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Some forms of pollution are easier than others to legislate for. Polluted air can be traced back to shoddy industrial standards, polluted water to nefarious dumping. Noise is a bit different: everybody causes it and everybody has ideas about what constitutes too much of it.

Nevertheless, the European Commission is to try to bring relief to those disturbed by the daily assault on their eardrums, whether it be by jet aircraft, road traffic, loud music or inconsiderate neighbours.

On 24 March the Institut Bruxellois pour la Gestion de l'Environnement is holding a conference in which speakers from around Europe, including Brussels, Berlin, Lille and London, will be invited to talk about the problem of noise.

Xavier Bonnefoy, an adviser for the World Health Organisation, based in Copenhagen, believes it will be an uphill task. "The noise problem has been neglected in the past," she said.

The Commission's green paper claims that environmental noise, caused by traffic, industrial and recreational activities, is one of the main local problems in Europe and the source of a growing number of complaints from the public.

"Noise is the third environmental priority of European Union citizens after traffic and air pollution, but there has been a complete lack of action," said a spokesman for the Commission's environment directorate. "One reason is that it is not possible to see the effects of noise: you can't see it or feel it. But this is a chance for noise to be put higher up the agenda."

The Commission would like to find a common way of collecting noise data across Europe, plot the decibel levels on a map and then look at ways of helping cities bring down levels. "We need to be able to compare noise levels," said the spokesman. "Then we could see trends, with some cities coping with the problem and others not."

PART 1

Scegliere la risposta più adatta (barrare la risposta considerata corretta)

1. (a) Air and water pollution are easier to demonstrate than noise pollution.
(b) There is general agreement about what noise pollution is.
(c) Because we all contribute to noise pollution, it is easier to decide on legislation.
2. (a) Noisy neighbours are a minor problem.
(b) The European Commission wants to help noise pollution sufferers.
(c) The European Commission believes that air traffic and road transport are major causes of air pollution.
3. (a) Xavier Bonnefoy believes that the Brussels conference will not have an easy job.
(b) The Brussels conference will probably be very boring.
(c) The Brussels conference will discuss the problem of noise worldwide.
4. (a) Noise is not a major problem in Europe by comparison with other areas of the world.
(b) The European Commission uses green paper because it has a calming effect on the nerves.
(c) Europeans are objecting more and more to excessive noise levels.
5. (a) The Commission's spokesman sees the Brussels conference as an opportunity to give much greater emphasis to the noise problem.
(b) The Commission's spokesman has made a note of the conference in his diary.
(c) The Commission's spokesman is happy with noise limitation measures up to now.
6. (a) The Commission is already in a position to compare noise levels in Europe.
(b) The Commission believes that some European cities do not even realize that noise can be a problem.
(c) The Commission is trying to decide on the best way of conducting a comparative study of noise levels in Europe.

Trovare, nella seconda parte del brano (gli ultimi tre capoversi), le parole inglesi che significano:

7. fonte
8. mancanza
9. ridurre
10. tendenze

PART 2

A. Riempire i vuoti inserendo i verbi tra parentesi nella forma appropriata

(a) Scegliere fra il Simple Present (es. do/does) e il Present Continuous (es. is/are doing)

1. "Listen to those people. What language (they/speak)?"
2-3. "I (think) it's Dutch, but I(not understand) it."

(b) Scegliere fra il Past Simple (es. did) e il Past Continuous (es. was/were doing)

4. "you/see) the film on TV last night?"
5-6. "I(miss) about half of it because I(talk) to my sister on the the phone."

(c) Completare le seguenti frasi scegliendo fra il Past Simple e il Present Perfect (have + p.p.) es. "Have you written the letter, Miss Forbes?" "Yes, Mr Potts, I wrote it before lunch."

- 7-8. Mike and Marina (buy) the house last month, but they (not/move) into it yet.

(d) Scegliere fra i due tempi futuri: will e going to

9. "Why have you got your old trousers on?" "I (wash) the car."
10. "I'm thirsty!" "Right, I (get) you a glass of beer."

(e) Frasi condizionali: completare le frasi con la forma giusta del verbo fra parentesi

- 11-12. Britain (attract) more tourists if the climate (be) better.
13-14. If I (be) in Urbino next Sunday, I (give) you a ring.

(f) Completare le seguenti frasi scegliendo fra il gerundio (es. writing) e l'infinito (to write).

15. Jennifer is more interested in (learn) German than Spanish.
16. Peter persuaded Angela (buy) a bicycle.

(g) Volgere le seguenti frasi dalla forma attiva a quella passiva:

17. The doctor will perform the operation next week.

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18. Farmers grow grapes in many parts of Italy.

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19. King John signed the Magna Carta in 1215.

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(h) Scegliere fra i verbi difettivi: must/should/shall/could/may

20. Amandanot cook until she got married.

21. you phone Mr Thompson after 11 o'clock tomorrow. please?

22. We haven't decided on our next holiday destination, but we go to Greece.

B. Completare le seguenti frasi scegliendo fra it/they/there con la forma appropriata del verbo "to be". (es. There is a castle on the hill. It is 500 years old.)

23-25. "..... a pub near here which serves lunch?"

"..... two or three, but I'd suggest 'The Red Lion'.

..... probably the best."

C. Completare le seguenti frasi con il comparativo o il superlativo dell'aggettivo fra parentesi. Aggiungere, ove necessario, the, than o as.

26. Fonte Avellana is one of..... abbeys in Italy. (beautiful)

27. The holiday in Thailand wasn't as we thought. (expensive).

28. Ladies! With new 'Petal Soft', anti-ageing cream from Gartier, you will look than your children! (young)

D. Completare la seguente frase scegliendo fra: much/many/some/any/a few/a little.

29-30. Joan bought..... apples at the market, but she couldn't see..... bananas.

Soluzioni

Part 1

1 a 2. b 3. a 4. c 5. a 6. c
7. source 8. lack 9. bring down 10. trends

Part 2

1. are they speaking
2. think
3. don't understand
4. Did you see
5. missed
6. was talking
7. bought
8. have not moved
9. am going to wash
10. will
11. would attract
12. were/(was)
13. am/were(was)
14. will/would
15. learning
16. to buy
17. The operation will be performed next week.
18. Grapes are grown in many parts of Italy.
19. The Magna Carta was signed in 1215.
20. could
21. Could
22. may/could/(should)
23. Is there
24. There are
25. It is
26. the most beautiful
27. as expensive
28. younger
29. some/a few
30. any/(many)