

Current problems in the world

1. Look at the pictures and try to identify the current problems being presented:

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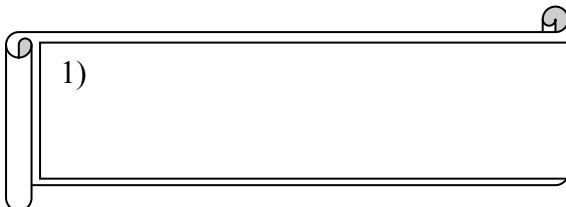
2. Match the following sentences with the pictures.

- 1) Poverty is a problem in all parts of the world.
- 2) Air pollution has reached extremely high levels in some countries.
- 3) Unemployment is hitting some industrialized countries badly.
- 4) Wildlife is under threat from human activity.
- 5) Green belt areas are being destroyed at an alarming rate.
- 6) Cars are bringing the big cities of the world to a standstill.

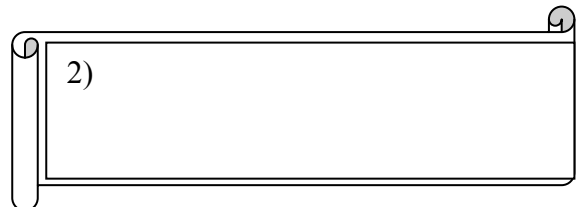
3. Discussion

- 1) Can you think of any other serious 21st century problems which were not mentioned?
- 2) Which of the issues seem to be the most alarming to you? Why?
- 3) Imagine that you have the power to change anything in the world. What 6 things would you do to make the world a better place for living? Write your ideas down.

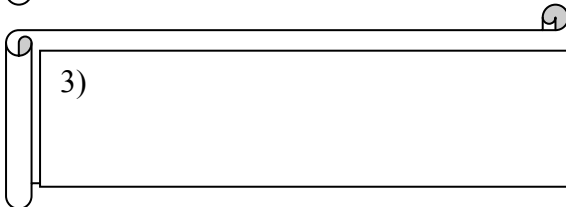
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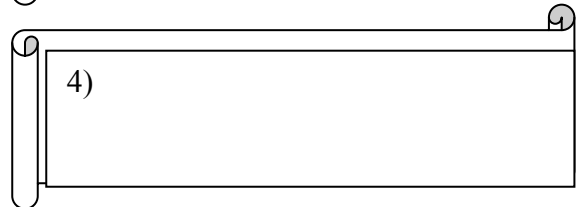
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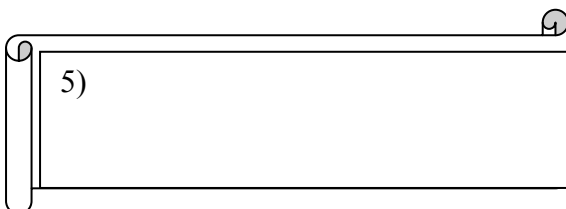
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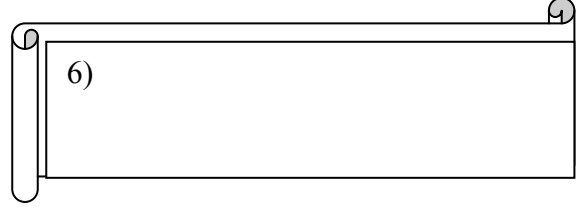
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4. Vocabulary Practice

A) Complete each sentence with a word from the list.

conservation disaster earthquake famine
floods invasion rubbish slums

- 1 Food rations are sent to regions in Africa suffering from _____ .
- 2 Many Australian Aborigines live in overcrowded _____ on the edge of the city.
- 3 Thousands of buildings collapsed down during a severe _____ .
- 4 The _____ of Timor (Indonesia) was condemned by the United Nations in 1999.
- 5 The eruption of the volcano was a terrible _____ .
- 6 Hundreds of people drowned during the _____ in China.
- 7 Large cities face the problem of household _____ disposal.
- 8 The act of protecting animals or parts of the environment is called _____ .

B) Match the following expressions with their definitions:

immigrant brain drain asylum seeker bribery
refugee homeless xenophobia volunteer

..... – someone who leaves their native country and goes to live to another country, expecting improvement of the quality of their lives

..... - fear and hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything that is strange or foreign

..... – someone who is outside his country of nationality and has fear of persecution because of his race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion

..... – the act of giving some benefits (e.g. money) in order to influence the judgment or action of a person in a position of power

..... – someone who has made a claim that he is a refugee and is awaiting the determination (rozhodnutí, stanovení) of his status

..... - the act of emigration of a large number of a country's highly skilled and educated people to countries where they can find better economic and social opportunities

..... – someone who lacks permanent place of residence

..... – someone who is willing to help other people and doesn't expect any reward or payment for his help