EX 1.

1. Since ancient times Nature has served Man, being the source of his life.

2. Yes, it is.

3. So with the development of civilization man's interference in nature began to increase.

4. Some species of animals, birds, plants disappear from the Earth due to human activities.

5. Загрязнение воздуха и мирового океана, разрушение озонового слоя - это результат неосторожного взаимодействия человека с природой, признак экологических кризисов. 6. I know that the most horrible ecological disaster befell Belarus and Ukraine, their people in the result of the Chernobyl tragedy in April 1986.

7. About 18 per cent of the territory of Belarus was polluted with radioactive substances. A great damage has been done to the republics' agriculture, forests and people's health. The consequences of this explosion at the atomic power-station are tragic for the Belarusian and Ukrainian nations. 8. Yes, it is. Environmental protection is a universal concern. That is why serious measures to create a system of ecological security should be taken.

9. Yes of course, some progress has been already made in this direction. As many as 159 countries — members of the UNO — have set up environmental protection agencies. Numerous conferences have been held by these agencies to discuss questions of ecologically poor regions including the Aral Sea, the South Urals, Kuzbass, Donbass, Semipalatinsk and Chernobyl. The international environmental research centre has been set up on Lake Baikal. The international organization Greenpeace is also doing much to preserve the environment. But these are only the initial steps and they must be carried forward to protect nature, to save life on the planet not only for the sake of the present but also for the future generations.

10. I think that international cooperation is necessary to create a system of ecological security, because if all the countries of the world work together, I am sure that the environmental problem will be solved.

Ex 2.

1. **The protection of nature** is the only and most important mission of every person.

2. People must look for solutions to various **environmental problems**, otherwise humanity will destroy not only nature, but itself.

3. A person lives by breathing, so we must pay great attention to such a problem as **air pollution.**

4. The dirtiest city on the planet is Linfen, China. Residents of the city do not remove their respirators even at home, and still feel the ubiquitous smell of burning coal and they **suffer very much from smog**.

5. Serious measures **should be taken** for those people who pollute the environment.