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The European Union has decided to reduce carbon emissions by 80 per cent. However, a recent survey found that only 12 per cent of young British people think they can help to slow climate change by changing their lifestyles. It has been suggested teenagers feel that individual actions make little difference. If they had met a 67-year-old woman from London before completing the survey, their answers might have been different.

Joan Pick recently appeared in the British newspapers because of her unusual lifestyle. Joan's flat doesn't have any heating or hot water. She hasn't eaten a cooked meal for years, and she just eats raw food and nuts. The only electrical appliances that she uses are a kettle, a light bulb and a radio. Thanks to her radical lifestyle, Joan has reduced her carbon footprint to almost zero.

But what made Joan Pick choose to live like this? The answer can be found in her job. She was working on an energy efficiency project which led her to conclude that mass consumption was wrong. As a result, she stopped using her car and gave up on all motorized transport. Since then, she has walked everywhere.

To most of us, the way that Joan Pick lives isn't a very attractive proposition. According to Joan, however, we should all live in a more sustainable way so that the world's resources don't run out. After all, what's the point of worrying about climate change if we are always recharging our mobile phones and spending hours on a computer?

1. **Read the text. Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE and write down which part of the text justifies your answer. [2 POINTS]**
 - a) Joan Pick uses electricity for cooking and heating.
 - b) Nowadays, Joan Pick never travels very far.
 - c) The text says most people would like to live like Joan Pick.
 - d) The text says that the majority of teenagers believe that we can have an impact on climate change.
2. **Answer the following questions in your own words according to the text. [2 POINTS]**
 - a) What do most British teenagers think it will be difficult to do?
 - b) Why did Joan Pick change her lifestyle?

3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond to the words and definitions given. [1,5 POINTS]

- a) the production of polluting gas, heat, etc. sent out into the air (paragraph 1)
- b) new, different and likely to have great effect (paragraph 2)
- c) to decide or believe something based on what you have seen or heard (paragraph 3)
- d) an idea or plan that is suggested (paragraph 4)
- e) the use of natural products and energy in a way that does not harm the environment (paragraph 4)

4. Choose the correct option, a, b, c or d for each question and COPY the sentence onto your answer sheet. [1,5 POINTS]

1. Joan Pick was in the newspapers because she ...

- a) is a scientist.
- b) lives in a different way.
- c) won a marathon.
- d) had no heating in her flat.

2. Joan Pick thinks that we will ...

- a) all have to live like her soon.
- b) have to say goodbye to our houses.
- c) soon find her lifestyle an attractive proposition.
- d) save money by recycling.

3. The conclusion suggests that a person who is worried about climate change ...

- a) wouldn't use electronic devices.
- b) would spend hours talking about it on the internet.
- c) would recharge their mobile phone only when it runs out.
- d) would like to live like Joan Pick.

5. Write 120–150 words on the following topic. [3 POINTS]

Will our children live in a worse environment than we do? Discuss.