

Conservation of Plants and Animals

Q1. In order to meet the ever-increasing demand in factories and for shelter, trees are being continually cut. Is it justified to cut trees for such projects? Discuss and prepare a brief report.

Ans. No. Cutting trees in order to meet the ever growing demands of the human population is not at all justified. We depend on forests for our survival, from the air we breathe to the wood we use. Besides providing habitats for animals and livelihoods for humans, forests also offer watershed protection, prevent soil erosion and mitigate climate change. Yet, despite our dependence on forests, we are still allowing them to disappear. Cutting of trees in order to meet the ever-increasing demand in factories and for shelter, trees will lead to global warming, soil erosion, greenhouse effect, droughts, floods, desertification etc. The destruction of forests will disturb the balance of nature. Hence, forests must be conserved.

Q2. Why should paper be saved? Prepare a list of ways by which you can save paper.

Ans. It takes 17 full grown trees to make one tonne of paper. Therefore, we should save paper. By this we not only save trees but also save energy and water needed for manufacturing paper. Moreover, the amount of harmful chemicals used in paper making will also be reduced.

Ways by which we can save paper

- i. Buy recycled paper products.
- ii. Use both sides of a piece of paper.
- iii. Reuse gift bags, wrapping paper and newspaper.
- iv. Recycle paper we can't reuse.
- v. Follow the golden rule: think before we print.
- vi. Use a handkerchief instead of tissues.
- vii. Use an erasable board for note taking and reminders at home.