ocean, where it can harm plants and animals.

Recycling helps keep a lot of waste out of landfills and places where it can cause harm. Cardboard and paper typically go to a paper mill. There, they get made into new paper products – like cereal boxes and notebooks. Plastic, glass and metal go to a separate facility where giant machines crush or melt them so that they can be used for new items – like soda bottles and tuna fish cans.

Today, in most places in the U.S., you can leave your recyclables – your milk cartons and yogurt cups – outside on the **curb** and the city will pick them up and recycle them for you. But 10 states also have what is known as “bottle bills.” In these states, everyone pays more – an extra 2 to 15 cents per bottle or can – for certain drinks. If you turn the empty bottles and cans in for recycling (by taking them to a redemption center or putting them in what’s known as a reverse vending machine), you get that money back. These bottle bills have sparked a debate: Should we get paid to recycle? Or should doing the right thing be reward enough?

YES: Give people a reason to recycle!

Bottle bills are a great idea, and more states should have them. Why? Research shows that these laws get more people to recycle – and getting more people to recycle is **imperative**. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, only 32 percent of all the waste produced in the U.S. is recycled or composted. Thirty two percent! Just think how much less waste would end up in landfills if more people recycled.

Now some people believe we shouldn’t need a reward for doing things that help the environment. And I agree. In a perfect world, we would all recycle simply because it’s the right thing to do. But we don’t live in a perfect world. So why not provide an extra **incentive** for people to recycle? What matters is that we all recycle as much as possible. The reason we do it is less important.

NO: Helping our planet is the only reward we need.

It’s true that states with bottle bills have higher recycling rates for bottles and cans, but those are not the only items that should be recycled. What about paper? Paper makes up about one-quarter of trash in the U.S. Besides, recycling costs money. Having bottle bills and universal recycling programs is a waste of money. It makes more sense to have one system that makes it easy to recycle everything at once.

But the real issue isn’t cost or convenience. It’s that rewarding people for recycling sends the message that taking care of the environment is an option – when in fact it’s an **obligation**. Earth is the only home we’ve got. It’s our responsibility to take care of it.

1. What problems occur when garbage ends up in landfills? State **TWO** problems. (4 marks)

2. Where is that waste sent to if recycled? State **TWO** places. (4 marks)

3. How is waste turned into new products? (2 marks)

4. How are bottle bills different to other forms of recycling? (2 marks)

5. **In your own words**, state an advantage of more states having bottle bills. (3 marks)

6. **In your own words**, state a disadvantage of these bottle bills. (3 marks)

7. (a) Do bottle bills help solve the problem of all waste? (2 marks)
(b) Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2 marks)

(a) _____

(b) _____

8. What is your opinion on bottle bills? (3 marks)

PART B: TRUE OR FALSE (10 MARKS)

Read the following statements and decide whether they are true or false. You must write the ENTIRE word, “True” or “False” on the line provided on the right of the page.

1. All trash ends up in landfills. _____
2. Paper, glass, metal and plastic all get sent to the same recycling facility. _____
3. Certain drinks cost more in the states that have bottle bills. _____
4. Less than half of all waste is currently recycled in the United States. _____
5. Less people recycle in states where they have bottle bills. _____

PART C: VOCABULARY (5 MARKS)

Match the words on the left, with their definition on the right. Write the answer on the line provided. The words are in bold and underlined in the passage.

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| 1. <u>DEGRADES</u> | (A) duty | 1. _____ |
| 2. <u>CURB</u> | (B) necessary | 2. _____ |
| 3. <u>IMPERATIVE</u> | (C) pavement | 3. _____ |
| 4. <u>INCENTIVE</u> | (D) motivation | 4. _____ |
| 5. <u>OBLIGATION</u> | (E) rots | 5. _____ |

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

A. Add the apostrophe (') to the correct place in the sentence. (6 MARKS)

1. The childrens clothes are in the washing machine.
2. Im going to recycle more this year.
3. Janes got a cat but I think shell adopt another one from the shelter soon.
4. The ladys office is on the top floor.
5. The boys teacher is over there. They are really fond of her.

B. Complete the sentences with the appropriate form of the verb in brackets. (9 MARKS)

1. We _____ (buy) our car ten years ago, so this summer we _____ (sell) it to buy a new one.
2. While Edward _____ (clean) the kitchen cupboards, he _____ (fall) and _____ (break) his ankle.
3. _____ (you, study) for tomorrow's test at the moment? No, I _____ (organise) my bookshelf.
4. _____ (your sister, work) at the bank?
5. My cousin _____ (not, find) her necklace yet.

C. Change the form of the word in capitals at the end of the line. (5 MARKS)

1. That dog is completely _____. He won't harm a hair on your head. **HARM**
2. I found that documentary totally _____. **BORE**
3. I have never met anyone _____. **FAME**
4. Her daughter was _____ after her football team lost the match. **MISERY**
5. This painting is _____. **PRICE**

