01. Many people think it is very important to protect the environment but they make no effort to do it themselves. Why do you think it is the case? What actions can be done to suggest individuals protect the environment? (环保 /责任划分)

It is true that ~~the green awareness~~awareness of eco-friendly issues do~~es~~ not always ~~encourage and force~~result in the majority of people ~~to protect the environment~~taking steps to protect the environment. There are various self-interested reasons for this, but steps can definitely be taken by individuals and governments to tackle this issue.

In my opinion, a main factor to blame for this issue is ~~the problem of~~a result of people's ~~a~~ selfish understanding of the issue~~conception and selfishness~~. It is common for ~~people~~ the general citizenry to ~~get~~ have a general conception of environmental protection, but they do not realize ~~the seriousness of~~ their personal connection to pollution, which is mainly caused by their daily behaviors, such as driving private ~~cars~~ vehicles for freedom and convenience. ~~Those~~ The exhaust fumes from vehicles lead to ~~increasing~~ increased global warming, which ~~may~~ will have a devastating effect on the planet in the future. However, it is often hard for less well-educated citizens to understand ~~those~~ these crucial problems fully and~~,~~ on the contrary, some people may neglect environmental problems on purpose because ~~these may~~of the constraints placed on~~constrain~~ their daily convenience.

In my opinion, the main cause of minimal efforts to protect the environment is human self-interest. Individuals generally have a conception of what environmental protect would entail but are less likely to recognize their own role in it, including the use of private vehicles, which contribute greatly to climate change by burning fossil fuels. The average motorist in China for example is more concerned with getting to work on time, enjoying the convenient benefits of a car, and displaying their status through the ownership of a private vehicle. When there is a conflict between tangible, everyday desires and more abstract concerns for the planet generally, most individuals will prioritize their own needs.

Comment [Dave1]: eco-friendly, environmentally friendly, protecting the environment, conservation of the Earth's natural resources, caring about the planet, conservationist, environment-friendly, ecologically sound, eco-friendly, non-polluting, sustainable,

Comment [Dave2]: just need 1 cause

Comment [Dave3]: be careful on the real test about answering the question exactly

Comment [Dave4]: don't make up a collocation

Comment [Dave5]: The majority of people believe the environment is important yet make little

Comment [Dave6]: a little more specific (not 100% necessary) – good for CC but not totally

Comment [Dave7]: ok – better if you can hint at your main ideas

Comment [Dave8]: the main cause of this predicament / a lack of interest in definite steps to

Comment [Dave9]: a self-serving – they ignore it so that their life is more convenient

Comment [Dave10]: if you have 2 causes, how can develop both?

Comment [Dave11]: the general populace

Comment [Dave12]: avoid get – too informal

Comment [Dave13]: be really specific

Comment [Dave14]: clear results, specific information and detail – great!

Comment [Dave15]: climate change

Comment [Dave16]: obvious -

Comment [Dave17]: selfishness has almost no development

Comment [Dave18]: really good statement of the last result

Comment [Dave19]: focus it a bit more on the psychology of the people

There are several measures governments and individuals can take to address this problem. Governments can certainly make ~~more~~ greater efforts to encourage individuals to ~~preserve the environment~~contribute to environmental preservation. They could impose "green taxes" on drivers and ~~airplane companies~~airlines. In this way, ~~people~~ the average citizen would be encouraged to use public transportation and to take fewer flights abroad. thereby greatly reducing the main sources of fossil fuel consumption. At the same time, individuals should also take responsibility for the impact they have on the earth. For example, t~~Th~~ey can choose products with less packaging and recycle as much as possible. Most supermarkets ~~are~~ now provid~~e~~ing reusable bags for shoppers, and communities are ~~setting~~ prioritizing ~~more~~ recyclable rubbish bins. By reusing and recycling, residents can definitely help to reduce waste pollution.

In conclusion, individuals who might be selfishly inclined to ignore these problems must ~~play their part~~contribute/take an active role along with the government in ~~looking after~~preserving the environment not only for ourselves, but for our descendants in the future.

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task achievement: 7
cohesion/coherence: 7
Vocabulary: 7
Grammar: 6/7
Overall: 7

02. Some people believe that companies should hire equal number of male and female employees. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (工作类 / 性别平等)

It is sometimes argued that companies should accept equal proportion of employees of each gender. However, I completely disagree with this point of view as it would be unfair to both genders.

Having the same number of men and women in all enterprises is simply unrealistic. Employee numbers ~~on~~ for any position~~s~~ depend on the application~~s~~ that companies receive~~d~~. If a company decide~~sd~~ to fill the ~~job positions~~vacancies with equal number~~s~~ of males and females, it would need enough applicants of each gender. However, in reality, many jobs are more popular with one gender than the other, and it would not be practical to aim for equal proportions for most ~~of~~ companies. For example, the construction ~~area~~ industry attracts more male applicants, and it would be difficult to fill these positions if fifty percent of places needed to go to females. On the contrary, in traditionally dominated male cultures such as China it is common for women to apply for employment as nurses and caretakers while men are more likely to work in physically demanding jobs.

Apart from the practical concern expressed above, I also believe that it would be unfair to base ~~admission to working positions~~hiring practices on gender. Companies should select the best candidates according to their qualifications, abilities or ~~their~~ personal characteristics. In this way, both males and females can have the same job opportunities, and ~~that~~ applicants are more likely to believe that they will be successful if they work hard ~~on~~ at their jobs. For example, if there is a new position in a company and the men or women working there know that hiring is based on gender they are less likely to work hard to apply for the position based on merit. Even those who receive the job, may develop self-esteem problems if they feel they were rewarded for their sex rather than ability. ~~What's more~~Furthermore, if a female applicant is the best candidate, it would be wrong to reject her in favour of a male with fewer qualifications.

Comment [Dave38]: accurate and simple

Comment [Dave39]: don't waste a lot of time on the intro – keep not wasting a lot of time!

Comment [Dave40]: clear opinion!

Comment [Dave41]: really good topic sentence – short and simple and has your main idea at the end – perfect – keep doing this!

Comment [Dave42]: careful with plural and singular

Comment [Dave43]: present simple because it is a fact/habit now

Comment [Dave44]: clear and logical – great!

Comment [Dave45]: excellent – really good example!

Comment [Dave46]: really help your TA

Comment [Dave47]: I believe that basing hiring practices on gender is **unfair**. (always try to have the main idea / what you want to say at the end of the sentence
Dave was born in **1986**. He moved to Vietnam in **2012**.
1986 was when Dave was born. 2012 moving to Vietnam was what he did then.
theme/rheme / topic consistency

Comment [Dave48]: totally different main idea – so good!

Comment [Dave49]: identical

Comment [Dave50]: referencing – known to both sides so it needs an article

Comment [Dave51]: a little more developed – hypothetical example

Comment [Dave52]: focused a little more on the psychological impact – doubt they are the best candidate – self-esteem – pointless to work that hard if a promotion is just based on gender – hypothetical example – that would help

In conclusion, the selection of company employees should be based on merit, and it would be unpractical and unfair to base the selection procedure on gender. In this way, social progress will advance without harming individuals.

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task achievement: 7

cohesion/coherence: 7

Vocabulary: 7

Grammar: 7

Overall: 7

vocab and grammar – range and **accuracy**

I went shopping yesterday.

If I had more time, then I would have gone to the cinema as well.