

PROBA: AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

Read the text and the instructions for the questions very carefully. Answer all the questions in English.

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- 1 The European Union has decided to reduce carbon emissions by 80 per cent. However, a recent survey
- 2 found that only 12 per cent of young British people think they can help to slow climate change by
- 3 changing their lifestyles. It has been suggested teenagers feel that individual actions make little
- 4 difference. If they had met a 67-year-old woman from London before completing the survey, their
- 5 answers might have been different.
- 6 Joan Pick recently appeared in the British newspapers because of her unusual lifestyle. Joan's flat
- 7 doesn't have any heating or hot water. She hasn't eaten a cooked meal for years, and she just eats raw
- 8 food and nuts. The only electrical appliances that she uses are a kettle, a light bulb and a radio. Thanks
- 9 to her radical lifestyle, Joan has reduced her carbon footprint to almost zero.
- 10 But what made Joan Pick choose to live like this? The answer can be found in her job. She was working
- 11 on an energy efficiency project which led her to conclude that mass consumption was wrong. As a
- 12 result, she stopped using her car and gave up on all motorized transport. Since then, she has walked
- 13 everywhere.
- 14 To most of us, the way that Joan Pick lives isn't a very attractive proposition. According to Joan,
- 15 however, we should all live in a more sustainable way so that the world's resources don't run out. After
- 16 all, what's the point of worrying about climate change if we are always recharging our mobile phones
- 17 and spending hours on a computer?

Questions

1. **Write a summary of the text in English, including the most important points, using your own words whenever possible. (approximately 50 words; 1 point)**
2. **Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T / F), according to the text, and copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (1 point, 0.25 points each)**
 - i) Joan Pick stopped using her car before she became an adviser to the energy industry.
 - ii) According to Joan Pick, we all ought to live in a way that causes little damage to the planet.
 - iii) Most British teenagers think changing their lifestyle will reduce the speed of climate change.

- iv) The text says most people would like to live like Joan Pick.

**3. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the following.
(1 point: 0.25 points each)**

- i) gas which pollutes the atmosphere
- ii) the way in which a person lives
- iii) the purchase of goods by a large number of people
- iv) a source or supply of something

4. Pronunciation (1 point, 0.25 points each)

- i) Write a word from the text that includes the same vowel sound as "hat" /æ/
- ii) How is the "th" pronounced in "their", /θ/ or /ð/?
- iii) How is the "-s" pronounced in "actions", /s/, /z/ or /ɪz/?
- iv) Write a word from the text that includes the same diphthong as "here" /ɪə/

**5. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one.
(1.5 points: 0.5 points each)**

- i) Joan uses a kettle, a light bulb and a radio so her carbon footprint is almost zero.
If Joan ...
- ii) The last time Joan took a bus was years ago.
Joan hasn't ...
- iii) British newspapers published articles about Joan.
Articles ...

**6. Will our children live in a worse environment than we do? Discuss.
(approximately 120 words; 3 points)**