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THE CLIMATE ISSUE

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Grammar Editing: What's HIP?

Here are suggested answers to our grammar exercise:

<p>Watch Mamamoo's music video "HIP" once and you will find yourself feeling recharge. The song by the revered K-pop girl group received widespread praise for encouraging listeners to be fearless true to themselves and to uphold one's values even when it is difficult to do so. Some scenes show Mamamoo's members on a climate rally fighting for change. Celebrities are increasingly using their platforms to raise awareness about a climate crisis. In 2021, BlackPink, another establishing K-pop girl group, released a video calling for world leaders at the UN Climate Change Conference to act urgently to save our planet. The video gained 7.6 million views and kickstart many conversations about the importance of our world leaders' decisions. This show how celebrities can use their wide reach to spread awareness of current affairs and give pressing issues more visibility.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. recharged 2. fearlessly 3. their 4. at 5. the 6. established 7. ✓ 8. kickstarted 9. ✓ 10. shows
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Note: In our print issue, the spelling of "Conference" in line 7 is missing an "n". It should be "Conference" and not "Conferece".

Nature of errors:

1. recharged → word class, adjective instead of verb
2. fearlessly → word class, adverb instead of adjective
3. their → plural third-person possessive to correspond with 'listeners'
4. at → preposition
5. the → article, use a definite article when referring to a specific subject
6. established → word class, adjective instead of verb
7. ✓
8. kickstarted → tenses, use past instead of present tense to correspond with 'gained'
9. ✓
10. shows → subject verb agreement, add an 's' since 'this' is singular



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Listening Comprehension

Here are the answers for our listening comprehension exercise:

You will hear two people talk about the benefits of shopping from a thrift store.

1. Thrifting is environmentally friendly because

B. no additional resources are required to produce second-hand items.

2. Jay addressed Olivia's concern about the

C. availability of trendy items in thrift stores



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Text Comprehension: The Phantom Menace

Here are suggested answers to our text comprehension exercise:

1. Write down **one** word from Paragraph 1 that suggests that big oil companies are being subject to judgement and punishment for their role in exacerbating the climate crisis.

“reckoning”. [1]

2. Identify **one** piece of evidence from Paragraph 2 that shows the consequence of fossil fuel emissions on the climate.

There was an increase in the Earth’s temperature observed from carbon dioxide levels in the seawater and air [1].

3. Explain what the writer means by accusing energy companies of “replicating the cigarette makers’ playbook” (Paragraph 2). **Answer in your own words.**

The writer means that energy companies have used the same strategies [1] as cigarette makers/tobacco companies to deceive consumers on the detrimental impacts of their products [1].

Answers must explain the meaning of **playbook** and infer the meaning of the accusation, which is that energy companies are similarly deceiving consumers.

4. i) With reference to Paragraph 4, suggest **one** reason why Martin might believe that oil companies have been acting against the climate crisis.

Oil companies have been spending on advertisements to convince consumers that recycling is effective when it is not. [1]

4. ii) State **one** example from Paragraph 3 that supports Amber’s claim.

One example is how Exxon funded the Global Climate Coalition to oppose action against decreasing carbon emissions. [1]
OR One example is how Exxon funded the George C. Marshall Institute which contradicted climate science/ deceived scientists. [1]

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5. From Paragraph 5, state **two** reasons why companies are reluctant to recycle plastic **in your own words**.

They are reluctant to recycle plastic because it costs too much to do so, especially in comparison to the cost of producing new plastic. [1]
 Another reason is that plastic tends to break down with each repeated use, so the effectiveness of/ results from recycling it is/are limited. [1]

6. Explain the irony in the sentence, "Companies spent tens of millions of dollars on these advertisements and ran them for years, promoting the benefits of recycling plastic that, for the most part, was buried, was burned or, in some cases, wound up in the ocean." (Paragraph 5).

As the companies had spent a lot of money on the advertisements, the benefits of recycling/recycled plastic are expected to be of significant value [1], yet the reality is that the plastic is most often wasted and discarded instead [1].

Format for irony questions: **expectation + reality**

7. **Using your own words as far as possible**, summarise what big oil and gas companies have done to mislead consumers and the costs of doing so.

Use only information from Paragraphs 2 to 4.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (not point form). It must not be longer than 80 words (not counting the words given to help you begin).

Big oil and gas companies have been misleading consumers by... [15]

	Text from passage	Paraphrased
1	the monitoring was suddenly called off	[misled consumers] Cancelling research efforts to plot/study/document climate changes (infer context)
2	accused the energy companies of polluting the "information landscape"	[costs] Furthermore, these companies tampered with publicised information
3	by replicating the cigarette makers' playbook of cherry-picking data,	[misled consumers] through selecting <u>favourable</u> statistics,
4	using fake experts	[misled consumers] employing false professionals
5	and promoting conspiracy theories to attack a growing scientific consensus.	[misled consumers] and supporting theories that <u>oppose increasing</u> (note intensity) <u>agreement amongst scientists</u>



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6	The fossil fuel industry also used its considerable resources to pour billions of dollars into political lobbying to block unfavourable laws	[misled consumers] They also put vast amounts of money into <u>avoiding disadvantageous laws/ evade legal challenges</u>
7	and to fund organisations with neutral and scientific-sounding names [...] funded more than 40 groups to deny climate science	[misled consumers] And <u>sponsoring</u> institutions to oppose climate science
8	sold the public an idea they knew would not work	[misled consumers] Additionally, they persuaded the public to recycle plastic <u>knowing it was impossible</u>
9	all while making billions of dollars selling the world new plastic	[misled consumers] and while profiting off new plastic

Accept any 8 points for 1 mark each.

Total: 15 marks

- Content: 8 marks
- Language: 7 marks (grammar, spelling, punctuation, vocabulary)

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Visual Comprehension: Green Plan 2030

Here are suggested answers to our visual comprehension exercise:

1. What does using the words "long term", "sustainable" and "for generations to come" say about the goal of the Green Plan?

It implies that the initiatives under the Green Plan are meant to ensure that the Singapore we build is durable/enduring/ will last over time. [1]

2. (i) Write down **one** sentence that summarises the aim of the Green Plan.
(ii) What is the intended effect of having monetary incentives presented in larger bold fonts?

i) "Building a liveable and sustainable home." [1]
ii) The effect of bolded text emphasises the large sum of money invested in the project which shows the government's commitment to act on their plan. [1]

Note: For Q2ii, the answer should go beyond literal references to large sums of money and should instead infer the government's commitment/sense of scale or importance of the project.

3. What is the purpose of including a quote from Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat?

The purpose is to make the poster credible/ provide a personal voice representing the government. [1]

4. Refer to the illustration beside the quote. Explain how it supports the message of planning for a sustainable future.

The illustration of electric cars presents a picture of the sustainable future the government envisions for Singapore/ the target outcomes or goals of the of the Green Plan initiatives. [1]